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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you read this Winter newsletter the regular bowhunting season will have come and gone and but it's still permit bow. Let's not forget the hungry people in New Jersey. We can still support **Hunters Helping the Hungry**. Did you know that in the 2013 season 240 deer have already been donated to this program. This amounted to 9,392 lbs. of venison to feed the hungry!

After tagging your deer, and calling for your transportation number, take your deer (please, a decent size) to one of the participating butchers listed on their website and look in the NJ Hunter's digest. The food bank is not allowed to distribute the meat unless the deer is processed at a butcher that has been inspected by the State Health Dept. All participating butchers on their website have passed this inspection. Fill out the form at the butcher shop and additional information can be found on their web site <u>http://www.huntershelpingthehungry.org/</u>

I cannot wait until our first 2014 3D shoot at the annual **Cabin Fever 3D Shoot & Swap Meet** to fling some wood, carbon & aluminum, in addition to selling, buying or bartering your old equipment and meeting our brothers and sisters, after a predicted cold winter season. Save the date now. It's Sunday February 23rd, 2014. See their web for directions at their web site:

www.blackknightbowbenders.com. We hope to see everyone there. Look at our upcoming Spring 2014 TANJ Newsletter and on our TANJ web site and Facebook page for the upcoming dates.

Once again I wish to thank Paul Winans and his club for opening their arms and hearts to us. We will need help clearing the lanes after the winter and as always will meet on the day before the shoot Saturday February 22nd at 7:30 a.m. along with our BKB brothers and sisters. If you have not attended our many 3D shoots or youth events spend a day helping our youth please try, it's your club.

The proceeds of our **Texas-Wac-Um** events this past year were donated to Jason Dream for Kids, Boy Scouts, Wounded Warriors and our TANJ AI Reader Archery in our Schools Program. We are already planning for next year's **TANJ Banquet** which is always held on the Saturday during the Whittingham Rendezvous in late-April.

The **10th Annual NJ Bowhunters Game Dinner** will be held at the Robert Meyner Reception Center at PNC Art Center (Exit #16 off the Garden State Pkwy.) on Saturday, March 8,2014 (4:40 PM to 9:00 PM). Save that date!

If you did not know our web master Rob DiStefano has for sale cd's that cover all 22 issues of "Instinctive Archer Magazine", all 7 issues of "Longbows & Recurves" magazine, L.E. Stemmler's 1953 "The Essentials of Archery", Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The White Company" Maurice. If you like to purchase please contact Rob direct at <u>rfd@rfd.cc</u> for your copy and he will be glad to send them to you. I love reading all the issues page to page over a hot cup of java. It's great stuff and I am always learning from our past masters of archery while waiting for next year's events. Rob in the past donated many copies to TANJ and those monies were donated to purchasing archery equipment for our youth.

This past September 14 and 15 we helped sponsor the **N.J. Fish and Wildlife Wild Outdoors** and had TANJ member 18 year old trick archery shooter Chris Hurt do some outstanding shooting with his Leon Stewart longbow and this was probably his best show I have seen. At the end of his show he hit a BB at 10 yards...Wow! (Where are my darn trifocals?)

Next year we are planning to have 3D shoots at two new clubs and ranges at Obissguasoit Archery Range March16th which will be run by TANJ member Pete Onesti and his son Dave and then one in May at Garden State Archers, the date still to TBD. We are also planning a Pheasant Hunt at a hunt club that has 1,000 acres and offered TANJ a chance to hunt birds with Flu Flu arrows over the winter months. So, if you would like to join us please email me or Ron Ellison. Space is limited first come first serve basis. We are working on the price and the date in the next few weeks and have two guides with dogs that are TANJ members that will volunteer their services. I told them for Christmas to buy bright orange Kevlar dog vest with blinking lighs for the dogs since they never saw some of us wing shoot. Swish...thwack... boingg...shhhhhhhh.

Don't forget if you harvested a deer this past Jan.-Feb. 2013 or this past Sep.-Nov. or plan to in Dec., please contact Al Klenk for a deer award. See the inside cover for his contact info and use the phone. You must download then fill out the award form on our TANJ website or cut out the form that was in the Fall 2013 newsletter and then you must mail in a stamped envelope to Al.

In January 2014 it's time to pay your dues, please do so and help support your club. The TANJ newsletter "*Off the Shelf*" alone is worth the \$15 yearly dues. If you owe back dues please call and talk to our Membership Director Ron Ellison who can always

work out some kind of arrangement we don't want to lose you. Please call Ron if your need help. May God Keep You Safe And Your Arrows Straight.

Gerry "Doc" DeCaro El Presidente





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TANJ Newsletter Goes Paperless

TANJ Members:

Your TANJ officers are converting to a 100% electronic TANJ Newsletter in 2014. That means you would no longer receive a hard copy quarterly TANJ Newsletter in your mail box. Instead, you would access your TANJ Newsletter online at www.tradnj.com. For those of you without regular access to the internet, we may consider printing a small number of newsletters to keep you informed. We ask that all members NOT having access to the internet inform us to tally how many hard copy newsletters we need to print and mail each quarter.

Benefits of a e-newsletter are:

- You will get a full color newsletter that you can print out if desired.
- It will save TANJ hundreds of dollars each quarter in printing and mailing.
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Thank you!



TO ALL TANJ MEMBERS

In our last newsletter we asked for nominations for our upcoming elections.

Vacant elected positions are President and Vice President.

Also vacant are Merchandise Director, Shoot Coordinator, and Membership Director.

None of our members nominated anyone or stepped up for any of these positions.

We need new people to take on the responsibility of keeping our club going. Our past Board members have kept this club alive and well for

many years. We are not going away, but we need to step aside. We will be here to help. Without your participation and involvement it is possible that the TRADITIONAL ARCHERS OF N.J. will no longer exist. Don't sit back and let someone else do it. This club is very rewarding and a lot of fun when you interact with it. It does not take a lot of your time. Step forward and call Gerry "DOC" DeCaro or Ron Ellison.

SINCERELY, RON ELLISON



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TANJ Deer Award ERRATA

To get your TANJ Deer Award:

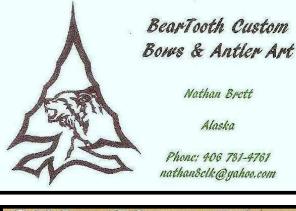


1) Go to <u>www.tradnj.com</u> and click on the "deer award" link to fill out the deer award application form. Lots of the fields have drop down menus.

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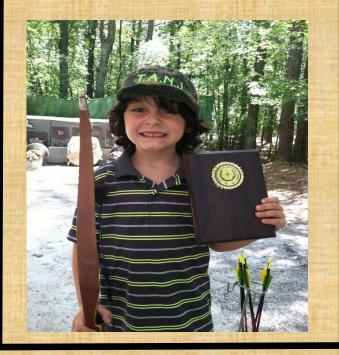
Last hight at Black Knights Thursday Open to the Public night Li'l 5 year old **Joey** came to shoot. It was his first time and within a short time he was hooked on archery thanks to Mike "MGM" Luster you taught him how to shoot. What form! His Grandfather said his dream is to be on the wrestling team in school when he

grows up. What a great kid and all night his grandfather was having a ball watching him shoot.

Within minutes Joey was hitting the shark target time and time again. I guess in honor of shark week on the Discovery Channel.



TANJ youth member **Mason Avon** age 6 proudly wearing his TANJ lucky hat won first place Cub Male Division of the NJ- SFAA which was held at Black Knight Club on Aug 4th 2013.



Analisa Viterbo our new Black Knight and TANJ rising Olympic Archery Star and the Viterbo family including her Mother Kelly, sister Gabby and brother Frank shoot every Thursday.

Analisa can be found from the minute you drive in until dark practicing the art of archery and now with the bow that she won during Big Foot's Texas -Wac- Em. when her name was drawn from among the many adult archer's that entered the contest over the weekend.

All monies raised that weekend (\$350) was donated today to Jason's Dream for Kids in New Jersey in the name of the B.K.B. & TANJ organizations. This charity located in Red Bank, N.J grant wishes for children with life threatening illnesses (www.jasondreamsforkids.com)

Doc DeCaro President T.A.N.J







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Archery Archives

The legendary...Roy Case

Much of American bowhunting history can be traced back to Mr. Roy Case, dubbed "Father of Wisconsin Bowhunting." In the 1920's, groups of archers gathered for at local archery clubs and field ranges. Roy's archery skills in the field drew crowds that were amazed at his shooting ability and were entertained by Roy's zeal for bowhunting big game.



Roy began the 1930 season in Oregon at an archer's jamboree. Many notable archers of the day gathered with Roy to enjoy a hunt and good time "where one could stalk deer in sylvan wilds and possibly loose a shaft or two at one of the fleet roe-buck; where we could gather round the camp fire at night and, as the moonlight filtered through the leaves overhead and the hooting of the owls put us in the proper melancholy mood could tell our wondrous tales of bow and shaft."

Roy Case was a huge proponent of the movement to legalize archery hunting in Wisconsin. Reluctantly, approval was granted so hunters could use archery equipment during the 1931 gun deer season. The total bag for the season was one deer: Roy Case's spike buck! Roy's spike buck weighed 112 pounds field dressed and was taken with a 5-foot 1-inch osage bow and a "Kiska" broadhead mounted on a Port Orford shaft footed with lemonwood with a total weight of 450 grains.

In 1934, Wisconsin would have the first designated bowhunting season in the United States, setting aside Columbia and Sauk counties for "bowhunters only" for five days. This all came about mainly from the efforts of Roy Case and Aldo Leopold. It is only fitting that the second bow killed deer in Wisconsin was taken by Bill Ostlund from Chicago, Illinois while hunting with Roy on his Vilas County land during the 1934 season.

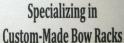
By 1941, more than 2,000 archery deer hunting licenses were sold annually. During the mid-1940's, the popularity of archery hunting in Wisconsin gained momentum and the number of licenses sold often doubled from year to year, particularly in the years following the end of World War II. By the year 2000, 230,000 archery licenses were sold in Wisconsin.

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Joel Riotto bagged this tall Mule Deer buck on his late-August bowhunt in Utah after real difficult trip, flight delays etc. and 7 days of rain!! Joel used a 52pound Dale Dye Recurve, 600-gr. Beman shafts with Wensel Woodsman heads. Phil & Zach Muller harvest two does with longbows and cedar arrows. They were all said and done by 8 AM Opening Day. It does not get better than hunting with your kid and passing on the torch of getting "Stickbow Close".



Jim Ellis scored on this buck on October 23, 2013.



Saturday Oct 12: TANJ Council member Brian Peters with his buck and Zach Muller scores again.



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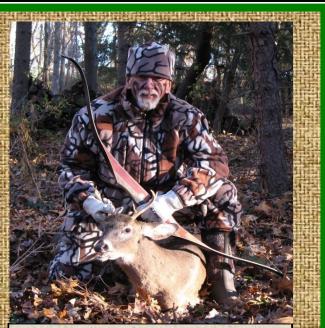




TANJ President Doc DeCaro's 10 pointer taken from a ground blind stickbow close at15 feet. Predator bow, Carbon Express arrow ^Razor Caps.



Capt. Jack Fleishman harvested his first traditional deer, a 6 pointer using his 1973 Browning Wasp, 3River Carbon arrows and Steel Force heads. Capt. Jack and his girlfriend Jennifer donated a 10-man Fluke Fishing Trip on his 54' " Lil Hawk" fishing



Bob Rocca of Hazlet, NJ harvested this 6 Point Buck on Nov 14, 2013 in Howell Twp. He used a 50# Bear Super Kodiak, Cedar arrow & 160 gr. Grizzly Broadhead wearing his Predator Fleece Fall Brown Camo

Waiting for a shot at a big buck, Zach Muller took a monster doe. The razor cap 3 blade went right through its heart. This deer out-weighted Zach by around 17 lbs.





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On behalf of all the TANJ members I accepted a plaque for all that we do for CJRPC Wounded Warriors Day. I'd like to thank those TANJ members and from our sister organization Black Knight Bowbenders that have been coming out to help over the past 4 years. We especially acknowledge Tom "Sarge" Robinson and this son "Corporal" Tyler for bringing and then setting up the target range with their own targets and Tom for running the Archery range.

You will also see two awards that I accepted for TANJ members Irene Bowers of Bowers Wildlife Art Studio and John and Jody Johnson JRJ Knives Custom Handmade Knives. They have donated from their hearts towards this great event every year.

We tip our Quiver to you,

Doc DeCaro President **Ron Ellison** Vice President The Traditional Archers of NJ

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Charlie DeCaro outshoots his dad at Denton Hill ETAR!!

Doc with Alex Montefusco at Denton Hill ETAR. Alex says "Uncle Doc is my stickbow idol!!





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September 24, 2013

Traditional Archers of NJ c/o Gerry "Doc" DeCaro, President 20 Spruce Drive Middletown, NJ 07748

Dear Mr. DeCaro, "Doc",

On behalf of the Children's Lightning Wheels archery team, and yes, I can now say "team" as we currently have four committed members; I want to thank you and the Traditional Archers of NJ for your generous donation of the metal detector and target faces. As you saw at our last practice, the metal detector has already saved the group time and money since we were able to locate those errant arrows.

All of us really appreciate your interest in our program. We, Julie, Paul and myself, have learned so much from you not only about equipment purchases and what would be best for each of the kids, but also little coaching and teaching hints. I always like observing and picking up little hints and techniques from an expert. The kids really respond to your calm, patient and at times playful approach as well, especially "Machine Gun" Isaac.

Archery is a newer sport for the Children's Lightning Wheels and a great sport for some of the athletes who really can't compete on a high level in the other sports we provide. One of those athletes is Caitlin, who shot her best score at our national competition this year and also received the Spirit of Excellence Award in Archery, a really great recognition for her.

I know our archers would not be doing as well as they are, at this time, without the interest and support of you and the Traditional Archers of NJ. There are also many life skills the kids are learning among them concentration, practice does make perfect, a routine that needs to be followed, patience and reflection. For these kids it isn't easy on many levels, but with your help and guidance they are succeeding and therefore increasing their confidence and self-esteem.

Thanks again to the Traditional Archers of NJ for "adopting" the archers of the Children's Lightning Wheels.

Sincerely, *Trísha* Trisha Yurochko, Head Coach

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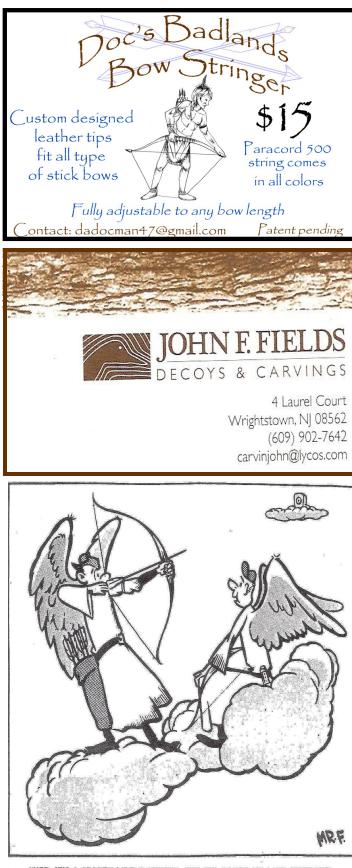
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has a problem to pay you can call or email me. We'll work it out. My contact info. Is on the inside cover. Next I would like to remind all members to call or email me about any changes to your address, email or telephone number. Telephone numbers and 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 **Ron Ellison** like to share, we would be very happy to put them in the newsletter. If you would simply 539 Oaktree Lane 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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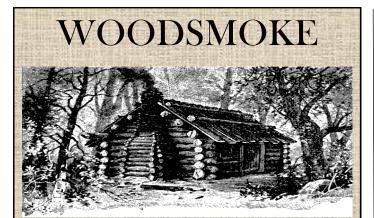




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B ack in the 1970s we all hunted from the ground, before the treacherous Baker Tree Stand was invented. I built a beauty of a ground blind from natural material near a trail crossing where three deer trails met. I figured I would be fortunate if they came from one of two trails to my left or right. The third trail would produce an undesirable head-on shot. The ground blind provided excellent cover on both sides and behind. The front had a narrow opening from which I would draw and make a shot after a deer had passed by, for a quartering-away shot.

I built the blind weeks before the Michigan opener on October 1, 1978 so as to let the local deer using the trail get used to it. Finally on opening weekend I walked quietly toward my ground blind for my first evening sit of the year. I was very enthusiastic about the opportunity and the wind was perfect as it would be directly in my face that evening.

I got to within 10 yards of my blind when I heard a loud crash. I raised my eyes to my total disbelief. A doe popped out from inside my blind, yes inside my blind, and headed out through my shooting hole lickety-split! Dumbfounded, I drew back my bow. Back then I was dumb enough to walk through the woods with an arrow nocked on the string, just in case. I came to full draw at that instant and shot toward the doe. The arrow skipped off the doe's back. Yes I was looking at the whole deer. No time to pick a spot or even think about it I guess. It was just an immediate reaction as my brain screamed...Deer!!!

I inspected the floor of the ground blind and could see the deer hoof prints where I had cleared all the duff for quiet footing during hunting. I sat through an uneventful evening in my ground blind shaking my head!



Journey of Challenge

The Bowhunting Preservation Coalition, formed by the two parent organizations, the Pope & Young Club, and The Professional Bowhunters Society, is made up of a loose formed coalition of State Bowhunting Organizations, Concerned Businesses, Hunting and Habitat Advocacy groups, Individuals, and Media partners. As an independent group to counter technological development and resultant degradation of Bowhunting opportunities and Fair-chase practices.

"Bowhunting is about progressing the hunter, and not about progressing the technology..."

"We've been silent too long" many are saying. And we agree. Bowhunting is quickly losing its uniqueness, it's identity, to fast-tracked technological innovation... something we never intended to be a part of. Bowhunting, from the very beginning of its modern practice and establishment, was about separation from this trend of technological domination over nature and wildlife, and all about stepping BACK in time and practice to its most elemental roots. It was all about creating the challenge, so that its practitioners would immerse themselves in the "journey" of overcoming those challenges through knowledge, skills, and time spent honing their OWN abilities to meet the goals of harvest at that most primitive level. It was athleticism, woodsmanship, observation, and above all else, fair-chase close-up encounters...in person, and not as a result of technological aids. But we have lost that identity, largely as a result of silence - to appease and invite a less than enthusiastic crowd into our midst. Now, a generation exists that know nothing of this original intent...and nothing about those of us who still practice this regimen with noble goals and passion for its future.

It's time we change that. Visit the website and see the video at:

http://www.journeyofchallenge.com/

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By Jorge L. Coppen

E arly in the fall bow season of 2005 I was in my newly erected treestand waiting for a deer to show up. And as I had bet, it soon did. A fork-horned buck emerged form the bottom. On the coast of south Jersey the deer liked to bed in the thick cover of *Phragmites* at the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. In the evenings, they crawl out of the woodwork. I finally got a shot opportunity at him at about 25 yards. Put an arrow right over his shoulder. But he did not seem too alarmed and after a short trot, he slowed to a walk. I watched him disappear into the forest ahead.

A couple weeks later I returned to this stand to try my luck again. Once again, the young "forky" showed up at dusk! Another arrow flew, this time connecting, but awfully high. Yep, right in that hollow area above the spinal column north of the vitals. I tried to follow the sparse but obvious blood trail until dark, then decided to come back in the morning so as not to push this deer that was not likely mortally wounded. I picked up my arrow and walked to the truck.

Finding a puddle of blood the next morning, it was apparent where the deer had rested. Beyond that puddle were two pin-head sized blood drops within 5 yards of the puddle. I never found any other sign of that deer. He must have lived...and learned.

Dejected but not defeated, I tried again. Later that fall, I spent a long vigil in that now favorite same treestand. That vigil resulted in a last -minute encounter with a young whitetail foraging along the edge toward me near dark. I watched him slowly approach from over 100 yards off as he fed along the edge. My head

was turned so far to the right that I had constricted my throat. After I swallowed, tears ran down my face as I choked on my own saliva. I fought back as my throat tried to cough it back up. Fortunately, he never heard any of my suffering.

When I finally drew back 1968 Super Kodiak recurve, my arrow rolled off the shelf. I recovered from the errant draw but my arrow "clinked" against the sight window of my riser. He gazed upward for a few seconds but then was apparently convinced there was no danger. As he resumed feeding, I drew and fired



On the hunt in 2005





from 8 yards - a complete pass-through. He kicked like a mule, bent my bloody arrow and sped off to the edge where he stopped to look back. Then off he went into the woods. Ten seconds later I could hear the sound of leaves being kicked. It was his last kick. Finally, some venison for the freezer tonight. The following week I decided to hunt a piece of private ground that I had been hunting on for two years. The landowner had instructed me to try a spot directly across the field from the house where he had seen deer enter the field regularly the past two weeks. The crabapples were falling, natural bait.

I hung my stand and came back in a couple of days. There I was day dreaming in the lateafternoon. The deer seemed to appear from out of thin air right in front of me at 15 yards. Never even heard it coming. I snapped out of my daydreaming and instantly rose up while drawing the bowstring to my cheek. Before I could even think about the shot, the shaft was on its way. The arrow entered behind the right shoulder of the quartering away deer. I later confirmed that the Bear Razorhead had bounced off the left humerus bone and chipped it, preventing a passthrough. That deer ran full-tilt for 80 yards and piled up in the middle of the woodlot. This transpired in maybe 8-10 seconds. It was also the easiest blood trail I have ever followed. Never even has to bend over.

I promptly lowered my bow, climbed down and retrieved me deer. Hiding it in the bushes behind my treestand, I returned to my post to finish out a relaxed evening of bowhunting and hoping to stockpile some more winter venison. It turned out to be uneventful the rest of that memorable evening, but I was not disappointed.

Thinking back on that 2005 bow season, the memories are so vivid that it's hard to believe that all transpired eight years ago. I felt I was given much opportunity. Having three shots in one season is a big year for those of us that have limited opportunities mostly on public hunting grounds. Those diminutive southern New Jersey deer are awfully small targets but they taste just as good and New Jersey was always a lucky place to hunt deer and turkeys for this hunter!

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ARROW SPINE

An arrow's **actual** <u>spine</u> **deflection** is the arrow's measured resistance to bending. Basically an arrow's actual spine deflection tells you how stiff the arrow is. For proper safety and best performance, the arrow spine must be matched to the output of the bow. Arrows which are too stiff or too limber will not fly well and will degrade the accuracy of your bow. Arrows which are dramatically under spined (way too limber) can even present a failure hazard. So selecting the proper arrow spine is very important, but it can be confusing.

When shooting always remember this short saying: Lefty Heafty (Arrows the group to the left) RightY Lighty (Arrows the group to the right)

Arrow Spine: What is it and why does it matter?

Arrow spine simply refers to the arrow's degree of stiffness - how much the arrow resists being bent. Each arrow bends and flexes in a particular cycle as it leaves the bow (archer's paradox). To achieve consistent accuracy with any bow you will need to find an arrow that's just stiff enough - but not too stiff for your particular bow setup. A properly spined arrow is safer, and flies better than an improperly spined arrow.

To begin, if an arrow is too weak (under spined) for a particular bow, there is a risk that the arrow could break when shot. The more grossly under spined the arrow, the higher the risk of breakage. If your arrow breaks upon release, there is a remote possibility that the remaining half of the arrow could be driven through your hand or arm. To avoid the embarrassment of ever needing to explain to an emergency room doctor how you managed to shoot yourself with your own bow, I strongly suggest you NEVER shoot an arrow that's under spined for your bow. But aside from avoiding the freak accidents, choosing a proper arrow spine will give you the best possible arrow flight and result in dramatically improved accuracy. Most people think an arrow flies just like it looks when at rest - perfectly straight, hence the phrase "straight as an arrow". But nothing could be further from the truth. Once fired from a bow, an arrow immediately begins flexing and oscillating. That's not a defect. Arrows are supposed to flex and bend some.

In fact, with respect to accuracy, an over spined (too stiff) arrow actually flies just as badly as an under spined (too limber) arrow. So don't choose an overly stiff arrow either. Here's a chart for selecting correct arrows...

http://www.3riversarchery.com/pdf/ArrowCharts.pdf

Doc DeCaro

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. Be Smarter-Hunt and eat meat!!!



Tim "Chief" Wills,

The Traditional Archers of New Jersey would like to thank Jessica, Courtney and yourself for your kind donation of two custom made Maple selfbows and matching arrows. One for a boy and the other for a girl for our raffle that we had during the NJ Wild Outdoor weekend at Colliers Mills which was sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Fish and Wildlife. We also appreciate your working throughout the day on demonstrating your traditional skills making American Indian style arrows, knives and bows to all that attended. We raised over \$250 in proceeds to be sent to "Jason Dream for Kids". We also



thank the Warpath Archery family for joining the TANJ organization. You will be receiving your new membership cards and our quarterly newsletter in the mail this week. We would like you to write an article about the Warpath Archery Family and what you are all about for our winter 2013"Off the Shelf" newsletter.

The TANJ membership





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Are Your Broadheads Sharp?

Probably the most important piece of equipment the hunting archer takes to the field



is a properly sharpened broadhead with a smooth razor edge; an edge that will cleanly shave hair off your arm. A properly file-sharpened head is a very effective cutting blade, as is durable in the field. There are several different methods for obtaining this type of edge.

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Maggie Roden of Clark, N.J. was the winner of one of the 2 custom made Maple selfbows with matching arrows that were donated by TANJ member Tim "Chief" Wills, bowyer of Warpath Archery, N.J. The bow and arrows were presented Monday night at the Union County Oak Ridge Public Archery Range in Clark, N.J. Maggie along with her Father Marty were attending the **4th Annual New Jer**-

sey Fish and Wildlife Wild Outdoors Expo which was held at Colliers Mills WMA. They decided to enter the contest and Maggie as you can see was one very happy little girl. She now intends to sign up for the archery safety course this week so she can shoot her new bow at the Oak Ridge Range along with her Dad.

Gerry "Doc" DeCaro President Traditional Archers of NJ



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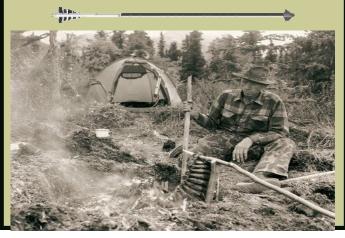
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hen a hunter is in a tree stand with high moral values and with the proper hunting ethics and richer for the experience, that hunter is 20 feet closer to God.

Fred Bear



Joel Riotto discussed tree stand placement with his Mule Deer guide and had stated he was a 20-yard shooter. He strongly suggested shooting longer distances. Joel set up a target down hill at the cabin to simulate tree stand shots. The target was 27 yards from the back deck. Check out this Robin Hood!





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TANJ would like to thank TANJ's Tom Robinson for donating 2 bags of Turkey wing feathers. Many of the feathers were handed out throughout the weekend to many of the kids that came to NJ Wild Outdoors who wore them proudly. Doc, TANJ President..





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Venison Recipes

Foil Roasted Venison

Ingredients:

- 3 to 4 lbs. venison roast
- Meat tenderizer
- 1/2 tsp. basil
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 3 strips bacon
- 1/4 cup dry red wine
- 1 envelope dry onion soup mix

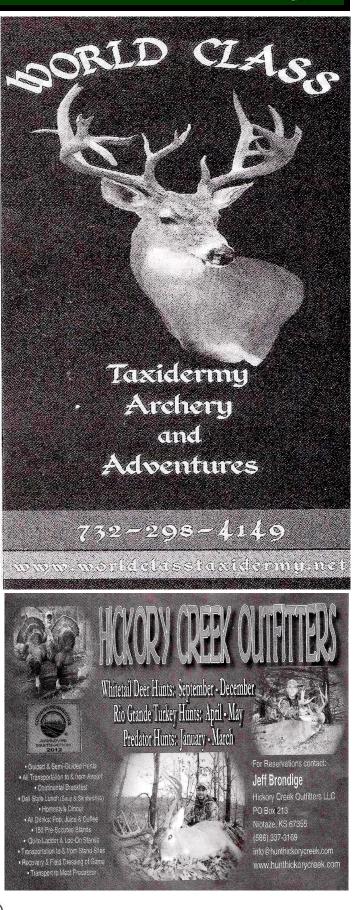
Remove all fat from the roast. Rub meat with tenderizer, basil and garlic powder. Place the roast on a sheet of foil large enough to wrap it whole.

Place the bacon strips across the top of the roast and sprinkle it with onion soup mix. Wrap by making a double fold on top and double folding the sides of foil up.

Place roast in a pan and roast at 325 degrees for two to three hours (until tender). Check the roast for "doneness" and baste after two hours of roasting. When meat is done, fold down the foil, baste and raise heat to 375 degrees.

Return the meat to oven just long enough for the bacon strips to crispen up and for the meat to brown (about ten minmutes).





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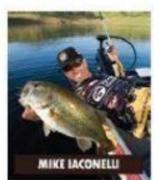
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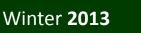


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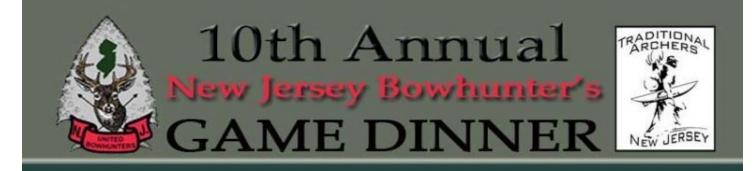




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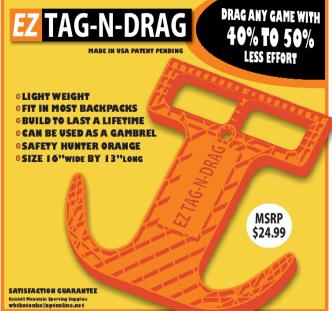
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TIPS for TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTING

When blood trailing a deer, 3 guys on the track is perfect. One to search for blood at ground level, one to look for blood higher up, like on small bushes and tree trunks. The third guy marks each spot with bright flagging tape, maintains the compass or GPS bearing, and watches for any movement up ahead. Plus, three guys makes for an easy drag! Don't forget to remove the tape as you are walking out

The first thing you should do after shooting a deer is to use your GPS or Compass. Get a bearing on his departure. Use trees and other landmarks. Getting a clear direction of travel is important.....even well hit deer often don't start bleeding for 30 yards or so.

Never go in the deep woods without a compass it has no batteries that will die on you when you need it one day. It will always will guide you back to your truck. Learn how to use it before you enter the woods. Always take a bearing before you take the first step and away from your truck

Learn to sharpen your broadheads with simple tools, like a file and a pocket stone. You will take more practice shots in the field if you know that you can quickly touch up your edge.

Never take a bad shot. You don't need to kill a deer. Taking s<mark>ho</mark>ts at the edge of or beyond your capabilities isn't worth the risk of a poorly hit game animal. Traditional bowhunting isn't an athletic sport where "going for it" is expected. Know your limits, and stick to them, no matter how big the trophy.

Wooden arrows are awesome, but if you are just getting started, consider carbon or aluminum. They have fewer variables than wood, and you can better analyze a poor shot. Once you are grouping well with carbon or aluminum, give wooden arrows a try....because every bow deserves at least 1 dozen matched cedars! Breaking Wood is Fun!

Consider big 5 1/2'high profile fletching for your broadheads. They will stabilize an arrow well even when damp.

If given the choice, set your treestand in a pine tree. They provid<mark>e lots of</mark> cover, and an unending supply of cover scent. Crush the needles throughout the day and rub them on your clothing.

The woods are full of free and natural cover scent. Experiment and find out which leaves and needles are the most aromatic. Crush them and rub liberally on your clothes. Don't go around puddles and muddy spots, walk through them. Step on deer droppings, skunk cabbage, anything that will naturally cover your scent.

Don't get stuck in the "treestand rut"....lots of great spots don't have a convenient tree. Always be prepared to hunt off the ground should conditions or terrain warrant. Hunt your quarry...not a tree. Now Blinds are the rage and they work but you must also cover them with surrounding vegetation make it blend in.

A handy First Aid Kit can be put together in something as smal<mark>l as</mark> a tin mint box. Aspirin, bandages, tweezers, some antiseptic wipes. Crazy glue will seal a bad cut quickly. Seal it up with duct tape...which is also a good "closer" for large cuts.

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Don't get hung up on carbon vs. aluminum vs. wood arrows....every bow shoots something perfectly. Experiment and shoot what your bow likes best.

Can't quiet your bow? Try placing your silencers unevenly on your string (not the same distance from the tips, like one 3" from the end, and the other 5"). Sound vibrations travel down the string in an "S" pattern. Sometimes uneven spacing interrupts and absorbs the sound more efficiently.

Put a handful of rubber bands in your hunting pants pocket. They have thousands of uses in the field. Seal off your pants from ticks, instant armguard, keeping an arrow on a narrow shelf on a windy day.....the uses are endless.

30 feet of para cord doesn't take up much space.....but has infinite value in the woods.

Milkweed pods, talcum powder, unwaxed dental floss, bits of fluffy wool pulled from your shirt are all great wind indicators. Use them all. Always hunt the wind.

Your "possibles" requirements change throughout the season, or for different hunts. Hunting farmland 500 yards from your truck doesn't require the same load out as a wilderness trek. Try a minimalist approach...only take what you need.

Lots of guys shoot all summer long, and slack off when hunting season starts. Bring along a Judo point, and shoot as much as possible. Always shoot a few arrows from your treestand before you climb down.

Muted plaids work as well or better than modern commercial patterns. Shadows and background cover are more important than what pattern you are wearing. Camouflage is a concept, not a pattern. Last year they tested camo clothes vs what deer see and the old Treebark won but they also stated that Predator camo clothing is so superior in the woods

Shoot a single arrow in the morning before you leave for work. It will simulate that first cold shot on a mornings hunt, and you have to live with that shot all day...

Have at least two shooting gloves or tabs broken in and handy.....you will lose one or forget it on the kitchen counter.

Two spare strings is not too many... shoot a couple in during the summer 3D season, and keep them handy during the hunting season. Sew one inside your hunting hat or like me tape it to your broadhead quiver or if a two piece the middle arrow shaft

If your release is consistent, and your grip on the bow is always the same, the arrow has no choice but to fly true.

Don't just hunt and shoot...consider and learn about the history of our sport. Read as much as you can about our traditional archery forefathers. You will enjoy our sport more if you know from where we came...

Doc

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