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TANJ Deer Award



Did you get your deer in 2013? Then go to www.tradnj.com and click on the "deer award" link to fill out the deer award application form. A composite edit image of the online deer award page is on the right of this page. Lots of the fields have drop down menus.

TANJ Council Member Al Klenk is in charge of this and all inquiries are to be e- mailed to him or sent to his address (see page 2 for Al's contact information).

Irene Bowers is creating the antler burr award pins. They feature a Buck and Doe and state "TANJ Award."



TANJ Member Deer Award Application

You must be a TANJ member and your deer harvested in NJ!

Name:

Address:

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Your Age (optional):

Harvest Date ...
 Month: Day: Year:

Deer Sex: Dressed Weight:

Number of Antler Points ...
 Right Side: Left Side:

How Was Deer Taken?

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Arrow Weight (grains):

Arrow Fletching Type:

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Fletch Shape:

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Distance Deer Shot:

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Hit Location on Deer:

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Season Taken:

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NOTE: Please send pic(s) ALONG WITH YOUR FULL NAME to: TANJ Webmaster

Additional Comments?

Submit -or- Clear



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now, the summer has past and already behind us and its hunting season in the next few weeks. By the time this issue has reached your doorsteps we will almost have completed a great year and your council has been hard at work planning activities for our membership for 2014. In this issue you will see photos of our youth enjoying themselves at TANJ events and they are our future. This month there will be the NJ Fish and Wildlife Wild Outdoor Expo being held at Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area, Jackson Township Saturday & Sunday September 14th & 15th. 10a.m.-5a.m. It's a free event for all that attend. TANJ will have a booth again this year under the big white tent. We will be holding daily seminars to the public on building arrows, bows, and demonstrating what we use when we go in the field be it 3D to hunting. We are an event supporter –and will be again sponsoring TANJ member Chris Hurt the teenage trick shooter on Saturday who will be demonstrating his shooting skills especially to all the kids. Last few years he was so impressive that the NJ State Fish and Wildlife asked if he could perform a few shows again for over the 7000 outdoor families that come through the gate over the two days.

In the issue is the TANJ Deer award application and it's also on the website to download. If you harvested a deer during 2013 winter bow season please fill out the application and mail the award application on to award director Al Klenk. After your application is verified and don't forget a picture you will then receive a TANJ award antler burr pin designed by Irene Bowers for your hat and or quiver.

Next month on Oct 20th at WaXoBe Archery Club, Monmouth Junction we will be hosting our Annual White-Tale Fever shoot so please you can come and join us. Remember it's also a swap meet so bring your stuff to barter or sell

Events to come: We are already starting to plan the 10th Annual NJ Bowhunters Game Dinner along with the UBNJ for 2014. Then hopefully a TANJ 12th Annual "Hogs Gone Wild" pig hunt the first weekend in February 2014 at Nickie Roth's Archery Outfitters in Arcadia, Florida and working out the details as we will have information in the next issue.

We have been invited to hold a TANJ "Traditional Only" pheasant hunt at a private pheasant hunting club down in

South Jersey . If anyone would like to join TANJ please email Brian Peters or myself. It's been a few years since we had a TANJ pheasant hunt and it's usually sold out within the first few days. If you want to see what all the fun is about start building some flu-flu arrows and get ready to "fling some arrows towards the heavens". We will start the ball rolling on the cost and pick a few dates. We have also been invited by the same hunting club to host a 3-D shoot for 2014 along with our sister organization UBNJ.

Elections will be finally held at the end of the year so please we need you to step up and help guide TANJ in the future. Please see attached article from Ron Ellison V.P. on this very important upcoming election in this issue. Our membership is not just about our officers and council but you, our members. You are the backbone of our great organization, so please get involved. We welcome your ideas, suggestions and involvement to make the Traditional Archers of New Jersey the best can possibly be.

Please donate a deer to Hunters Helping the Hungry please see additional information towards the back of this issue by Bud Thomas from HHH

God Bless everyone and good luck in the field this year and be safe please wear your body harness when in your tree stand if not for you then for your family!

Take a kid hunting and you will change his life forever. Nuff Said



Gerry "Doc" DeCaro
El Presidente





Dear Gerry "Doc" DeCaro, President
Traditional Archers of New Jersey
T.A.N.J.

The Gutyanke group would like to thank all of the T.A.N.J. members and friends of the stickbow who have helped us fulfill our mission this year. We have received donations from caring T.A.N.J. members at Black Knights, Denton Hill Farmers Sportsmen, Sawmill, Wa-Xo-Be, Whittingham, and at the Heritage Guild Sportsman Shop in Branchburg, N.J.

If you do not know us, we are a organization whose members swore a solemn oath at the Denton Hill campfires many years ago to help any youth in need of stick and string equipment.

Anyone that knows of a young adult in need of traditional archery equipment and the family is not able to financially fill that need, is urged to contact us @ 908 - 403 -2760.

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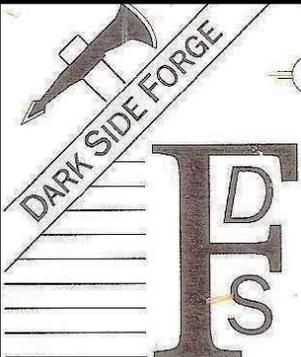



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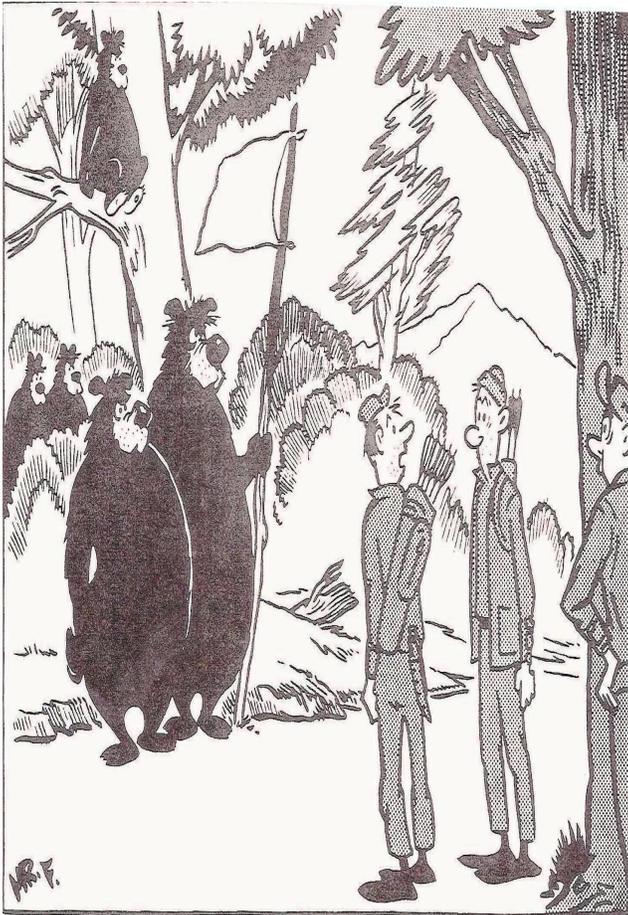
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TANJ's World of Archery



Dear Gerry,

On behalf of the Union County Department of Parks & Community Renewal, I'd like to express my thanks to you taking your time in helping teach archery to those that attended in the 2013 Olympic Day Celebration. Having the North Jersey Navigators and Lightning Wheels archery teams at the range together was great. I sincerely appreciate the time the coaches, team members and their families made in their busy schedules to gather at the range.

I wish the teams all the best at Nationals- they are a talented group of young athletes and I'm proud to know you! Both teams and their coaches appreciated the helpful tips on their shooting form that you gave before their trip to compete and going for the gold!

Please forward this to the members of the T.A.N.J. organization and appreciate your attending as always. Thanks! Siincerely, Margaret Heisey, Program Coordinator of County of Union.





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County of Union - Monday, June 17, 2013 12:45pm

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal, in cooperation with the United States Olympic Committee, will host an "Olympic Day" archery demonstration and informational open house at the Archery Range at Oak Ridge Park in Clark, from 5 p.m. until dusk on Monday, June 24.

"Olympic Day is a worldwide celebration of the Olympic Movement," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Carter. "The event at Union County's Archery Range in Oak Ridge Park will promote participation in archery for everyone regardless of age, gender or athletic ability. This will be an opportunity to learn more about our group archery programs, individual and advanced lessons, and how to obtain your safety permit to use the archery range."

The event will feature archery demonstrations by teams from two Paralympic Sports clubs: the Children's Lightning Wheels, sponsored by Children's Specialized Hospital, and the North Jersey Navigators Paralympic Sport Club. Also on hand will be Gerry "Doc" DeCaro, President of Traditional Archers of New Jersey, who is a Union County Archery instructor.

The Union County Archery Range at Oak Ridge Park is located on Oak Ridge Road in Clark. For more information about the Archery Range, please call Union County Parks at 908-527-4900 or visit www.ucnj.org/archery.





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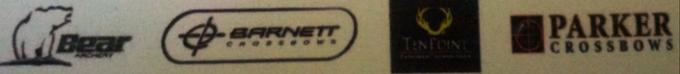
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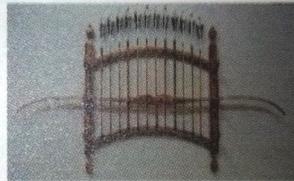
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Professor Tom Higgins (Center) taught all of the Last Man Standing 2013 contenders a real lesson and stands tall. He is flanked by Ray Inglasius #2 & Pete Fazzaro #3 Thanks to Blake Brothers Fence, Toms River and The Terfenko's of Homestead Auto of Avenel and The Traditional Archers of NJ for making LMS a major part of BIGFOOT.

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The winners of the NJ Bow Hunters 9th Game Dinner Fishing trip. They along with family and friends went Fluke Fishing and all had a great time. Capt Jack Fleischman



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Archery Archives

The legendary...Gail Martin

Gail Martin, owner and President of Martin Archery immersed himself into archery in 1937. He learned by shooting his brothers bow. Gail Martin signed up in the Armed Forces soon after high school and is a World War II veteran. He enjoyed shooting but it was an irregular pursuit back in the old days. After his World War II experience, in 1946, he took up archery again and this became the start of a long career in archery.



Gail started Martin Archery over 50 years ago and no other archery manufacturer operated for so long under one owner. Gail and his wife Eva now have three generations of Martin's in the business. They also hold 24 patents. You can see their extensive line of equipment and history at www.martinarchery.com and visit <https://www.facebook.com/MartinArchery>.

Gail has experimented widely with different hunting broadheads to satisfy his interest in equipment performance. He has had lots of opportunity to do this since he hunts most North American game and has hunted most of the northwest states, Texas, Canada and Africa. He has hunted for deer, elk, caribou, antelope, bear, mountain lion and many African animals. Gail's favorite hunting pursuit is still-hunting for white-tailed deer. He has been collecting broadheads since 1946 and his favorite book is Bowlo. He has an extensive library of archery magazines and books and also collects bows.

Gail has held a lengthy membership with the Blue Mountain Archers (since 1948) and served as their president for two years. He has also belonged to the Washington State Archers for over 50 years and is an official measurer for Pope and Young.

Gail Martin is a legend in the archery and bowhunting circles and has received the Washington State Life Time Achievement Award (in 2003) and is in the National Bowhunter Hall of Fame.



Local Sportsman Store

Wherever you live it's always nice to have a nearby hunting and fishing store. Some place close by where you can go for that last minute item or to simply browse and see what's new. Here in Jackson where I live I'm lucky to have the **Sportsman Shanty**. A small but convenient hunting and fishing store. It's so easy to just drop in to pick up a new hunting license or some new broadheads. Owned and operated by Beatrice and Andy, they are two great people serving the sportsman community.

Recently, while chatting with Beatrice, she was telling me about some people who refer to her and Andy as "Beauty and the Beast". Naturally I'm thinking of Beatrice as the beauty and Andy as the beast, but she said "Oh no, it's not that, it's because of the other store." You see, next door is their other store. A "Beauty Salon". It's just the funniest thing to drop by and find Andy up to his elbows in shampoo or hair dye. OK Bea, can you go help this customer?

I'm very grateful to have them nearby and even though I don't need a lot of things I always try to patronize their store and help keep things going for them. They are part of a dying breed due to the larger stores we have around today but it sure is nice when you go into their store and you know them and they know you. So if you happen to be in or around Jackson keep in mind **The Sportsman Shanty** on Chandler Rd.

Ron Ellison

PS- If anyone else has a local Sporting Goods Store that they would like to make members aware of please send TANJ an article. We would be happy to print it in our newsletter. This includes pictures and hunting stories anyone would like to share. If anyone has a bow or miscellaneous archery item they would like to sell, we'll place an ad for you. The TANJ Newsletter is there for all of Its' members. BE ACTIVE. Make this club all it can be.





Membership Dues and Address Update

Hello fellow TANJ members! 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 membership is still only \$15.00. 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 \$12.00 of your dues money goes toward the newsletter cost. When some members do not pay, that changes the cost per member to \$15.00 or 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 info. Is on the inside cover.

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

One last thing, our club and newsletter is there for everyone. If you have any archery items 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 like to be more involved with TANJ you can contact any TANJ Officer or TANJ Council member. THANKS! - **Ron Ellison, Membership Director**

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TANJ 3-D Shoot Swap Meet and NJ Archery Event Calendar 2013



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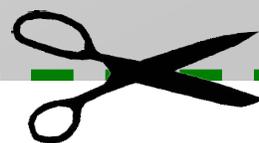
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Hello TANJ Members. We are long overdue for nominating new Board Members and having elections. This should have been done before Jan. 1, 2013 but was delayed due to a few issues that were out of our control. We are now back on track and moving forward. Our current President, Gerry "DOC" DeCaro, has served our club as president for 3 consecutive two-year terms. He has certainly done an outstanding job just as our previous Presidents have. Joel Rioto, our founding first President, and Phil Muller our second. Doc is now looking to step aside and make room for a new President, so we are interested in having our membership nominate or simply step up for this position. There are also two other positions to fill. Vice President, which is an elected position, and Merchandise Director.

For the past ten years our Board Members have been made up of just a few individuals. It is now time to get some new faces and new ideas. Our current Board and Council Members **ARE NOT GOING AWAY**, but simply stepping aside. They will be there for the transition and they will be there for Board Meetings. So if anyone would like to step up or nominate someone who they think would make a good President or Vice President, send us his or her name. You can either contact Doc DeCaro or Ron Ellison. Our telephone #s and e-mail addresses are on the inside cover of this newsletter.

Don't just sit back and let someone else do the job. **STEP UP**. This club is not a full time job. It really only takes a few hours a month. Any questions? Please call us.

Sincerely,

Ron Ellison, TANJ Vice President



WOODSMOKE



There I was hunting alone near dark not more than a few hundred yards from the remains of the old Leeds home when the eerie screeches sounded off...

The most common folktale is that the Jersey Devil is the offspring of one Mrs. Leeds, who, in 1735, after hearing she was pregnant with her 13th child, was overheard saying "*it might just as well be a devil as a child.*" Devil it was, and it flew directly from the attic where it was hidden to the swamps, cursing it's mother on the way out the chimney. The Devil eventually began to enjoy status of local legend, (and even became the state's "official demon" in the 1930's);

tales of his beginnings filling the conversations of pubs and churches alike. Descriptions of the Devil range from a



"flying lion" to "an eagle with four legs" and everything in-between, but one attribute that does not change from report to report is the Devil's call, a combination howl and whistle. When harassing the good people of New Jersey, the Devil would eat livestock, attempt to steal children, and scare the

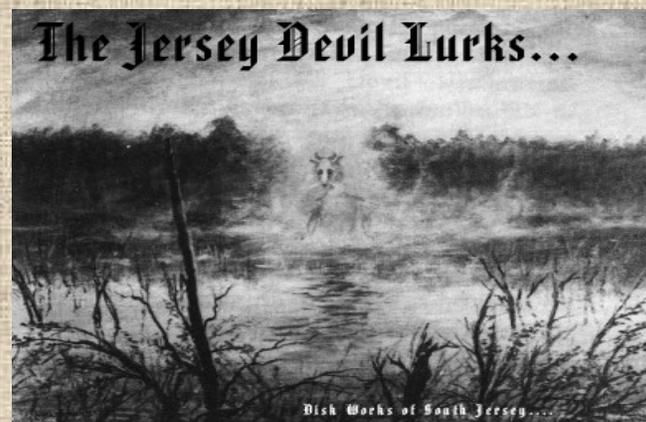
bejezus out of everyone in the process, often leaving cloven footprints to corroborate the stories of startled victims that had even been chased by the creature. There have been thousands of reported sightings of the Jersey Devil since the eighteenth century...and some photos too...



As darkness fell and the eerie howls and whistles grew louder and more persistent I found myself looking for those deep red glowing eyes that have been described by victims of the past and I put tension on the string. Of course I don't believe in folktales...but then again, I never used to believe that groundhogs could climb trees either!

Well, maybe it's time to mosey on out of here. Ain't seen a deer anyhow. Maybe I won't come back to this place again. "There's better hunting spots" I assured myself. ...What was that!...the Jersey Devil...or maybe the loudest damn squirrel I ever heard? **RUUUUN!!!**

The Jersey Devil Lurks...





Partners in a Mercy Killing

By Jorge L. Coppen

Yet another hog hunt at Archery Outfitters in Arcadia, Florida - our 7th annual Florida hog hunt was different. By nightfall the first evening my friend Ron Ellison and I had missed a boar apiece. That's what happens when you get shot opportunities so infrequently - there's little opportunity to learn, especially when something comes in that has hair on it! Friend John Fields has joined us on this hunt too. He delivered an arrow that first night that looked good at last light. Evening reconnaissance produced no blood to follow so we waited until morning to trail his boar. Amazing. There was no blood to be found in broad daylight, not an arrow, no evidence at all! These hogs are not very vascular animals and the vitals are very challenging in that they are so small. We waded into the swamp as far as we could go to look for the carcass. But, pig hunters know well that if you don't find them within the first 50 yards - you never will! I gave up after taking swamp water in my 18-inch La-Crosse boots. My next thought was to get some dry socks.

Personally, I run about 50% recovery on hogs, even with the "good" shots. That's actually a pretty good recovery rate on hogs. You want to aim for a couple inches above the elbow, just above the humerus bone and below the shoulder blade (think low!). The heart sits right at the bottom of the chest cavity and the lungs are pushed far forward in the thorax of swine. What most folks think is a great shot on a whitetail won't do the job on a hog.



Not much to shoot at!

We all kept our spirits up and hoping for just another chance at a boar but the wind swirled beyond our control. They came to the bait alright, but mostly sows and piglets. I hunted from the ground often to position myself to take advantage of the wind. Hogs don't see very well, so you can get away with some minimal movement. But you'll never, ever fool their nose or ears.

On my second from last attempt, I tried out a new stand. I knew it had been hunted prior to my effort. At dusk, I watched a sounder of seven hogs come out of the palmetto to the edge of the clearing where my stand was located. There they were some 35 yards off to my right, waiting. A couple of them lay down in the fringe of the cover waiting for dark. The sounder contained a couple young boars too. Time went by. Then the sounder switched ends and wandered off into the night, back to the safety of the woods. I dropped my head in defeat. All it takes is one scare and these pigs get very nervous at the bait.

One last day and the morning produced no pigs. It's mostly a night thing. These animals are mostly nocturnal and morning hunts usually means they have been out foraging most of the night. But, after bedding during the heat of the day, they arouse from their beds hungry. That's the time you want to be on stand to hunt boars. So about 3:30 PM we headed out for one final fair chase hog hunt adventure in the Florida jungle. As we pulled past the gate at the south end of the property we looked for our new stands for the night. We all agreed to convene at the south pasture for a spot and stalk hunt during the last hour of the day. Then as we gathered our bows and other gear we received a red alert from John Fields... "Pig in the ditch! Let's go!!"

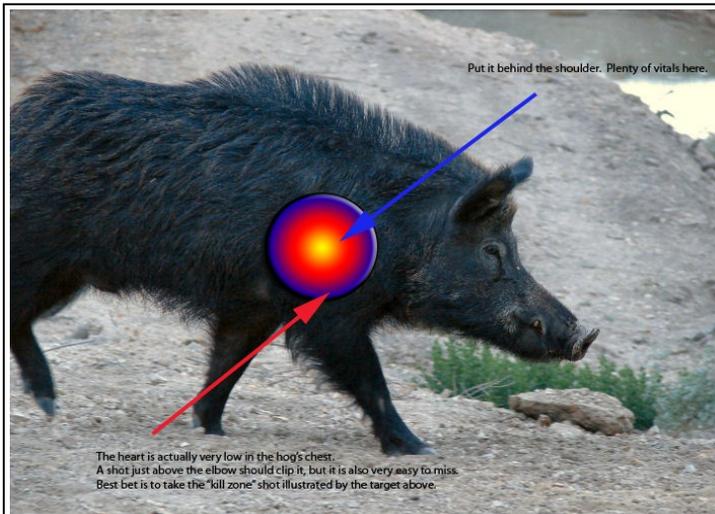
John took the left bank and I took the right bank as we snuck along it's length to the pig. Ron stayed behind to give us signals. But when John looked over the rim of the ditch bank to locate the pig, a pair of her piglets were working their way up the bank and busted him. Off go the pigs to safer cover. That's when it all happened... That poor sow... After John entered the small hammock next to the ditch bank



to investigate what it might look like in there, another sow crashed out and slid down the near ditch bank like an otter, then swam across the ditch. She crawled up the far bank athletically but dragging her limp hind quarters. I yelled to Ron “Looks like John shot her! Let’s finish this off quickly!” But when John jogged around to join us, he indicated he never even saw her come out, just heard her crashing exit form the hammock. Meantime the sow slithered away in the tall grass as we fanned out in search of her. She disappeared! That’s when I asked for silence. I could hear her slithering and dragging away to my left. I waved the guys over toward me and ran full speed towards the crippled hog. I finally caught up to her as she stopped and faced me to utter a threatening roar.

I slowly flanked her on the left and delivered an arrow into her chest at 15 yards. She crawled further with it in a valiant attempt to flee but suddenly stopped, exhausted from it all. As the guys ran up to me I looked at Ron and asked him to put one in the heart to end it now. He did just that, right in the pocket!

Watching the sow relax once and for all felt good. But, it wasn’t until we skinned that sow that we saw how bad things had gotten for her. There was no bloody tissue mass as one might expect form a rear collision with a vehicle, no broken bones. Could she have had an accident or a disease? Was there an errant arrow that might have severed her spine some time ago? Who knows for sure. She was badly emaciated though. Very little muscle mass remained in the rear legs, almost just skin and bones. Her back straps were as skinny as rubber bands and here spinal column protruded high above what little tissue remained! In fact, the only meat we could find was on those front quarters that she had built up while dragging herself around for some time..



The traditional “heart/lung” shot, when properly executed, is deadly and quick without extensive meat damage.

If it weren’t for John’s curiosity, he would have never flushed that sow. If it weren’t for me and Ron, that sow would have suffered a slow starving death. We were partners in a mercy killing. It was clear that she was already consuming her own tissue to survive in her lame existence. I’m not expecting any awards from PETA, but we all felt fortunate that we could end the misery that lay ahead for that sow. Nature is tough on critters. Life is only for the healthy and the strong. Bowhunting provided us yet another lesson in natural history.



If you decide to hunt for wild hogs, these photos will help you bring bacon to the meat pole. One final note worth sharing is this. Only use a fixed blade, cut-on-contact broadhead. Heavy two-blade heads are best to ensure penetration through the “shield.” Those broadheads that come with a ferrule and detachable razor-blades are not fit for the job! Happy hunting!



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Doc's Stickbow Corner

When teaching students how to first shoot a bow we commonly use the terms **Stacking & AMO** .

A few months ago I was asked what those terms meant and can I please explain them to the Boy Scouts in attendance who wanted to earn their Archery Merit Badge?

I hope this helps you when you are teaching someone the art of archery and asked what those terms mean

Here's the Skinny (as they say in Brooklyn)

The term **Stacking** refers to a bow becoming exceedingly hard to draw when achieving the full draw area. It can happen depending on limb design and/or drawing past the recommended design draw length.

If the bow is drawn to 28" and marked 45 #'s then it will be around 45#. Every inch you draw past 28" you then have to add (2.5#-3#) 3 lbs and if you have a shorter draw length lets say 26" you subtract (2.5#-3#) 3 lbs for each inch that bow is now really 39#.

Some bows that are custom designed for a shorter draw length of say 26" may stack badly when drawing that bow to 28" to achieve the proper draw length for that particular bow. For example a bow with a 28" draw length may become very hard to pull back past the 27" mark. In other words most of the effort to draw the bow back is in the last 3 or 4 inches of draw. Bows that have this stacking effect are not desirable to own and not safe to shoot.

Force/draw curves that are used to evaluate efficiency and speed will reveal stacking potential. The curve will rise almost vertically

the last few inches of draw indicating it takes more force to achieve the advertised pull weight of that bow. The recurves are not near as bad about this as the longbows. (I find stack more prevalent in recurves and shorter longbows)

Some of the longbows feel as if you hit a brick wall when they start to stack. It makes them unpleasant to shoot and more inaccurate than a smooth drawing bow. If you purchase a 60" recurve and have a 26"-29" draw length you will not have a problem. If you have over 29"-31"+ then as you reach your anchor point you will feel that the bow has stopped drawing it comes to its peak and they sometimes delaminate (split from the core) then you will be better off buying a bow in the 66-68" .

I had that happen to one 17 year old that just bought a 58 " hunting recurve bow. He was a solid 6'2" football player and had a 30.5 draw length (thank God, I did not have to feed this kid ha). When he came for a lesson I told him I thought the bow was too small for his size. As he was drawing the bow with an arrow for the second time the back of the bow (facing away from him) suddenly just started to peel off, I then heard a slight crack as kept on drawing the bow back. I told him to stop and told him to slowly relax his draw and we inspected the bow for damage. The back of the limb delaminated from the bow for about 15". The following day we made a call to the manufacturer and found out that they did have a problem with the hide glue with that particular model and in return sent a new 66" longbow to replace the bow. He was very lucky one that he did not get hurt and two did not have to purchase a new bow. He is still away in college and we speak from time to time and loves shooting his new bow when he comes home to see his family.



On any recurve bow purchased over the counter, either in a store or on line , the AMO number which is stated in inches. It's written along with the poundage on the left side of the riser or on the bottom limb that faces you when your draw the bow. The AMO is usually about 3" shorter than the actual length of the bow limbs from notch to notch measured along the belly of the bow, that's the side of the bow facing the archer when held in shooting position i.e. a 60" AMO = 57" string length from loop to loop if you need to purchase a new string. If your bow has no AMO marking then use a soft cloth tape measure to figure out the string length that is right for your bow. The standard weight indication is i.e. 45# @ 28" or 37# @ 26", however the bow is marked. Later, when compound bows hit the market the AMO standards applied.

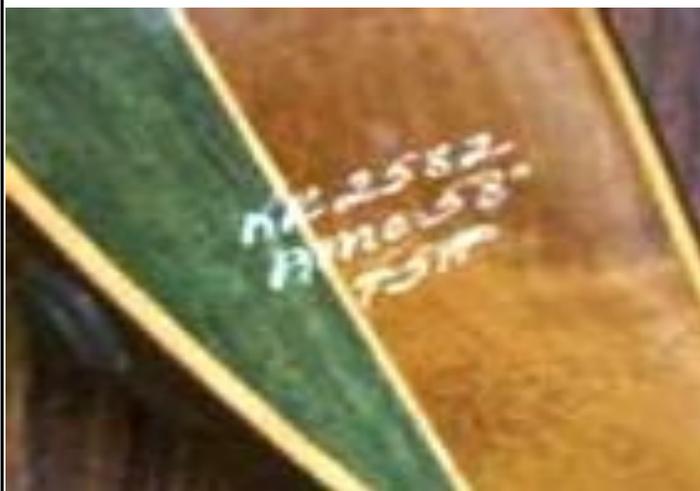
The term **AMO** (American Manufacturers Organization) on the side of all over the counter traditional bows made stand for the string length. All Traditional bows are all set to 28" draw poundage that is uses the AMO 28" draw length. The Archery Manufacturers Organization started in the early '60's and it then set the standards for all archery equipment recurve bows, only because at that time there was no such thing as a compound bow.

I have found that many custom recurves and longbows made today string length may differ than the normal AMO. Anytime I have a bow custom made I always asked the bowyer to write his actual custom string length and even his recommended "**Brace Height**" on the side of the bow (see article on page 22).

It will make your life easier when stringing and tuning your bow preparing for a bow hunt or competing in a 3-D shoot.

"Only use a bow stringer when stringing a stickbow" -

***Doc DeCaro
El Presidente
TANJ***





Brace Height

Brace Height - is the distance between the string and the grip. –

The brace height of your bow determines how long the string stays with the arrow, pushing it forward. When you have a custom bow made the bowyer they will always recommend what the brace height of your custom bow should be. If you don't know that brace height of any bow that you own you can easily go on the web and type in the maker of the bow and words brace height. I guarantee that you will find a blog on that particular bow i.e. tradgang or archery talk

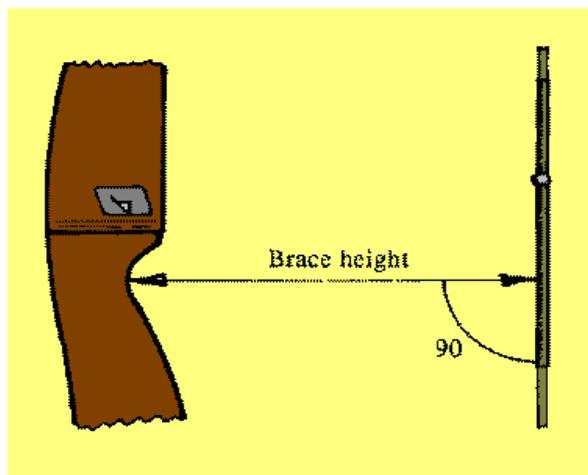
The Brace Height determines how much the limbs are being flexed, and how far back to their natural shape they are allowed to go when bow is shot. The brace height is where the string stops when the bow is shot. It is the place at which your arrow leaves the string and becomes a free flying projectile.

A good starting distance between the string and the grip is called Fistmele. Place a bow square or ruler on the highest part of the grip (where you would hold the bow) horizontally and look at where the string will line up with the square or ruler in inches i.e. 6 1/2. Shoot the bow 5-6 times and check how it feels it should feel, smooth and quiet "no twang". If it does not you can adjust this distance by using a bow stinger and first unstring the bow. Then with the top part of the string still around the top limb take the bottom loop of the string and simply start twisting your Flemish string to tighten and give your string 4-5 twists. Then replace the bottom loop and restring the bow and shoot it again. If you are slapping your bow arm with the string (ouch!) it could be that your brace height is too low.

Most brace heights should not exceed 8 3/4 inches to avoid damaging the bow. There will be a "sweet spot" that can be found by shooting and adjusting. This "sweet spot" will give the best accuracy and velocity while eliminating hand shock and vibration. If you go beyond the "sweet spot" the

bow will begin to get louder and you will notice more vibration. You will see veteran stick bow shooters always checking their brace height before and also during a 3D competition

After you have found your brace height write it down and on your smart phone. When you return home on your bow handle under the AMO with a sharpie. I also mark an arrow with a line and write the brace height down. I will measure from the arrow nock down my arrow wrap i.e. 7 1/2". Now when I place the arrow nock against the grip I can check to see if my current brace height is correct? Most people use a fist with the thumb extended (average 6 3/4) and it works but when you're hunting or shooting 3D you want to be in the game. So suggest that your purchase a bow square and keep it in your quiver or bow case at all times.



Did you know if the brace height is too low...too close to the belly of the bow... then the string and the nock are still together when the arrow begins to bend around the bow. This causes all kinds of interference and is usually obvious because the arrow will "whack" loudly off the side of the bow, and typically wigwag and flop around in flight. I have many people tell me that the string is hitting their bow arm. My reply is "Did you check the brace height?"

You must constantly check your brace height every time that you shoot. There will also be usually a lot more hand shock present in the bow if it's not correct. This is because the tips of the limbs are allowed to travel too forward. A lower brace height gives you more speed from your bow but if you go too low, and then it doesn't work well."

Good Luck and Good Shooting
Always use a bow stringer , Doc DeCaro





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We are requesting stories especially from the old days of 1950s, 60s and 70s with photos to celebrate our traditional past.

Please send articles submissions including:

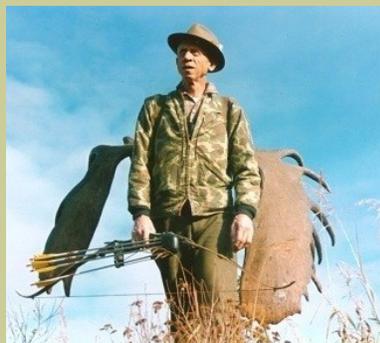
- How to articles
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If asked to sketch a mental picture of the typical archer I would be hard put. They seem to come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and backgrounds. Inwardly, they seem to have in common a love for the outdoors, a reverence for wildlife, and a close tie with history. There is nothing they seem to enjoy more than telling tall tales around a campfire or talking about archery to others. It would be difficult to find a more interesting group of people.



Fred Bear



Before you apply that finish to your bow...

It's important to thoroughly sand a bow to remove any scratches, dings or blemishes. You can start sanding with riser with 80-grit sandpaper. Such coarse paper will smooth out imperfections left from the shaping process. Next, go to 100-grit, 150-grit, 220-grit and finally 320-grit. To sand the limb fiberglass use 220. Sanding the glass is necessary to ensure adhesion of the new finish. Once you have the bow sanded, LIGHTLY wipe it down with a tack cloth to remove any dust or sanding particles.

Now we are ready to apply the finish. There are numerous finishes that will protect your bow. Some of the most commonly used are Fuller Plast, Thunderbird and numerous brands of polyurethane. Fuller Plast is used by more bowyers than any other finish. It is a two part catalyzed varnish which builds quickly to a very deep looking, durable finish. Fuller Plast is thinned using lacquer thinner or Synol thinner, and when thinned can be used as its own filler by sanding after each coat until the pores are filled. According to the manufacturer, there are no compatible commercial fillers available. It does have to be applied using a spray gun or air brush and once dry it is difficult to clean off your tools. It dries to the touch in 20 minutes and should, according to the manufacturer, be recoated within 2 hrs.

Thunderbird when applied is a lacquer but converts to a polyurethane in approx. 6 hrs. This characteristic gives you a 6-hr. window to complete your finish work. If you try to apply coats after the conversion has taken place, the lacquer being applied can soften the polyurethane. There is a compatible Thunderbird filler also available which works very well. Any unused amount of Thunderbird, since it is not catalyzed, can be returned to its storage can without contaminating its contents.

Dust nubs between coats? Just use 600-grit paper to wet sand in between the last coats to smooth them out. Clean-up can be accomplished with lacquer thinner. Polyurethanes have been around for a long time and have been used to coat many bows. They can be brushed or sprayed with excellent results. The drying time is quite long and on some oily exotic woods such as Cocobolo, it never seems to completely dry. Paint thinner works for clean up on oil based poly and water for the newer water based urethanes. In the past, water based urethanes had a tendency to yellow, but newer outdoor formulas have alleviated that problem.

Whatever finishes you apply should be considered harmful to your health in terms of vapors. Respirators should always be worn when these or any other finishes are applied.





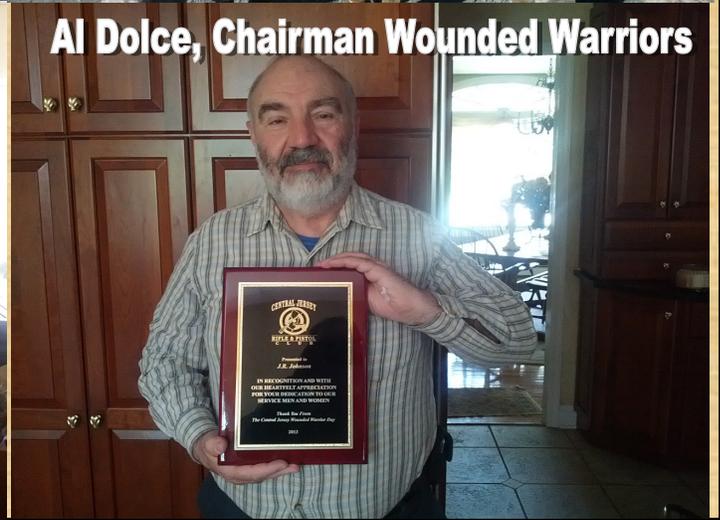
Wounded Warrior Awards from CJRPC

Letter to Al Dolce re: the Sixth Annual Wounded Warrior Day October 12th, Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club Jackson NJ.

Al,
Hi I am receiving a Browning Wasp recurve in mint condition from a TANJ member. His only instructions was that it has to be donated to a Wounded Warrior !

I am also working on a few more stick bows in near mint condition from other members. I spoke to TANJ member John Johnson of JRJ knives and he will gladly donate another custom knife for Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club for wounded warriors on Oct 15th to raise money for your patriotic event.

Here is a picture of Irene Bowers holding her award. She is also having special DVD cases made for this October's event. Last year Irene donated 35 custom key chains and we attached a picture of troops holding her kind donation. John Johnson was another award recipient for his donation. Both TANJ members proudly showing the CJRPC awards from last year that Al Dolce (events Chairman) presented on CJRPC's behalf.





Venison Recipes

Breaded Venison Steak

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 to 3 lbs. venison steak (thin sliced)
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp. cold water
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. seasoned salt
- Flour
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups finely crushed crackers
- 3 to 4 tbsp. cooking oil

Remove fat from venison and cut meat into serving sized pieces. Rub lemon juice into steaks and set aside while you prepare egg mixture and crushed crackers. Beat eggs with water, Worcestershire sauce, pepper, garlic powder and seasoned salt. Use a pie tin for the egg mixture and there will be plenty of room for dipping steaks pieces. Pat steaks dry and coat lightly with the flour then dip in egg mixture and coat with cracker crumbs.

Fry in hot oil (start with two tbsp. and add oil as needed). Until crispy brown on both sides and done the way you like it. Serves 6 hungry bowhunters.



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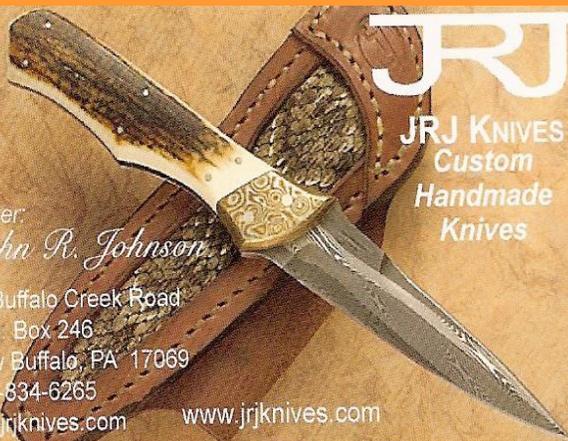


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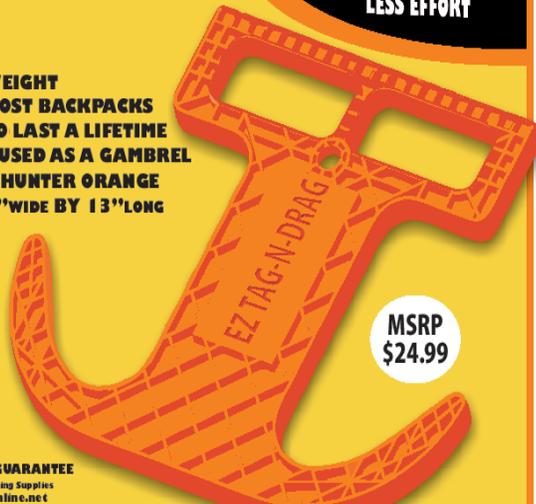
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If the dressed weight of your deer is more than 50 lbs, you pay at least the first \$10 of the processing fee, and HHH pays the balance. If the dressed weight of your deer is less than 50 lbs, then you pay at least the first \$25 of the processing fee. HHH is not a state funded program. All funding comes from donations, and fundraisers. Since there have been years when we had to close the program down during the hunting season due to lack of funding, we need to ask the hunter to share in the processing fee.

The butcher will then process your deer, and the food bank will pick your processed deer up at the butcher, and distribute the meat to various food pantries, emergency shelters, churches, etc. Your deer, and your willingness to share in the cost of the processing fees will then help feed hungry families in New Jersey.

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Membership in the United Bowhunters of New Jersey is not required, but we strongly encourage you to join.

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