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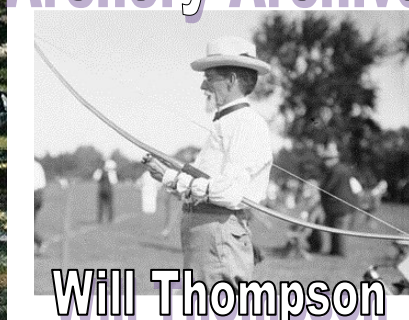
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you read this the 2015 Bowhunting season has opened. Let's not forget hungry people in New Jersey. We can help by supporting "Hunters Helping the Hungry." In the 2013-14 seasons over 477 deer were donated. These deer yielded more than 18,000 lbs. of venison (73,000 meals)! After tagging your deer, and calling NJDEP Div. of Fish and Wildlife for your transportation number, take your deer to one of the participating butchers listed in the 2015 NJ Hunter's Digest (or on their website). The food bank is not allowed to distribute meat unless the deer is processed at a butcher that has been inspected by the NJ State Health Dept. Fill out the form at the butcher shop. Additional information can be found on their web site www.hunterhelpingthehungry.org.

I'd like to introduce you to TANJ member Mike Bush who is now the proud owner of **Mountain Mike's Sport Shop in McAffree, NJ**. This was Sig Borstad's shop. After Sig passed away, his parents let Mike take over their son's archery business that he started over 20 years ago. Mountain Mike's has a 20-yd. indoor and 40-yd. outdoor range. They carry traditional equipment—many bows, hand-crested arrows and many other items for the traditional archer and bowhunter. They still hand-fletch arrows and make custom bowstrings. He also provides private and group archery lessons with 3 certified NAA instructors on staff. Mike's shop is open Tuesday to Sunday but you should call before go to get his hours. Contact: Shop (973) 827 6527, Cell (862) 266 2292. You can also look him up on Facebook. Good luck Mike from all your TANJ brothers and sisters.

Mark your 2016 Calendar! Sunday February 28th, 2016 is our **21st Annual TANJ 3-D Cabin Fever Shoot & Swap Meet at Black Knights, Jackson NJ**. Come fling some arrows in addition to selling, buying or bartering your old equipment and meeting our brothers and sisters after a cold winter. Directions are at www.blackknightbowbenders.com.

Please visit our TANJ website (www.tradnj.com) and our TANJ Facebook page? Upcoming TANJ events & dates are there. Jim Ellis Jr. has been doing an outstanding job so visit and "LIKE" our Facebook page.

The proceeds of our **2015 Texas-Wac-Um** charity game event this past year were donated to **Jason Dream for Kids, Boy Scouts, Wounded Warriors, National Archery in our Schools, Sussex Charter School, Pop Corn Zoo Animals in Need** and many local youth organizations, and as always, our **AI Reader Archery in our Schools Program, friends battling cancer and St Jude Children's Hospital**.

We are already planning for next year's **Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County** famous **Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous**. We'll hold our annual meeting on Saturday morning and the Banquet Dinner is always held on Saturday at dusk. Look for the Whittingham flyer early next year. We are also planning 3D shoots at **WaXoBe, Garden State Archers** and **Obissquasoit Bowmen** and a few new clubs in the future. Do you belong to a club? If so, contact us so we can possibly host an event.

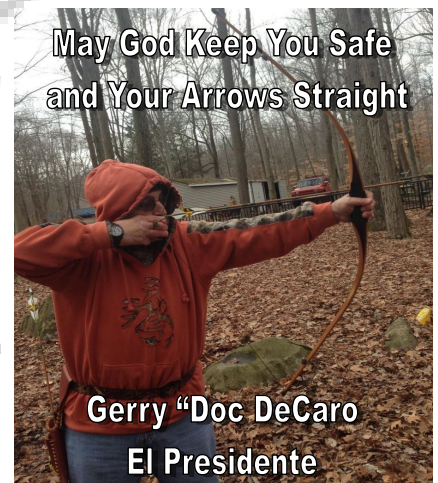
We're bringing back the TANJ "Swinging Block" game that for years was a big hit. You have "30 seconds" to hit a moving block target and the archer with most arrows still in the target will win a great prize. A percentage of the monies generated will go to a charity as in the past.

We are already working on our **12th Annual NJ Bowhunters Game Dinner** along with the **United Bowhunters of NJ** which will be held on **Saturday March 19th, 2016** at Gibbs Hall in Fort Monmouth N.J. Those that attended last year know that we had an outstanding time, great wild game food, hunt raffles and many outstanding door prizes. We again expect to have a record breaking turnout! Tickets will be on sale in December.

In closing don't forget that in January 2016 it's time to pay your TANJ dues, and this year there's a small increase to \$20 a year for individual adults (or \$35.00 family and \$5.00 Junior). The small increase was voted on back at our last Annual 2015 April meeting at Whittingham and we had over 48 members in attendance. Please continue to support your organization and support what we do for archery and bowhunting in NJ. The TANJ magazine "Off the Shelf" alone is worth the \$20 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, we have all gone through tough times and we'd like to help you still retain your membership for years to come. So please contact Ron if you need help.

We are looking for TANJ members to step up to become Council members so if you like to be part of a great traditional archery organization please send an email to either Ron or myself. Our contact information is on the inside front cover of this magazine.

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The legendary Will Thompson...

William Henry Thompson, brother of Maurice Thompson, was born in Calhoun, Georgia in 1848 and died in Seattle, Washington in 1918. Will Thompson served as President of the NAA in 1882, 1903, 1904. He participated in 18 NAA Tournaments from 1879-1913 always placing in the top 10 archers and was 5-time NAA Champion (1879, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1908). As a competitive archer he won two bronze medals in Archery at the 1904 Summer Olympics but also won the gold medal for the team competition. But that was later in his life. More important to archery history buffs is that these "Patron Saints of American Archery" were among the first widely recognized bowhunters in our country. Their archery adventures in the post-Civil War Georgia woods brought them much fame amongst readers of the time.

The boys arrived in Georgia around 1855. There the Thompsons farmed land and became adept outdoorsmen. The Thompson brothers shot handcrafted arrows from their English-style longbows. Arrows made of reeds or woods were topped with blunt, round or barbed heads. Some arrows were longer than 35 inches with only a sharpened, fire-hardened point.

Will Thompson served in the confederate army along with his brother Maurice. After the civil war ended, the Thompsons found their Georgia home in ruins. Having their rifles confiscated, the Thompson brothers were relegated to hunting with only archery equipment, and they took to hunting in a game-rich Florida. The brothers kept journals and sketched wildlife among the pages. Beyond writing about their hunting exploits, both wrote tales and indulged in poetry.

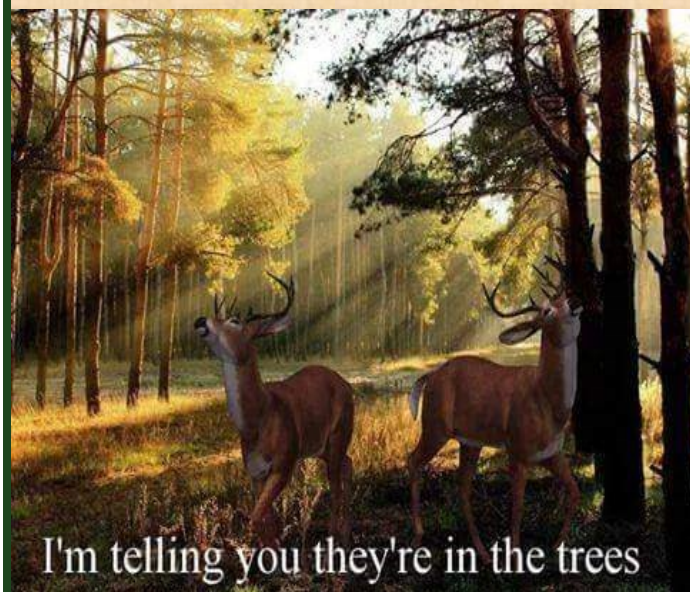
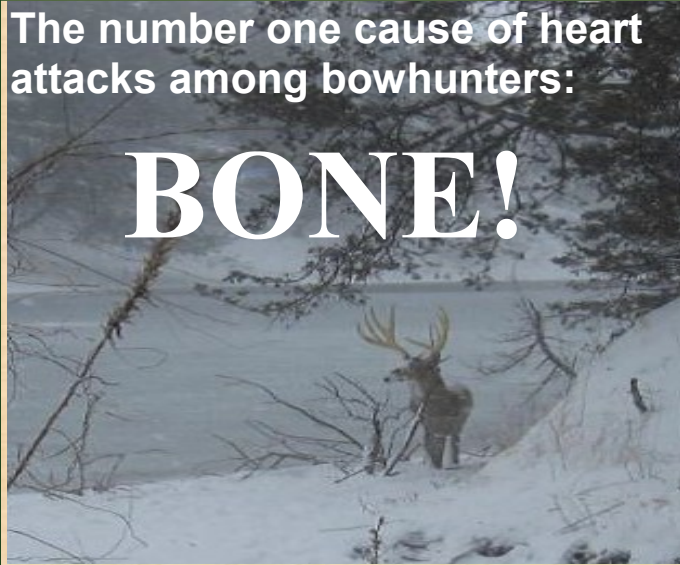
Will and his brother enjoyed many varied hunting adventures chasing almost any bird or animal available. In fact, Maurice would encourage novice archers to hone their skill by shooting woodpeckers saying "It is only by intelligent watchfulness and perseverance that perfect shooting is attained."

The Thompson brothers helped found the National Archery Association in 1879. That the Thompson brothers' influence on modern archery and bowhunting was profound is without question.



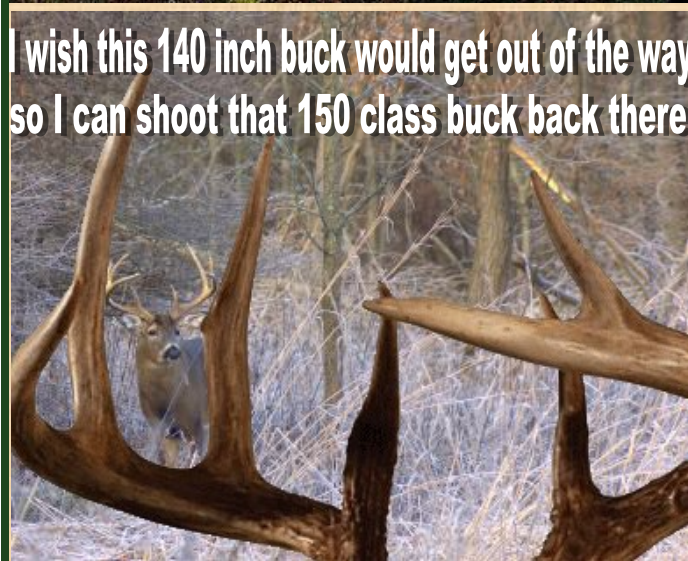
The number one cause of heart attacks among bowhunters:

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I'm telling you they're in the trees

I wish this 140 inch buck would get out of the way so I can shoot that 150 class buck back there!





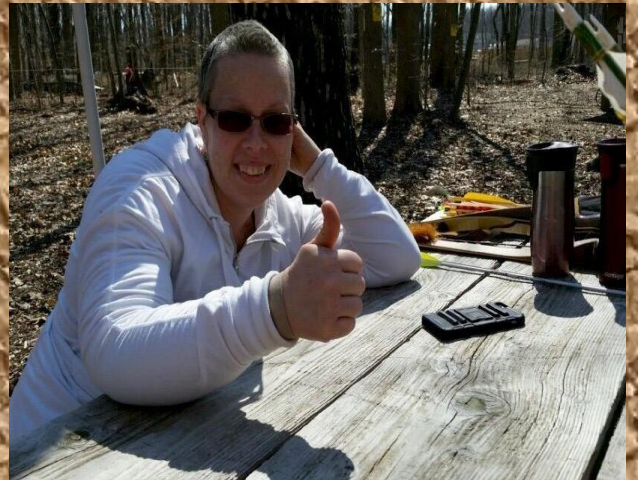
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March Madness



L to R: Mike Mohl, Ray Iglesias, Frank Florio and Pete LeMason.



L to R: Frank Florio, Pete Onesti and Ray Iglesias.



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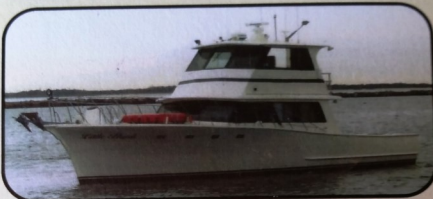
TANJ & Gutyankers at SCFGPA



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Throwback to the 1965 NJSFAA Traditional Championship. Our champion none other than TANJ Senior member Jim "The Fonz" Ellis (far right).



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Jeff Strauss



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Jeff Strauss: Bowyer and owner of Allegheny Mountain Bows has, for the past six years, graciously donated custom bows for the winner of our Annual TANJ Texas-Wac-Um Charity Contest held at the April Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous. Please look for his Ad in our TANJ magazine. Looking for a fast shooting bow? Then give him a call. We greatly appreciate his very generous sponsorship. Jeff can be contacted at jmsfire27@msn.com.



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TANJ Members: TANJ and Black Knight membership helped the Jackson & New Egypt Boy Scouts learn the Art of Archery for their "Arrow of Light" Ceremony. This is where the Cub Scouts cross over to Boy Scouts. It was held the Sunday right after the NJ Bowhunters Game Dinner at 10 a.m. It was a great group of kids and what we do and support our youth. It was 4 hours of non-stop fun. Bud Thomas & Gene Grodzki were the coordinators and did a great job!



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The Grayling Super Kodiaks of the 1970s



A 1970 Super Kodiak

By Jorge L. Coppen

First introduced in 1950, The Bear Kodiak did not just materialize as a conceptual drawing. It is well known that the predecessor of the Kodiak line was bowyer Nels Grumley's "Deerslayer." But, it wasn't until 1964 that the modern Kodiak form and lines really began to take shape. Then in 1965 and 1966 the look of the Kodiaks was cemented in the minds of archers as the true modern top of the line production bow. Of course, 1966 represented the end of the Grayling made "Kodiak" after 17 years of production. While the Kodiak was again featured in the 1967 catalog, none with a 7L (60") or 7S (64") serial number prefix indicating 1967 production are known to exist. As you read in my previous article, the phenolic "black beauty" Super Kodiak replaced the "Kodiak" in the 1967 ½ Bear Archery catalog. So, the 1966 model marked the end of the reign of the Bear Kodiak as the "King" of the hunting bows.

The advent of the "Super Kodiak" in 1967 began an era of evolution for these finest of Bear bows. Many changes occurred throughout the Super K years and these nuances are very useful to help in aging your Bear late-60s and 1970s era Super Ks.

In 1970, Bear Archery again reinvented the Super Kodiak with a stunning two-tone model made of Hard-Rock Maple impregnated with Futurewood™ and black fiberglass. The 1970 catalog stated: "Fred Bear's personal choice for more than 20 years." The bow came with "Prefurred" silent arrow plate and arrow rest, three-ply protective Bear-glass overlays on limb tips and three-ply fiberglass overlays on the back of handle. Featuring Fred

Bear's trade-name Fascor® limb treated core, it came in 60" or 64" lengths to accommodate longer draws. A 5-inch hunting sight and stabilizer bushing (called the Converta-Accessory insert) and quick-connect were optional. The upper limb logo, located on the back of the limb read: "Bear Glass Powered® Super Kodiak®." The Standing Bear logo with 1953 Canada patent was applied on the belly side of the lower limb. This trend would change in 1972 when both logos would begin appearing on the belly side of the limbs and the standing bear logo was now under a US patent. In 1971, the Converta-Accessory insert became standard equipment on Bear recurves and the 64" model was no longer offered. This new look for the Super K remained unchanged in 1972. A brass "Standing



L to R: 1970, 1971-72, 1973-74, 1975 and 1976 Bear Super Kodiak made in Grayling, MI.



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Bear” coin was used in Bear risers from 1963-1970 and nickel-silver coins were used in 1971-72. The coins were all flush with the wood until 1972.

Then, by late-1972 a raised “standing bear”” medallion button which came in both gold and chrome covered plastic appeared in Bear Archery bows. It should be noted that using coins/medallions for dating bows is not an absolute rule with Bear bows, as sometimes the plant would just throw medallions in a bin and the bow maker would reach in and grab medallions which may have been from a year or two earlier.

Back in 1968, Bear Archery was sold to the Victor Comptometer Corporation's Recreational Products Group in Chicago. Fred sold the company so he could raise capital to grow the company. Incidentally, even though he was no longer the owner, Fred stayed on as President of Bear Archery Company under Victor...but the change in logo resulted from that transaction.



1973 “Victor” Super Kodiak

By 1973, the “Victor” Super K once again received a new look. The “midnight black” Futurewood™ with “crusader red” angled accent stripes and limb tips against black limb glass looked ominous in one's hands. The white/black/white glass handle overlays remained but the upper limb logo now read: “Super Kodiak with Fascor” and this would remain unchanged through 1976, the last year of production for the Grayling-era Super K. In fact, on many Bear bow models starting at about 1973, a shield-shaped “Victor” sticker was applied over the “Super Kodiak with Fascor” logo. Unlike for pre-

vious model Super K's, this year also saw another nuance in that the upper and lower limb logos were both applied to the belly side of the limbs. This model remained unchanged through 1976.

In 1975, the Super K once again received a new look. Similar to its predecessor, it featured a “midnight black” Futurewood™ riser. However, it now carried blue accent stripes and blue limb tips while it retained the decorative black & white layered glass handle overlays.

This was also the last year that the “Prefurred” arrow plate and Bearhair arrow rest was standard equipment. The 1975 catalog quoted Fred Bear: “*This bow has a special place in my memory for it was on my third trip to the arctic for a polar bear that I used this model...Finally in 1966 after 25 days on the polar ice, north of Point Barrow I was able to successfully complete my quest for the elusive Great Ice Bear.*”

It wasn't until 1976 that the Super K featured three-



1975 Super Kodiak



L to R: 1973-74, 1975 and 1976 (first year of the Futurewood™ handle overlays.



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L to R: Upper limb (belly side) of the 1970, 1971-72, 1973-74 "Victor", 1975 and 1976 (first year of Futurewood™ handle overlays).

ply Futurewood™ handle overlays instead of glass for the first time. By this year, the Weatherest® arrow rest came as standard equipment as well.

And so ended the era of the Grayling Super Kodiak, a collectible bow to this day. Next issue, look for my chronology of the Bear Archery Commemorative Super Kodiak.

Below is a table that you can use to date your Super Kodiak from its introduction in mid-1967 through 1976, the last year of the venerable Grayling-made Bear Super Kodiak.



This series of articles is dedicated to the memory of TANJ member Al Reader, hunter of bows.

YEAR	AMO LENGTH	RISER WOOD	MEDALLION	GLASS COLOR	OVERLAY COLOR	SERIAL # PREFIX
1967 1/2	60" or 64"	BLACK FORMICA	BRASS STAND- ING BEAR COIN	BLACK	WHITE/BLACK/WHITE GLASS	7Z/7Y ^b
1968	60" or 64"	BLACK FORMICA ROSEWOOD CAP	BRASS STAND- ING BEAR COIN	BLACK	WHITE/BLACK/WHITE GLASS	8Z/8Y ^b
1969	60" or 64"	BLACK FORMICA ROSEWOOD CAP	BRASS STAND- ING BEAR COIN	BLACK	WHITE/BLACK/WHITE GLASS	9Z/9Y ^b
1970	60" or 64"	BROWN/BLACK FUTUREWOOD Rosewood stripe	BRASS STAND- ING BEAR COIN	BLACK	WHITE/BLACK/WHITE GLASS	KZ/KY
1971 ^a - 72 ^{c d}	60"	BROWN/BLACK FUTUREWOOD Rosewood stripe	NICKEL-SILVER STANDING BEAR COIN	BLACK	WHITE/BLACK/WHITE GLASS	KZ/KY
1973 ^e -74	60"	MIDNIGHT BLACK FUTUREWOOD Crusader Red Stripe	STANDING BEAR BUTTON	BLACK <i>With FASCOR</i>	WHITE/BLACK/WHITE GLASS	KZ
1975	60"	MIDNIGHT BLACK FUTUREWOOD Blue Stripe	STANDING BEAR BUTTON	BLACK <i>With FASCOR</i>	WHITE/BLACK/WHITE GLASS	KZ
1976	60"	MIDNIGHT BLACK FUTUREWOOD Blue Stripe	STANDING BEAR BUTTON	BLACK <i>With FASCOR</i>	MIDNIGHT BLACK/ PURPLE (OR BLUE) FUTUREWOOD	KZ

^a First year the stabilizer insert became standard equipment.

^b First digit in serial numbers from 1965 to 1969 indicated the last digit of that year. Prefix "Z" indicates 60" and "Y" indicates 64"

^c ALL coins flush with wood until 1972. Late 1972 button medallion now used in both gold and chrome covered plastic.

^d In 1972 both silk-screen logos appear on the belly side of the limbs and now only a U.S. patent would appear on the lower limb.

^e Starting in 1973 only a U.S. patent number is used.



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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 magazine 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 magazine 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 magazine is there for everyone. If you have any archery items you would like to sell, we'll put an ad in the magazine for you. If you have a story or pictures you would like to share, we would be very happy to put them in the magazine. 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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Grousehaven



By Jorge L. Coppen

Grousehaven Hunting Camp...the Bear Archery hunting retreat for decades is steeped in bowhunting history. No, Fred Bear never owned Grousehaven. He leased the land from owner Bill Boyer, who was a retired General Motors executive. An old green-painted, one-story farmhouse converted to a lodge was the center of activity at Grousehaven for many years. Some time later a new four-bedroom cabin dubbed the "Taj Mahal" was built right across the driveway and Mr. Boyer also had a cabin constructed for himself across from the main lodge. Fred often occupied it too.



Grousehaven was 3,000 acres large, located just a couple of miles southeast of Rose City, Michigan in Ogemaw County. The parcel was adjacent to the Rifle River State Recreation Area (SRA). Both parcels were part of the same property before the state of Michigan purchased the Rifle River SRA land in the mid-1940s.

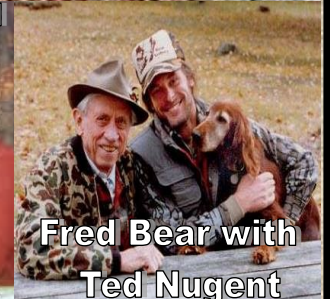
Bear Archery would lease the property for a month during the fall every year for their annual deer camp rendezvous. Fred would invite many prominent guests and share camp with celebrities, friends and factory workers alike. They would have a group of guests arrive for a week at a time and Fred Bear would invest tens of thousands of dollars to ensure his guests had all the comfort, food and libations they desired. In fact, men with names like Bob Munger, Tom Jennings, Jim Dougherty, Len Cardinale, Arthur Godfrey,

Ted Nugent, Joe Engle and General Curtis LeMay and many other folks representing company presidents, leaders, Bear Archery salesmen and other staff, and friends of Bear Archery had been to deer camp at Grousehaven over the decades. The lodge typically hosted about 100 bowhunters every October during deer season.

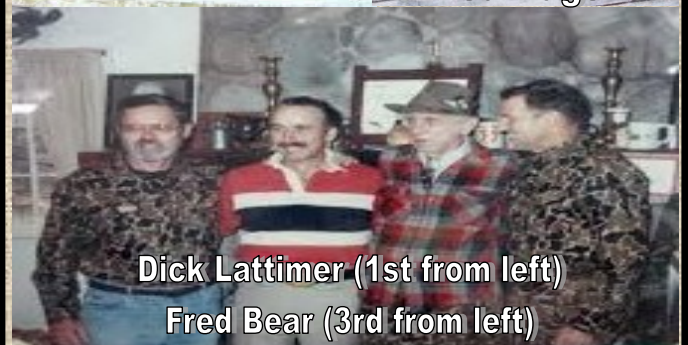
Last hunt held in 1989



Astronaut Joe Engle, Fred and Sherwood Schoch



Fred Bear with Ted Nugent



Dick Lattimer (1st from left)

Fred Bear (3rd from left)



Grousehaven 1972
with Bob Munger

But the guest hunters didn't just come to hunt deer. They came to share the camp atmosphere and the attendant camaraderie and fellowship. This was the tradition known as "Grousehaven."



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Many nights the hunters would gather in the main room that had a fieldstone fireplace where they would discuss their hunting adventures.



With its fairly good road system that cut through the rolling hardwoods and swamps an old jeep would regularly be seen ferrying bowhunters in and out of deer stands or transporting bait and retrieving deer for the game pole. Ray "Hap" Fling served as "Huntmaster" for that hunting lodge for years. The property even featured its own grass air strip dubbed "Boyer International Airport" for guest that flew in for hunts.



A two-track road
through Grousehaven

Fred Bear also had his guests test Bear Archery equipment at camp. In fact, at one point a sign was installed with the words "Proving Grounds Bear Archery", the idea taken from the automotive industry's for a location to test vehicle per-



formance. Fred Bear asked Dick Lattimer to design an embroidered patch that could be handed out to guests hunting at Grousehaven as a memento of their hunt. Initially, he designed a patch dated 1926 to commemorate the founding



of Grousehaven. Later a new patch was designed marking the 50th Anniversary featured "1926 Grousehaven 1926" on the bottom.

In later years at Grousehaven, Fred Bear did little hunting. He attended to be with people, tell tall tales, and chat with his guests sitting around the fireplace as they talked about how many deer were seen on the stand, those missed shots, or any wild stories that would pop up. To see the lost Fred Bear interview from 1985 at Grousehaven visit Youtube.com and type: "The Lost Fred Bear Interview".

HAPPY HUNTING

Fred Bear



Fred Bear takes a smoke break at "Grousehaven", Bear Archery's 3,000-acre deer camp near Rose City, Michigan where he had his last hunt on earth October, 1987.



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WOODSMOKE

Another true story

It's mid-August and I'm sweating it out in a pop-up blind in Southwest New Mexico hoping for a Pronghorn to come to water. As the day got hotter I got more bored with the lack of activity. Still I knew the hotter the temperature, the thirstier the antelope would get. The waiting game ensued. I spent much of the time just daydreaming as the only other activity was watching all the strange insects native to that ecoregion crawl around under my feet inspecting the shadows of the dome or watching for speed goats.

A couple of hours into my vigil I hear a slithering sound near a crack in the bottom of the pop-up blind. Into my blind crawls a brown snake, flicking its forked tongue to inspect the strange new surroundings. Startled, I turn my head for a better look and he catches my movement. "Snake!" It lifts his head to fix its gaze upon me. I inspect his head and eyes and determine it is not one of those pesky venomous types and I relax a bit. You might make some good limb backing!

He crawls forth along the front edge of my blind seemingly unafraid of me and comes to a small shrub I had not stomped down. He coils up the shrub and stops...just staring at me. Then it dawned on me that if I were to get a shot opportunity, I would need to slide off my seat and kneel for the shot right in front of where he was coiled. So, I decided to shoo him out of the blind with my bow limb. As he retreated outdoors back under the front of the blind I bid my new snake friend, "Ol' brownie", a peaceful mouse hunt and went back to my daydreams. Most snakes are docile and can be handled if you're careful but I don't like surprises in close quarters, even if he was a quieter roommate than those punks I shared space with back in the college.

An hour and a half later, it's now past noon and I decide to eat lunch. As I reach forward to lay my bow against the wall of the blind, I glance down and see Ol' Brownie is coiled back up in the same damn shrub, staring right at me!

Jeez!! Don't do that to me Brownie! Finally, I had enough so I stood up and lifted the blind up over my head and shoed him out again. "Now git!" I sat down, accommodated things in the blind again to be ready for any shots and went ahead with my lunch plans. As I finished my sandwich. I reached down for my drink and there coiled in the same damn shrub was none other than.....'Ol Brownie !!!



TANJ mentioned in NJ Federation of Sportsman Clubs May Newsletter - Article by Gene Grodzki!

Traditional archery has become very popular in recent years. The "Traditional Archers of New Jersey," a.k.a. TANJ (www.tradnj.com) shoot only Longbows and Recurve bows and are dedicated to shooting "as it was done" for thousands of years before invention of the compound bow. It is great fun to shoot simple, uncomplicated equipment. Groups of traditional archers seem to spend more time laughing and having fun than shooting. (Maybe that's why Robin Hood's men were "Merry?")

As with golf courses, different archery field ranges can be more challenging. Some ranges have a fair number of up-or down-hill shots. Imagine shooting down a very steep hill, through the trees, at a small target 65 yards away... and drilling the middle. What could be more exciting than that? New Jersey happens to have some great elite shooters who can drill the bull's-eye regularly at these distances. For all of this, there is a thrill in getting all



At the first Black Knights Thursday Night Open this year Avery was shooting the 3D course. His father Dino is a TANJ member and proud that his son was picked along with 29 other young athletes around United States as a member of the Junior Olympic Dream Team. Yes he does shoot a compound but we're here to support him and wish him all the luck in the world!

Gerry "Doc" DeCaro, TANJ President



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POPE AND YOUNG CLUB



Dear Doc,

The Pope and Young Club would like to take a more proactive role in protecting and defending the future of bowhunting across North America. We recognize that many State and Local organizations are struggling with retaining members as well as energizing and engaging "working members". Fewer and fewer people want to belong to clubs today.

Collectively, we did a great job of creating and improving bowhunting opportunities over the last 50 years. Sadly, we are beginning to see a reversal in those efforts and if we can't re-energize the bowhunting public we will begin to lose much of what we fought so hard to accomplish. It is already happening. Most bowhunting seasons take place during preferred times of the year - during the peak of the rut, early seasons and late seasons. Everyone else wants to hunt when we hunt and they are beginning to creep in. We have to be stronger at all levels so we can fight back the continued efforts to erode our seasons.

We would like to work with your organization to improve our strength across all of North America. First, we would like to engage in a joint effort to increase membership in both organizations. We would like to have a letter or brochure from you that we could send to our members encouraging them to become involved at the state and local level and specifically promote your organization. Second, we would like for you to do the same, promoting P&Y within your membership so we can have a stronger voice at the national level. Third, we would like to engage in conversation with your organization regarding joint efforts which would include fundraising, membership drives, shared events and whatever we can come up with that will "protect and defend bowhunting" across North America. The local chapter format works incredibly well for groups like RMEF, Wild Turkey and Pheasant Forever. I don't see why we can't work together at the local level to create the same type of excitement about bowhunting. It is a work in progress and we need your input to figure out what works best for all of us.

Recently we delivered an application to our members to help us build a strong national presence. Please contact us if you think we can work together on any of these ideas. I see this as being vitally important to the future of bowhunting.

Sincerely,

Jim Willems, Pope and Young Club President
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TANJ member Dorie Tully wife of Gutyanke Mike Tully attended her first 3D camp-away 3D shoot attending the Baltimore Traditional Classic this past May 16th & 17th. At the end of the day she made this 50 yd. 10x ring shot with her new longbow and cannot wait for her next 3D shoot.

Dear Mike Tully of the Gutyanke's,

I want to thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for the bow, arrows, and the equipment that you gave to me. At first, when I was presented with the bow, I was never going to expect a bow that was very fine looking. The color of the arrow fletchings are my favorite and how the colors are like a tiger's skin. The quiver is quite handy for keeping my arrows in. The bow's color is another thing I really love as it has a dark wood color to it. I will put the bow and arrows along with the quiver to great use. Thank you so much for giving the bow and arrows to me. I will proudly wear the Gutyanke's badge closely to my heart. I hope some day that I can meet you and thank you personally.

With appreciation,

Matthew Nagy

Thank
You





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Whittingham 2015

Over 134 archers clutched their paying cards hoping their names would be called after being entered in the Grand Prize drawing which held on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on right side of the Red Barn. John Hoinowski won! he was contacted at home on Monday April 27th around noon time and had 7 days to arrange to pick up his new Allegheny Mountain Bow 48#28" 64".



Al Klenk, TANJ President Gerry "Doc" De Caro and Jeff Strauss holding Allegheny Mt. Bow won by John Hoinowski (donated by Jeff for Texas TANJ Wac Um). Jeff has



John MacCallum cooked up a Sea-food Crayfish Clam Lobster Sausage Shrimp Boil at our TANJ camp. Fed over 25! Seven more servings to go behind it!!!



Scout troop 34 from Jackson carried Old Glory.



TANJ Jr. member Lex hanging out at the TANJ booth enjoying a cookie made by TANJ member Nina Harby.



Scout Troop 34 members working aerial discs.



Scout Troop 34 member with a near bullseye on an aerial disc.



Kevin Grella did a great job as our Cook and his crew from Scout Troop 34 Jackson ate well..



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Whittingham 2015



It was cold out and the new TANJ fur hat pieces were the rage because it was 26 degrees Friday morning sold out fast.



TANJ members ready to go and shoot some 3-D but stopped to buy some hats and shirts and to say hello.

The Traditional Archers of New Jersey and our hosts, the Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County sponsored the 17 Scouts from Troop 34, Jackson New Jersey at the 23rd Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous along with our lender archery equipment. We had special archery classes held by TANJ members Mike Tully, Phil Muller and "Doc" DeCaro. We thank TANJ member Mark Dreyfus Asst. Scout Master for arranging things and supervising the scouts, making sure they were safe but most of all having a great time camping and learning the art of Archery.

God Bless Our Youth—They are Our Future. Gery "Doc" DeCaro, Still TANJ President.





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BIGFOOT OPEN

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Last 9 men standing



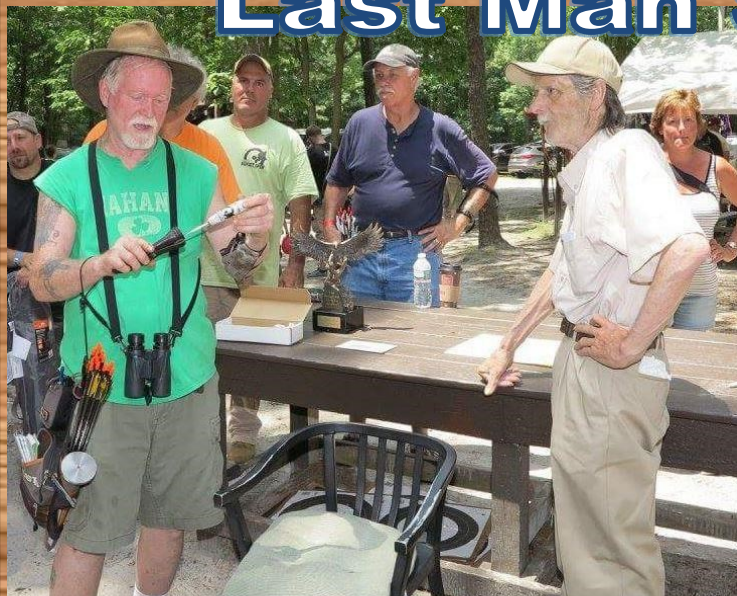


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Last Man Standing



Marvin Mahana, winner of the 2015 TANJ/BKB Last Man Standing with Paul Wynans, BKB President after receiving his Irene Bowers Custom Stag engraved knife donated by TANJ.



Last Man Standing Elite (L to R): Kyle O'Donnel (2nd place), Marvin Mahana (1st place) and Tom Higgins (3rd place).



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Venison Recipes

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- 3 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 2 lbs. lean Venison - cut into 1 in. cubes
- 1/4 cup all-purpose Flour
- 2 tsp. Sea Salt
- 2 tsp. Paprika
- 2 tsp. Garlic Powder
- 1 tsp. Cayenne Pepper
- 1 tsp. Black Pepper
- 1 tsp. Onion Powder
- 1 tsp. Dried Oregano
- 1 tsp. Dried Thyme
- 1 large Sweet Onion - chopped
- 6 small Red Potatoes - cut into 1 in. cubes
- 3 medium Celery Stalks - chopped
- 3 medium Carrots - chopped
- 2 large Garlic Cloves - finely chopped
- 1 28-oz. can of whole peeled Tomatoes - sliced, slightly drained
- 1 Tbsp. fresh Basil Leaves - finely chopped

Marinate your venison stew meat overnight and add some of your favorite spices to add flavor as desired. Brown your meat cubes in a pan of olive oil. Put the browned venison cubes along with all the rest of the ingredients in your crock pot and cook on low for a few hours.

Ready to eat? OK, now crack open your favorite beverage, toast up some crusty bread or get yourself some Tostitos Scoops! tortilla chips.

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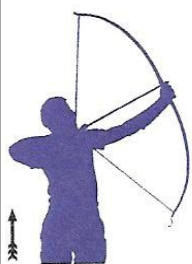
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Membership in the United Bowhunters of New Jersey is not required, but we strongly encourage you to join.

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.

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Send Application and Fee to: Ron Ellison - c/o Traditional Archers of New Jersey - 539 Oaktree Lane - Jackson, NJ 08527

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