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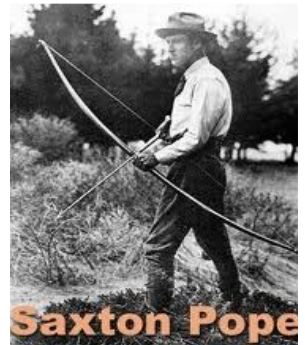
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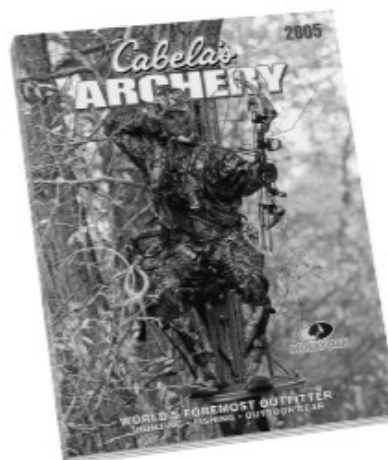


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi TANJ members it's been a while since we spoke and glad we are back on track. Here is a recap since last fall 2012:

In September, TANJ along with the United Bowhunters of New Jersey (U.B.N.J.) we jointly donated 6 4'x 4' state of the art outdoor archery target butts to the Monmouth County Boy Scouts Council to be used at their newly constructed archery range located at the BSA Quail Hill Scout Reservation in Manalapan, N.J. We like to thank Mike Tully and Shawn Penn of the Heritage Guild, Branchburg who helped us in purchasing these targets especially with cost and with the bulk shipping from the manufacturer. On October 6th at Quail Hill Reservation during the Boy Scouts of America Annual Fall Pumpkin Chunking Camporee, which was attended by over 950 scouts and cub scouts over 3 day we with the help of other organizations taught over 425 scouts that signed up that weekend to learn the art of Traditional Archery.

When the Camp master's whistle was blown to start the day's events within minute's scouts started coming over the hill and down the many trails towards the Archery field. Many of us thought we were in a scene of the Mel Gibson's blockbuster movie "Brave Heart" the scouts troops did not stop coming all day. I would like to thank the combined help of 15 volunteers made up from the Black Knights, Monmouth County Federation of Sportsman & TANJ membership for helping out the entire day. It was non-stop from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. We all had fun teaching meeting the scouts and hopefully we lit the spark of archery in a boy. This is how I first became interested in Archery back in Brooklyn and Camp Pouch Staten Island, N.Y. 1957 and no there were no Indians back then so don't ask!

TANJ helped Black Knight BowBenders which sponsored their 1st Annual Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) 3-D shoot at their Jackson club. We had members attend and we also donated 3 large cases of food towards their food drive. This event was run by Bud Thomas Treasurer and Pola Galie Secretary of Black Knight who help run HHH in N.J. They both could not believe all the canned food that was donated throughout the day from those that attended and monies generated during the day and great time was had by all. The 2nd Annual HHH 3D shoot will be held this year on Saturday May 18th, 2013 hosted again by Black Knights, Jackson N.J. Save The Date!

In the past few months TANJ along with our sister organization the Black Knight Bow Benders Archery Club and some of our membership that personally donated funds to purchase supplies to help the victims of Union Beach and Keansburg N.J. which as we all know Hurricane Sandy brought unthinkable devastation to this area destroying homes & businesses. We have donated items such as clothes, food, brooms, shovels, rakes, mold clean-up spray, garbage pails, mask, fire axes & garbage

bags, laundry detergent, hand soaps, shampoo. We also donated a fire sledge hammer axe and survival bracelets to the Union Beach Fire House and many other first responders. I would like to thank TANJ and or Black Knight members Irene Bowers, Mike Saugerton, Jennifer Scaccia, Bill Zide, Mel Watts and Paul Winans for their personal donations.

We also donated a truckload of 10 huge cardboard boxes full of new sweatshirts, fleece blankets & hats to residents of Keansburg during a Saturday in mid -December to hand out to those in need. We worked hand in hand throughout the day with Keansburg Mayor George Hoff along with his brothers Chris and Mike. His brother Chris is a decorated Wounded Warrior and attended the Cabin Fever shoot to personally thank us and to fling some arrows. We are also urging other outdoor organizations to support our friends, neighbors and communities impacted by the storm. Many of us reside in Monmouth and Ocean county and even though we along like many others were also without power for more than 12 days we still came to assist those in need and will continue to do so.

I received a call in early December by Frank Florio from FBA and loyal TANJ member and his club needed a place to shoot until their range can be rebuilt. The F.B.A. Floyd Bennett Archery Club Range in Brooklyn (my first traditional outdoor club) was wiped out by Sandy. It is located next to Breezy Point, Brooklyn that we all know that was wiped out, and every house. I called Paul Winans President of Black Knights and sent an email to their council and immediately the BKB stepped up and offered their clubs range in Jackson for all FBA members to use until their range is rebuilt. There is still a long road ahead for everyone especially now and we are urging other organizations and individuals to support our friends, neighbors and communities impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

We also donated monies back in early December generated from our Al Reader Archery for our Youth Program Texas-Wac-Um contest that we have at all out 3-D events to "Jason Dream for Kids". The Jason Dream organization helps terminally ill kids fulfill their wishes of a hunting and fishing adventure. They grant wishes to children diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. Bringing a little happiness and putting a few smiles on these children faces and hopefully their parents too. This year we will be hosting another event for them at Whittingham at the end of April by the moving deer target, as in the past, behind the Red Barn.

We have donated Archery equipment and TANJ merchandise from our "Al Reader Archery for our Youth Program" in 2012/2013 along with the Gutyankers membership to young archers Elijah Bland, Meghan Casper, Pat Vargas, Amanda Bonilla, Oxford Middle School NASP Archery Team, Monmouth County Boy Scouts, Ocean County Cub Scouts, Black Knights and WaXoBe Archery Clubs to supporting their youth archery programs.



to T.A.N.J. / B.K.B member Ashley Obrien .She loves shooting her Hoyt Pro Medalists wood bow every chance she gets. She is serving in the Air Force and was sent overseas for her 2nd 6 month tour of duty. We just found out that she will be returning by May and can't wait to shoot at the Black Knight range during their Thursday open to the public nights starting in a few weeks on April 24th until Sept ember (TBD) and our TANJ events.

On Sunday February 24th was our Annual "Cabin Fever" 3-D Swap and Shoot Meet. It was fun speaking to old friends, making new ones, shooting just for fun and listening to all the Deer-Tale stories from the last few months. Many members were picking up some neat stuff from the swap meet making it a day to remember and it's one of my favorite shoots. As in the past we along with the Paul Winans President and his Black Knight members we met on Saturday February 23rd clearing the range and setting up the 3D targets. We had over 35 volunteers showing up with leaf blowers, rakes, chain saws etc.. At the end of Sunday's Cabin Fever we had 125 people registered and many family members and friends just enjoying the day watching what archery is all about .This was the first time we did not have to clear any snow and many new comers showing up with their grandfathers and fathers stickbows.

We along with President John Erndl and his organization United Bowhunters of New Jersey (U.B.N.J) held the 9th Annual N.J Bowhunters Game Dinner. It was as in the past another great event for all the 380+ that attended. Next year for our 10th Anniversary we are already looking for a guest speaker from one of the Outdoor Channels. We the TANJ members again would like to thank Phil Muller (past TANJ President) who in the last 9 years has been Chairman of this event. We could not have done it without his leadership, every year everyone now knows their job and it runs so smoothly (well almost). We also like to thank Brian Peters his daughter Rachael, Ron Ellison, Frank Zsenak, George Sappah, the Peters, Zsneak & Muller family, Brian Dolobacs along with Jack Spoto (UBNJ) who did an outstanding job helping run the night's activities. We all arrive at the hall the morning of the dinner around 9:30-10 a.m. to prepare for the game dinner and do not leave until Mid-night.

Thanks to our members for their kind donations throughout this past year to help support TANJ: Nina Reader & Dave Harby, Joel Riotto, Paul Winans (Black Knights), Irene Bowers (Bowers Wildlife Art Studio), Shawn Penn & Mike Tully (Heritage Guild) , The GutYanker membership, Ron Schwartz (KME Sharpeners), John Johnson (JRJ Knives), Jim & Marcia Rebeck (J&M Traditions), Jim Stuble (Stone Silo Foods Seafood Cakes), Jeff Strauss (Allegheny Bows), Jennifer Scaccia (Twisted Stitches), Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County, Ray Tariela , Rich Tibero (Stickbowman), Rich-

& Ryan Tibero (Grayling Spirit) , Mike Luster (Catskill Mtn.) Capt Jack & Jennifer Fleischmann (Little Hawk Fishing Charters) , Richard Snodgrass & Tony May (Xtreme Hunts -Deer & Turkey Hunts), Nickie Roth (Archery Outfitters Hog and Deer Hunts), Greatree Archery Company , Lancaster Archery , John Fields (Wood Duck Carver), Natt Brett (Bowyer), Dave Onesti, Paul Catania & Tom Robinson (Kids Rubber Targets). If I forgot anyone I do apologize and please email me. My brain can only hold so much information now that I am semi-retired!

Did you know that TANJ has a Facebook page? It is run by longtime TANJ member Jim Ellis Jr. and he has been doing an outstanding job since last summer. When you can, please go on and click "like" on our page. The more you "like" us the more our page moves up and the more people will know about us and what we are all about. In fact, Jim thinks it would be great to make a request to the membership for traditional harvest photos specifically for Facebook. If we can get enough photos of members with their harvest of deer he will periodically post them on the site with a congratulatory note. He thinks it would be a great way to get people to like the page. I will also be sending photos of what we do and what charitable organizations that we support throughout the upcoming year.

This year starts the TANJ Deer Award pin which is being designed by Irene Bowers. Please see the application in this newsletter. The deer award program starts with any deer taken in the Traditional Way in New Jersey during this past 2013 Winter Bow Season. You must be a TANJ in good standing to enter and it will be run by council member Al Klenk so please contact him his information inside front cover. Al just got a cell phone but still uses smoke signals to contact us.

Once again I would like to thank our web master Rob Distefano for doing a great job keeping our website updated. When is the last time you visited our site? www.tradnj.com any comments about the site to Rob and your council would like to hear. It's your website to- get involved!

Due to Sandy many of us were without power and because of that many computers were down for a month or two but we are finally starting to rebuild. We need members to step up and help out and now! New Elections were supposed to have been held at the end of the year December 31, 2012. They will now be held at a future date sometime this year. As I had stated last year it's time for new blood to step up and lead us into the future.

I have been the President for the last 4 terms (8 years) and told everyone at our 2012 Annual meeting I will be stepping down. I need time to be with my family and need some time to take a step back . I will



not be leaving TANJ just stepping aside and will be there to help the future President and our Council make the transition seamless.

Elections will be for our Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer). They are jobs that will not take much of your time and we can help you if you decide to join the Executive Board. You must be a TANJ member in good standing and have volunteered or attended in the last two years at any of our events.

We are currently looking for a Merchandise Director , Membership Director & Shoot Coordinator since those positions are now vacant. I am covering two of those jobs for the last 6 months and the first for last two years.. If you decide you'd like to be considered as a candidate please send an e-mail with your qualifications to Ron Ellison TANJ's V.P. for the council to review.

Come join us during the 21st Annual Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous hosted by the Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County Thursday April 25th - Sunday 28th. Our Annual TANJ Meeting will be held on Saturday April 27th 11:30 am -12:30 p.m. 2nd floor Red Barn. We again will be looking for volunteers during the entire weekend.

This year TANJ will not be hosting our Annual TANJ "Saturday Night Open Field Banquet" due to the fact our vendor that we have used for the last 6 years has since sold his business. The TANJ members that usually help run this event also have prior family commitments that weekend. We made inquiries for other vendors and many other food services that I spoke to their prices were too high for our annual banquet budget that we allocate each year.

The Whittingham 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. "God Bless our Troops Bring them Home Safe" Take time and teach child archery you will change their life forever!

Gerry "Doc" DeCaro
El Presidente



A Mothers thank you to TANJ member Mike Tully

Dear "Doc" DeCaro:

My daughter Caitlin is a wheelchair athlete, competing for the Children's Lightning Wheels sports team. One of her sports is archery. We recently had her arrows re-fletched and her bow tuned up by Mike Tully at the Heritage Guild shop in Branchburg. We have known Mike for a couple of years, first meeting him at the Oak Ridge Archery Range in Clark. Mike donated his time, labor, and the supplies for her equipment repair in the name of The Traditional Archers of NJ. We want to thank you and the members of your organization for continuing to support youth groups.

Thank you.

Julia Goerlich



Monmouth County BSA Council Thank you letter BSA Quail Hill Oct 5th-7th

T.A.N.J. Members and Friends

We are fortunate to have men and women in our community who share their time and skills to help the future leaders and men of tomorrow. The BSA Annual Camporee was a huge success with grateful appreciation from all our Archery friends from Black Knights, The Monmouth County Federation of Sportsman Clubs and Traditional Archers of New Jersey.

We like to thank Gerry DeCaro who planned the event and it was one of the best we have had and the boys and their troop leaders had a great time learning to shoot the bow and arrow throughout the day . And also T.A.N.J and U.B.N.J .for their kind donation back in September of the 6 Large Target Butts that will be used on our newly constructed archery range throughout the years to come.

As promised a thank you letter will be sent to every volunteer that help change the life of a boy that weekend.

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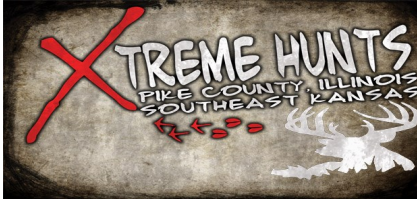
Boys grow into men fast, Be prepared.



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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At the BKB Bigfoot shoot L'il Mason Avon shot the bow for hours non-stop!



Mason Avon ready to practice



Robin Hood in the making?



Oops! Nap time!



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The legendary...Saxton Pope

Dr. Saxton Pope was born in Texas. He grew up in military camps where he learned woodsmanship and archery. As a young man, Pope attended medical school at the University of California, graduating in 1899. He set up practice near San Francisco, married, and had four children. In 1912, he became a surgical instructor at a medical school located near the museum where Ishi worked as a janitor. Pope was called in to examine Ishi. Ishi having grown up in isolation from whites had little immunity

to their diseases. Pope befriended Ishi during his stays at the University hospital and thereby learned Yahi language and life and folklore. Ishi taught Pope how to hunt and make bows & arrows as the Yahi did. Pope and Ishi remained close until Ishi's death from tuberculosis in 1916. In spite of this close relationship and against the fervently stated wishes of Ishi, Pope insisted that the Indian be autopsied and his brain removed. Pope became an avid bowhunter during his time with Ishi and beyond. In 1920, Pope and Art Young hunted Grizzlies in Yellowstone National Park, taking several. Other hunts included adventures to California, Africa and Alaska Pope later wrote a book,

Hunting with the Bow and Arrow which remains a classic. Pope later made a famous trip with Ishi up Deer Creek, in Lassen County where Ishi lived. Pope continued bowhunting until his death in 1926 from pneumonia.



WOODSMOKE



Meat-eating helped people rule the world!

Including meat in our diets helped humankind successfully populate the planet, according to a new study. When early humans started eating meat (and hunting), the higher quality diet meant women would wean their children earlier and give birth to more children and quicker, say researchers at Lund University in Sweden.

Hunting required people to step up their communication skills and use tools. These new developments required bigger brains, which our meat diets helped develop, according to the study, which compared 70 mammalian species and found clear patterns. "This has been known for a long time. However, no one has previously shown the strong connection between meat-eating and the duration of breastfeeding, a crucial piece of the puzzle. Eating meat enabled breastfeeding periods, and thereby the time between births, to be shortened. This likely had a crucial impact on human evolution," says Elia Psouni of Lund University.

The researchers reject another dominant theory - that breastfeeding duration is a social thing, and that new moms cut it short because of time constraints and family size. The team created a mathematical model using data on brain size and diet of 70 mammals and found all species stop breastfeeding when their brains have reached a particular stage of development, which carnivores reach more quickly. "That humans seem to be so similar to other animals can of course be taken as provocative. We like to think that culture makes us different as a species. But when it comes to breastfeeding and weaning, no social or cultural explanations are needed; for our species as a whole it is a question of simple biology. Social and cultural factors surely influence the variation between humans," Psouni said.



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Mr. Geryy DeCaro, TANJ President,

I was very surprised and happy when I saw you at the Black Knights event last Sunday February 24th. We could not believe all the people that attended your Cabin Fever shoot. I was even more surprised when you asked me if I had purchased a bow yet when my family and I came over to the registration booth to sign up to shoot. Since I did not have a bow and it seemed that all the other archers had bows, I was more than a little curious. When you told me you had a surprise for me, I was simply hoping for a bow. To my amazement in front of everyone you presented me with a new t/d recurve 28# bow, 12 matched set of arrows, side quiver, new shooting glove, arm guard all donated by the **Gutyankers of New Jersey**.

My sincere thanks goes out to you, Mr. Mike Tully and all the members of the Gutyankers club that made this possible. You also stated that the Traditional Archers of New Jersey T.A.N.J. will be donating a t/d bow travel case, Morell NASP Youth Target, camo bow sock & bow stringer from their "Al Reader Archery for our Youth program". *I sincerely appreciate the donations and the countless hours of coaching that I have received from Mr. Tom Robinson, yourself the other members from the Black Knights and WaXoBe organization.*

Sincerely, Elijah (Eli) Bland
Youth T.A.N.J member
Jersey City, N.J



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



Friday April 26th-Sun April-28th The 20th Annual Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous sponsored by the Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County.

Saturday April 27th Annual T.A.N.J Meeting Red Barn 2nd floor 11:30am 12:30 pm. It's our Annual meeting please attend we need your input. T.A.N.J. will again host the ETAR Eagle Eye & Texas-Wac-Em Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday May 18th 2nd Annual Black Knights Hunters Helping The Hungry -HHH Charity Shoot at BKB, Jackson, N.J. Please bring donations of canned food

Saturday June 22nd Sunday June 23rd Black Knight hosting Mid-Atlantic Outdoor Championship Jackson, N.J. Trophies and Awards event!

Saturday July 13th -Sunday July 14th Black Knights Big Foot Open Weekend T.A.N.J./BKB Last Man Standing July 14th at Big Foot Open starts 11:30 a.m.

Sunday October 20th T.A.N.J White-Tale Fever 3-D Shoot and Swap Meet WaXoBe Monmouth Junction, N.J.

All T.A.N.J 3-D events are Swap and Shoot for Fun Events –All Vendors are welcome to set up a table at no charge but we ask for a donation towards our door prizes.

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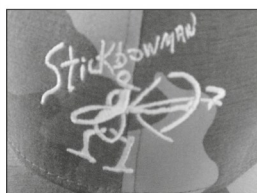
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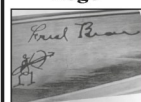
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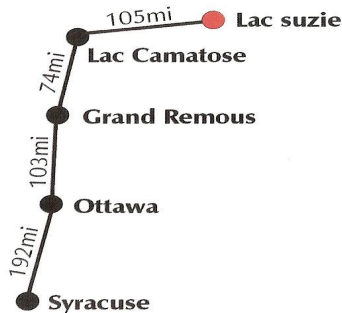
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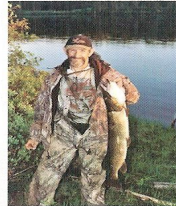
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I was there on Sunday and was cooking and then we served tons of food from 9:00 AM to 3:00 in the afternoon.

We TANJ and Black Knight Bowbenders Thank you and God bless!
Doc





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(Attn: "Doc" DeCaro)

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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Tully and members of the Guttyankers,

Thank you very much for the new PSE Recurve with the extended limbs. I am shooting much better now compared to the my other bow. I can't thank you enough for the donation. This past weekend, I worked with the Boy Scouts, using the new bow to demonstrate proper form and technique at the Monmouth County Fall Camporee. I plan on using this bow to train for competitive archery. My dream is to compete in woman's bare bow competition and eventually the Olympics. I also plan on being an assistant archery instructor at Camp Sacajawea next summer for the Girl Scout archery program. I practice as often as I can in my backyard and the Blacknights Range. The donation of the bow and quiver and all of the many hours of instruction time by Mr. DeCaro are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Meghan Casper - age 14, member of TANJ and Blacknight Bowbenders.

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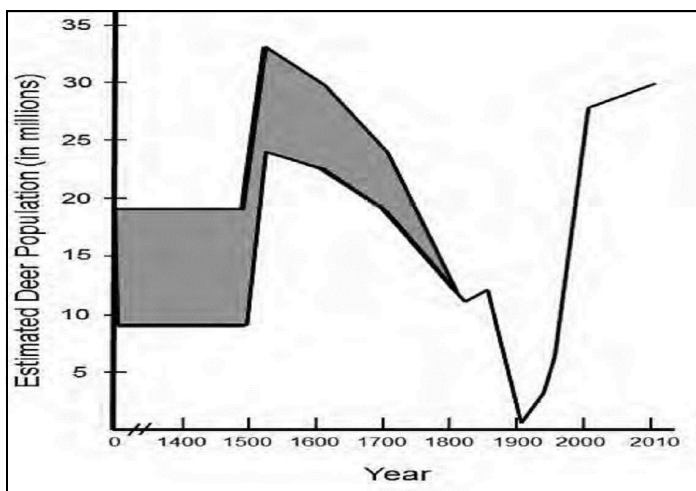
Reviewing a History of Deer in North America

By Jorge L. Coppen

A recent publication entitled “**Biology and Management of White-tailed deer**” (CRC Press 2011) contains a chapter on “*Management History*” authored by Kip Adams and Joseph Hamilton. This chapter Provides a fascinating account of deer history in North American over the past 2,000 years. Of course we know that indigenous people were harvesting deer at least 18,000 years ago when glaciers of the Ice Age covered much of the American Midwest because of 18,000-year-old deer remains recovered from an archaeological site in Texas. Many such excavations prove that Native Americans hunted deer. But, there are no recorded data on populations of white-tailed deer that far back, so the chapter only pieces together information for the past 2,000 years.



tools, and sinews were employed as bowstrings and fishing lines. Later deer were used in commerce. One author estimated that a band of 100 Native Americans would use about 950 adult deer per year (9.5 deer per person). Another author used the size of the whitetail range, the number of native people, amount of venison likely consumed per person, and estimated that between 4.6 and 6.4 million deer were harvested by Americans Indians annually. It was thought that between 30-50% of the herds were consumed each year by Native Americans. Assuming a 30-50% harvest rate by Native Americans, the graph suggests that there were between 9-19 million deer in the U.S. and Canada up until about 1500 AD. Native people were spread throughout North America. It is believed that up to 2/3 of the landscape in the continental U.S. was under agricultural use by American Indians. They even used fire to manage the landscape and to herd deer toward hunters. Beginning around 1500 AD, an increase occurred which some attribute to the die-off of upwards of 20% of native people's as a result of the arrival of European diseases. The reduction in people may have allowed deer to bounce back, reaching nearly 35 million animals.



The chart here shows the authors estimation of deer abundance in the U.S. and Canada over the past 2,000 years (gray area indicates a range of population sizes, reflecting uncertainty in deer numbers and harvest). During the period leading up to 1500 AD, white-tailed Deer were abundant, and many native tribes hunted deer year-around. They depended on deer for food and clothing. Antlers were used as .

Notice from the chart that the range is from 24,000,000 to 33,000,000. Again, it's difficult to estimate deer abundance during times that long ago. Soon after that increase, however, estimates start to fall. There were fewer Native Americans, but they used deer to trade for European goods. For nearly 100 years beginning in the 1600s, Indians supplied over 100,000 deer hides annually from the port of Charles Town, S.C., to leather factories in Europe.



Natives also used deer to trade for trinkets, metal, guns, alcohol, textiles, and “promises.” By the end of this decline in 1800, the deer estimate was near 12,000,000. In the mid-1600s white settlers noticed fewer deer. Some colonies even enacted legislation to protect deer. Rhode Island prohibited hunting in 1646 and in 1679 New Jersey made it illegal to export deer skins from deer killed by American Indians! Virginia outlawed doe harvests in 1738, and in 1788 New York outlawed deer hunting with hounds.

From 1800 to 1850 the deer population reversed a long-term decline trend. The population increase was short-lived, and the chart shows a deer population decline from 1850 to 1900. Advancements in transportation combined with demand for meat & hides from European settlers were implicated. The lack of game laws, increased loss of forests and repeated burning of cut-over forests resulted in few if any areas where deer could find refuge from constant hunting pressure. By the late 1800s, white-tailed deer populations were at the lowest number in recorded history, as few as 300,000 animals or about 1% of peak abundance.



It would take over 200 years before the first game wardens were hired (in California and New Hampshire). Year-round deer hunting continued in most places without active enforcement. A key piece of legislation to protect wildlife was the Lacey Act of 1900, which provided federal support to State game laws and prevented the interstate transport of illegally killed wildlife. This ended “market hunting.” By the late-1890s, many states had wildlife agencies to enforce game laws. But it wasn’t until the 1930s that Professor Aldo Leopold (University of Wisconsin) invented the field of scientific wildlife management. Many students were trained in the principles of wildlife management and state agencies hired them. The establishment of the National Wildlife Refuge system in 1903 helped to provide sanctuary to deer and other wildlife. Then came the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 that authorized an 11% excise tax on sporting arms and ammo to fund wildlife restoration

across the states, based on a function of the state’s total area and number of licensed hunters. All the above factors contributed to the recovery of white-tailed deer to a level that just might at present be the highest in recorded history!

Historically, “Traditional Deer Management” prohibited the harvest of does allowing the deer population to grow rapidly, and by the early-1970s, many herds were above habitat carrying capacity! Deer crop depredation and deer-vehicle collisions became an issue. It became necessary to reduce doe numbers but the mentality of “Traditional Deer Management” remained. Beyond 1950, other factors contributed to the expansion of whitetails including changes in demography where people moved from cities to suburban and rural areas. This reduced available hunting land near cities, and anti-hunting attitudes grew. Removal of major predators such as wolves and cougars from the ecosystem also played a role in allowing population expansion. At this time, it is not clear whether the deer population will continue to increase or whether managers will achieve a stable population. The huge swings in the historical deer populations

shows us that deer adapt to human-dominated landscapes. They also justify concern. If it is true that deer are as abundant today as they had ever been historically, what does that mean for the carrying capacity of the land in our urbanizing environments? Will diseases like Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease, Chronic Wasting Disease, Bovine Tuberculosis, bluetongue hammer deer populations?





Venison Recipes

Slow Cooker Lasagna

Prep time 10 minutes; Cook time 4 hours 10 minutes.

Ingredients:

- 2 (1 pound) packages Italian Sausage, venison sausage or ground venison
- 1 (12 ounce) package no-boil lasagna noodles, broken into 3 pieces
- 16 ounces ricotta cheese
- 4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, 1 cup reserved for topping
- 2 (24 ounce) jars pasta sauce
- 1 1/2 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1 tablespoon garlic salt
- 1 medium onion-chopped

Directions

1. Spray interior of slow cooker with non-stick vegetable spray
2. In medium skillet over medium heat, crumble and cook sausage and onion until brown.
3. Mix sausage with 2 jars of pasta sauce.
4. Next layer 1/3 of the broken noodles.
5. Mix ricotta with 3 cups mozzarella, parsley, and garlic salt. Layer 1/3 of this mixture on top of noodles.
6. Repeat layering of 1/3 meat mixture, 1/3 noodles, and 1/3 cheese mixture. Repeat layer one more time.
7. Cover and cook on low for 4 to 5 hours. Five minutes before serving, top with remaining 1 cup mozzarella cheese.
8. Eat & Enjoy!



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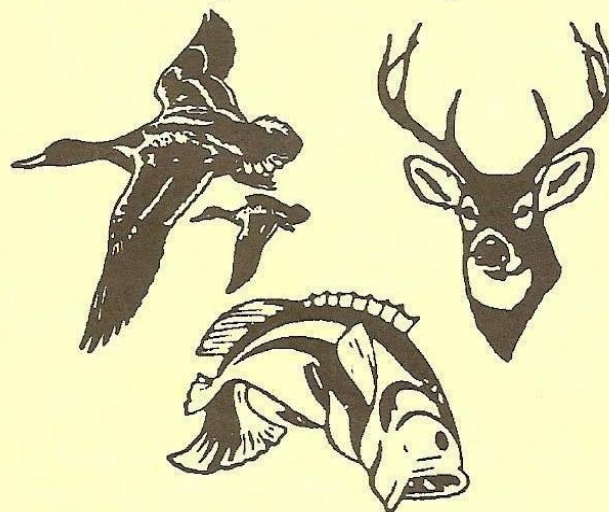
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Arrow Fletching By Carl (Uncle Carl) Casper

So, when and who were the first people to start fletching their arrows? I'm sure that if enough research was done we might come up with a surmised answer. I did a little research and it went back to 2134/1991 BC, Tomb of Prince Meshiti, Eleventh Dynasty Ancient Egypt. There were pictures of bows & arrows but there didn't appear to be any fletching on the arrows.

Move ahead to the Temple of Hatshepsut New Kingdom Eighteenth Dynasty 1480 BC, a temple relief shows Elite Nubian Troops carrying bows, arrows and axes, the arrows appear to have fletching on them. Now you might ask, why do we fletch our arrows and where did the idea come from? Was it from watching how a bird controlled its flight or maybe it was how the reeds caught the breeze with their plums, It's anybody's guess. A properly tuned bow with the correct spine arrow [that has](#) a target or field point attached needs little or no fletching to fly accurately. Add a broad head as a steering device and things change. When we add fletching to the arrow it helps to stabilize its flight by rotation, drag, or a combination of both. The sooner the arrow is stabilized the more accurately it will fly. If your bow and arrow is properly tuned you can get away with using a minimal amount of fletching which reduces the drag on the arrow. The shape and size of feather fletching can also create noise, a whirr sound which in a hunting situation could alert the animal to the projectile heading its way. If you get a chance stand in the vicinity of someone shooting Flu Flu fletched arrows and you'll hear the type of sound I'm attempting to describe. Should you use left or right helical? I tried both and could see no difference in performance. I personally prefer to fletch my arrows with four 4 5/8" modified low profile banana fletch and I rotate my nock so that one feather is pointing slightly above the deepest part of the arrow shelf. I like to use four fletch so that when I nock an arrow on the string I don't have to feel for any indicators on the nock or look to see where the cock feather is facing, I can just concentrate on the target. In my years of shooting various bow and arrow combinations, Traditional, then Compound, back to Modern Traditional equipment I feel that they each have their own benefits. Back to fletching, cock feather in or out should make no difference if the spine of the arrow is correct for your bow and you're shooting "Off The Shelf" and you're using fingers and not a release. I even tried using plastic vanes with Traditional bows, again, I rotated the cock vane so that it was pointing to slightly

above the deepest part of the shelf and could see no big deflection problems, I didn't have any special cameras to collect any data only my wife or my brother to verify what the arrow was doing. The readily available feather shapes are somewhat limited but there are options if you should choose to personalize your arrows you can buy full length feathers and purchase one of the feather choppers that are available or you can buy a feather burner and design your own shape. The aroma that comes from burning your own feathers is not always a pleasing fragrance so you might consider doing it out of doors.

Remember that what ever your choice of equipment is you want your arrow to fly true in order to have the best down range efficiency. While the current trend is for lite weight arrows and light weight heads this may not be the right route for you. When I'm selecting an arrow spine I base it on the broad head weight I am going to use in regard to the draw weight of the bow they will be matched to. I leave the arrows full length to check their flight then I reduce their length to achieve the best flight. If you have some arrows that are already cut to length but they appear to stiff in spine for your bow increase the head weight by either using a heavier head, a heavier broad head adapter or a heavier arrow insert. If the arrows are under spined do the opposite.

Each change will effect FOC, "front of center" which also affects down range accuracy, a heavy head, with in reason, is usually a positive result, a rule of thumb for hunting arrows is that they should be a least 15 % FOC for good arrow flight. There is a formula for calculating FOC in an Easton Arrow brochure that I believe is still available.

If you [are](#) connected to the internet the formula is available there. If you can't get the formula see "Doc" he must have it written down somewhere or he'll call me. Hopefully you were able to glean a tidbit of info from this article and if not, hopefully it will stir up thoughts and questions of your own!

"Uncle Carl"





Arrow Fletching By Carl (Uncle Carl) Casper

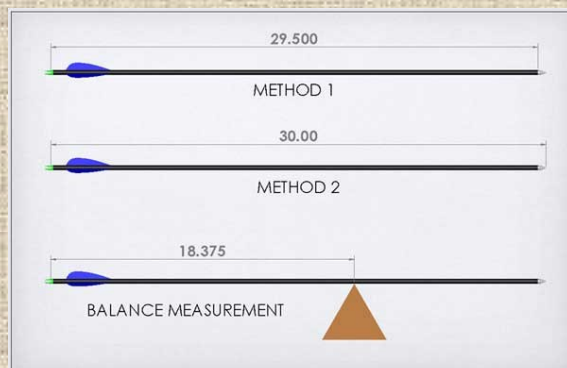
Here is the FOC formula that Uncle Carl spoke about in his article:

There are two main ways of calculating FOC. Both use similar formulas; the difference being that one takes into account the length of the point and insert while the other does not.

Calculating arrow FOC-

AMO Method:

- 1) Measure the length of the shaft from the throat of the nock to the end of the shaft, excluding the insert; this is length "L"
- 2) Using a sharp edge, balance the arrow (including the point) and mark the balance point
- 3) Measure the distance from the throat of the nock to the balance point; this is length "B"



- 4) Input B and L into the following formula:

$$FOC\% = \left(\frac{B}{L} - 0.5 \right) * 100$$

The second method replaces the total length of the arrow, including the point, for the "L" value.

Arrow FOC calculator

This site has a calculator that will do the calculations for you once the measurements have been taken: ArcheryCalculator.com

Doc DeCaro



First Lady Mary Pat Christie,

Please accept our T.A.N.J. organizations donation for \$100 to the Hurricane Sandy Relief fund that you and Gov Christie set up to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. In the past month our outdoor sportsman organization The Traditional Archers of New Jersey of Middletown, N.J. along with our sister organization the Black Knight Bow Benders Archery Club of Jackson, N.J. have donated over \$600 in supplies to help the victims of Union Beach which as we all know Hurricane Sandy brought unthinkable devastation to this area destroying homes & businesses. We have donated in the last few week's clothes, food, brooms, shovels, rakes, mold cleanup spray, garbage pails, mask, axes & garbage bags to name a few items. We are asking our membership this week again to step up and help donate funds so that we can purchase additional supplies. Next week we will be donating a pickup full of new Sweatshirts to residents and Union Beach Fire Dept and other hard hit areas to hand out to those in need, donated by Jennifer Scaccia of Twisted Stitches of Upstate New York that wanted to help out the victims of Sandy. Since Sandy hit we have been in contact with Jennifer Nance who we met at the Union Beach Fire Dept. We know that she has done an outstanding job managing all the donations that they have been receiving at the Fire Dept building. She has been working non-stop every day since the day after Sandy struck. Many of us reside in Monmouth and Ocean county and even though we along like many others were also without power for more than 12 days we still came to assist those in need and will continue to do so.

There is a long road ahead for everyone especially with winter season approaching and we are urging other organizations and individuals to support our friends, neighbors and communities impacted by the storm.

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Sincerely,

Gerry "Doc" DeCaro

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Lost and Found in N.J. Sherlocking Captain Dan's Bow

Captain Dan's story

Chapter 1.

Once upon a time.....Well really about a year ago, I lost my favorite bow..... It was beautiful, a two piece take down traditional bow, top of the line, custom made for me by legendary bowyer Nate Steele. She was a delight to shoot with a stunning Curly Maple finish. How did I lose it?

Can you believe it fell off the back of my motorcycle?

I had broken her down to two pieces, carefully wrapped her securely in her custom soft bow case and then happily rode off,forgetting she wasn't strapped down. Oh! Noooooooo!

When I got to my next stop and reached for her my heart dropped. I immediately flew back over my route. No sign of her. The area had a lot of traffic and I assumed someone scooped her up, or worse yet she was run over and was in some distant trash pile.

I've never come so close to crying over an inanimate object! For the next few weeks I watched Craig's List, the Classifieds and the Auction sites then sadly gave-up any chance of ever seeing her again.

Chapter 2.

Well, as it turns out, a fellow bow hunter named Matt McGowan, a compound shooter, spotted something interesting in the road, did some fancy footwork in heavy NJ traffic and deftly recovered my baby. What a find! Matt, being an all-round good guy posted flyers all over town trying to track down the owner. No luck! How about the internet? Turns out the Bama name logo on the bow looked more like BaNa so Matt hit a dead-end on every search.

Here's where serendipity steps in!

Chapter 3

About 12 months later while sitting in his truck at a Home Depot, Matt was approached by a total stranger wearing a Mathews Archery shirt. Gene Grodzki, a dot shooter from the Black Knight Bowbenders archery club happened to spot Matt's camo shirt and an archery sticker on his truck. Gene publishes Central Jersey Archery News (aka CJAN) a free e-mail newsletter and I guess he was looking for another victim.

One thing led to another and Matt thought to mention the story of finding a beautiful bow in the road and asked Gene's help in tracking the owner down.

Gene connected Matt with Doc DeCaro, President of the 'Traditional Archers of New Jersey' (aka TANJ) and another traditional guru Rob DiStefano.

The search was on. With a few photo's, a good description and some "Sherlocking" the search came up with the name of the suspected bowyer, Nate Steele of BamaBows. Doc called Nate who confirmed by the serial number and description the name of the guy who commissioned it.... Captain Dan Albright. BINGO! Detective Doc called me and like a seasoned game show host asked the magic question.... "Are you an archer?" He played me like a fish then dropped the

good news. He knew where my bow was. My baby was coming home. What are the odds that after a year of being thrown off a motorcycle and lost on a busy roadway a bow, especially an expensive custom stick bow, would ever be returned? I guess there really are some honest people left in this world.

Well anyway I connected Matt at his home and had a sweet reunion with my baby and gained a new friend even if he shoots wheels. It was one of those great moments you will never forget.

I can't thank Matt enough for rescuing my bow and for his unselfish efforts to return her to her rightful owner. Matt even turned down an offer to sell her. He is a true gentleman and man of honor. My hats-off to you Sir!

I also want to thank Doc, Rob and Gene for their "Sherlocking". I'll see you guys at the Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous in April and guess what bow I'll be shooting? This bow was obviously meant for me and she's just got to have huge MOJO!

Nothing like finding a bright star in a otherwise dark world. Three quarters of the world's problems would vanish if we had all Matts.

Here's a couple pics of the bow and one of Matt returning the bow to me. Matt is on the right.

Captain Dan Albright





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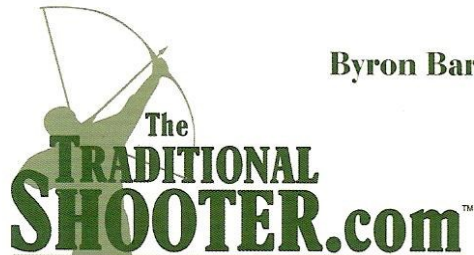
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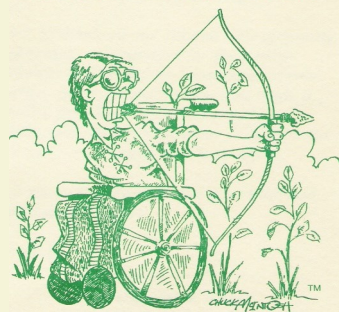
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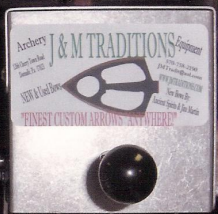
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TANJ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Before filling out this application, please read TANJ's purpose, below, and be sure you agree with it and understand it. To better help represent our members, we ask that you please consider filling in the optional information. Please type or print clearly and keep a copy of your application. Dues must be submitted with your application. TANJ reserves the right to deny membership to, or expel from the organization, individuals who jeopardize the goal of the organization.

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

THE PURPOSE OF TANJ is to perpetuate the true spirit of archery, to bond people with a mutual love for the traditional philosophy. In pursuit of this ideal, all TANJ functions shall be limited to the use of longbows and recurves ONLY.

OBJECTIVES: To actively promote and protect quality bowhunting, and to perpetuate fair chase (as defined by Pope & Young Club) and ethical bowhunting in New Jersey.

Name _____ Age _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Other Bowhunting Organizations you Belong To _____

Ever Convicted of a New Jersey Game Violation? ☐ YES ☐ NO If so, What and When [explain] _____

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN TANJ, PLEASE CHECK AT LEAST ONE COMMITTEE:

☐ Membership ☐ Publication ☐ Standards ☐ Shoots/events ☐ DNR/Legislative ☐ Education

PLEASE CHECK ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS, TALENTS, EXPERIENCES, OR SERVICES YOU HAVE WHICH MAY HELP YOU SERVE ON A COMMITTEE:

☐ Home Computer ☐ Legal/Legislative Knowledge ☐ Organizational Skills ☐ Writing Experience ☐ Promotional Skills

☐ Public Speaking Experience ☐ Fund Raising Experience ☐ Design/Art Skills ☐ Bowhunter Education Experience

☐ Printing/Publishing Experience ☐ Other Experience _____

Annual Membership Fee = Individual: \$15.00, Junior (under 16) = \$5.00, Family: \$30.00 [non-pro-rated and due in January of each year]

TANJ LIFE MEMBER: \$250.00

Send Application and Fee to:

Traditional Archers of New Jersey
539 Oaktree Lane
Jackson, NJ 08527

