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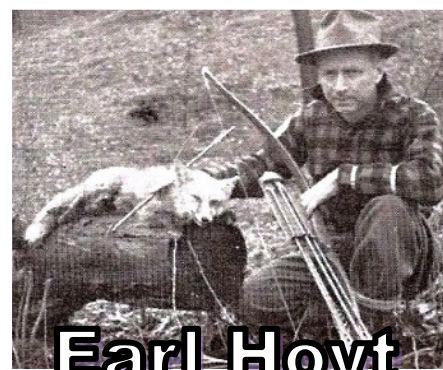
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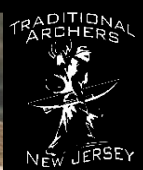
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you read this the 11TH Annual NJ Bowhunters Game Dinner has already come and gone a report will follow the next issue we thank all the attended especially all our members and sponsors!

We had our 21st **Cabin Fever** at Black Knights, Jackson and Saturday we had over 35 members of Black Knights and TANJ combined come out and help including TANJ member Mark Dreyfus and his Troop 34 Boy Scout Troop. Sunday the day of the event it was raining then snow sleet but over 55 came out and had a great time. Look at our web site for a story along with pictures of those that attended.

Our next 3-D is the 2nd **Annual TANJ/Obisquasoit "Traditional Bows Only"** shoot to be held on Sunday March 29th down south. This is run by TANJ Father and Son members Pete and Dave Onesti. Please see flyer in this newsletter and watch your email blast. Last year was our first year and over 70 attended. It was great and OBiss has the best contest and 3D ranges, outstanding indoor kitchen and indoor range. All of our 3D shoots are Swap Meets so load the truck and come on day to sell and barter all we ask is that you register and sign the insurance waiver.

The 23rd **Annual Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous** will be here April 24th - 26th. Please see the flyer in this issue, yes we are all camping the entire weekend. We cannot wait to fling some arrows and break some wood and meet our brothers and sisters of the Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County. Once again I wish to thank them for opening their arms and hearts to us. Did you know it was also its TANJ's 22nd Anniversary. We started back in May 1992 when four Traditional Bowhunters responded to their friends request and started the Traditional Bowhunters of New Jersey. The charter members were Donald Ferraro, George Louis, Al Reader and Joel Riotto.

This year's proceeds of the Texas-Wac-Um event to be held the entire weekend will be donated to sponsor the Handicap Olympic Archery Tournament which will hopefully be held in Clark N.J. July 18th & 19th they expect close to 500 handicap & wheelchair archery participants. Texas-Wac-Um top prize will be an Allegheny Mountain bow that was graciously donated for the 6th year by TANJ member Jeff Strauss and we are happy to say they are back and wow what a line of bows. They are looking for volunteers to help the kids!!

We are now in talks with a few TANJ members about our Annual TANJ Saturday night Banquet dinner with TANJ hosting our Saturday "Pig Out" in Field #1 which is always free to all TANJ members that dues are paid in full (2015) that attend. That is another reason for paying your dues for 2015! This year we again will host Eagle Saturday & Sunday

for one hour each day which will be run by TANJ VP Ron Ellison and TANJ Member Joe Serrano.

If you never entered the Denton Hill ETAR Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous Eagle Eye qualifier is held by different clubs before ETAR Denton Hill July shoot off. Here is how it works- you try to hit a 1" orange dot at 15 yards with an aluminum carbon or wood arrow to qualify only. If you succeed at Whittingham then you move on the next round which is held at Denton Hill with one shot with a wood arrow only. If you miss that one shot on chance only you are out of the competition, last year they had well over 275 compete. You can win money and a beautiful trophy and proceeds generated goes towards the ETAR's Charity fund in which they donate every year to help Youth Archery or Wounded Warriors.

Our 22nd **Annual TANJ meeting** hopefully will be "standing room only" again It's always held April 25th Saturday mid morning of Whittingham at 11:30 AM in the 2nd floor classroom of the Big Red Barn.

Back in December through our "**Al Reader Archery in Schools Program**" we helped raise over \$3000 and helped co-sponsor the Sussex County Charter School and their NASP Archery Team of NJ. This and many other of our donations could not have been possible without your continued support

of our yearly 3-D events, purchasing merchandise and your donations towards our "Al Reader Archery in our Schools program."

Please visit our web page www.tradnj.com and look under "Latest TANJ Scoop" you will find what your organization is about and our events with pictures.

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Gerry "Doc" DeCaro
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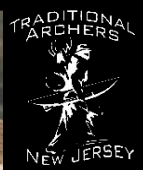
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The legendary Earl Hoyt...

Earl Hoyt, Jr. shares the distinction of being honored as a charter member of the NBHF with other archery greats as Fred Bear, Saxton Pope and Art Young. Earl Hoyt also shares the distinction of being inducted in the Bowhunters Hall of Fame.



Dr. Saxton Pope's book "Hunting with the Bow and Arrow" and earlier generations of Hoyt family craftsmen influenced Earl's love of archery.

In 1942 Earl talked his father into building an archery business dubbed the Hoyt Archery Company. Earl was the founder, owner and president. Archery became a family affair with his wife Ann and mother serving as managers for the company.

To Earl, archery was "not only a vocation but an avocation." What followed was a host of innovative archery bow designs. Among his notable contributions were the first major breakthrough in bow design, introducing both the dynamic balance limbs and limbs of equal length in 1947. In 1948, he designed and introduced the overdraw bow. Hoyt also developed the semi-pistol grip on bow handles which led to the full pistol grip in 1956. In the late-1950s, Hoyt invented the Stabilizer. In 1951, the recurve deflex-reflex design appeared in Hoyt bows. Hoyt developed a short recurve hunting bow in 1953. Hoyt and his bows have competed in a number of archery tournaments including the Olympics which won gold, silver and bronze medals. In 1977, Earl received the National Archery Association's highest award the Thomson Medal of Honor. The industry has relied upon his expertise many times while he served as a member of the Standards Committee for the Archery Manufacturers Organization and served as president in 1964.

In 1989, the Hoyt family started Sky Archery which still produces quality archery equipment including longbows and recurves. Many knew Hoyt as a kind and gentle soul who dedicated his life to promoting archery for over 65 years! Hoyt's achievements in the manufacturing of bowhunting equipment are well known. Hoyt archery today, is a multi-million dollar company dedicated to preserving Earl's heritage and tradition.



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We are proud to announce that 19 week old Eric is now TANJ's youngest member to date. As you can see he's already dreaming of going bowhunting with his new longbow in New York State for Bear with his proud grandfather Joel Riotto!



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1st Annual "Shoot for the Girls" for Breast Cancer

Doc and the TANJ. Membership,

Thank you so much for coming to the shoot on Saturday which was held at Shooters Range and for your very kind donation to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Your participation and organization's support meant the world to me! Hope to see you again soon.

Jen Dean, Rad Strings



El Presidente, Gerry Doc DeCaro schmoozing it up with TV star Brenda Valentine, the First Lady of hunting. Brenda is a National Spokesperson for the National Wild Turkey Federation, a member of the Bass Pro Shops' Redhead National Pro-Hunting Team and the National legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame. She is a co-host for Bass Pro Shops' Real Hunting show. ...It must be true what it says on Doc's shirt...

"Doc...The Man, The Myth The Legend!"



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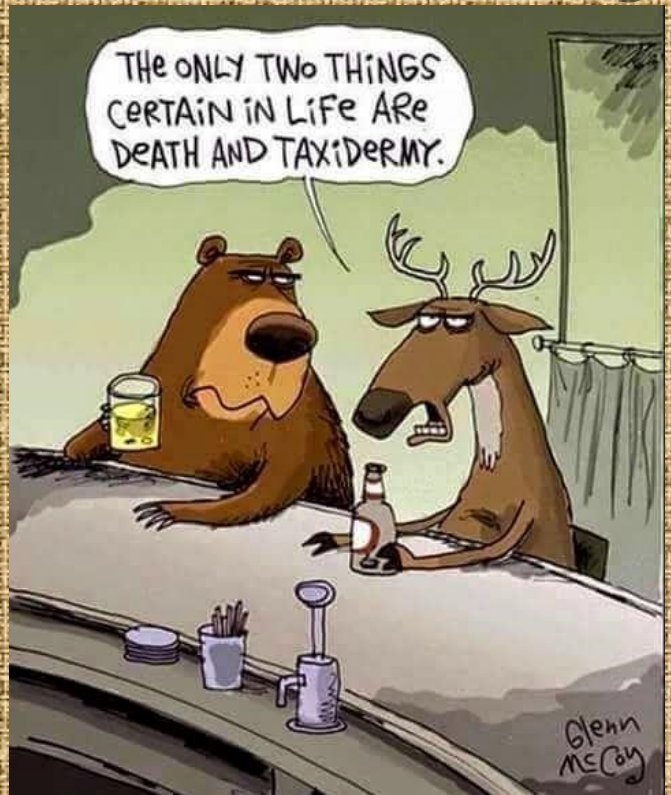


TANJ World of Archery

Dear Gerry "Doc" DeCard and TANJ

I wanted to personally thank you for your monetary donation towards the Socst PE Department Archery Programs, with your help along w/ other grants and funding, socst PE was able to purchase new archery equipment that will benefit the entire school during the Archery unit in PE classes. The PE staff as well as the Archer students are very excited.

Thank again
Miss Elise Tooker & PE Staff



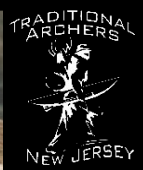
Point them in the right direction
and pray hard.





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TANJ member Ray Iglesias...Archery hat trick!

- 1) Won the 3rd Muzzy Invitational Stump Shoot Longbow division on August 10th at Central, New York. That make Ray's 3rd First Place win this year.
- 2) Won 1st place at the Big Foot Black Knight/TANJ Last Man Standing Black Knights NJ
- 3) Won 2nd place at ETAR Denton Hill Eagle Eye Shoot off Coudersport ,PA.

We are proud to have Ray as a TANJ member!

Gerry "Doc" DeCaro, El Presidente



Kids learning to Shoot in the Traditional Way
Robin Hood Longbows Hats.

Rob DiStefano, TANJ's Web Master -

Rob has been involved in archery since the mid 1950's when his Dad got him started in shooting, and crafting bowstrings, arrows, and quivers. Rob went on to make and sell custom endless bowstrings for years. Back in the late 60s to early 70s he was the "compound doctor", building and changing cables, tuning wheel bows. He shot compounds for a few years but only target shooting, and always practiced roving and hunting with a longbow.



A very active NAA and NFAA competitive tournament archer through the 60s and 70s, he started the Pelham Archers archery club (Bronx) with over 250 members that held outdoor NFAA field and NAA target tournaments at their own large New York City chartered outdoor range with a 28-target field course just off of city island. The club participated with other archery clubs in NY/NJ/CT Tri-State archery tournaments such as the Commanche Bowmen (Brooklyn) and other city-based clubs. They took trips to Watkins Glen for the outdoor championships and to Albany for the indoor championships.

Today, Rob is a consultant in the telecommunications industry and enjoys the revival of traditional archery—shooting longbows for target and roving fun. According to Rob, "I have lots of other interests - surfing, scuba diving, model airplanes, sailing hobie cats, the list goes on but I'm waaay too old for most of that stuff these days!"





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Sussex County Charter School students learn the thrill of archery

Some 225 middle school students at the Sussex County Charter School for Technology (SCCST) have been delving into the great sport of archery this school year. The interest level of the students' in learning more about archery resulted in the awarding of five grants to the innovative public school totaling nearly \$3,000 in funds for future archery programs and equipment. These funding grants were awarded by the New Jersey Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJASPERD), New Jersey Fish and Wildlife, The Appalachian Bowman's Club of Sussex County, United Bow Hunters of New Jersey, The Gutyankers and the Traditional Archers of New Jersey.



Elise Tooker, physical education teacher at the Sussex County Charter School, declared: *"We are so grateful to these generous organizations, the local community and our Parent Teacher Organization for supporting our efforts to teach students about the fundamentals of archery in our physical education classes. We are extremely excited to have our very own equipment at the school so students can enjoy archery throughout the school year."*

Beyond opportunities to learn the fundamentals of archery through this November, students also received an invitation to compete in a tournament on November 25 to determine who will compete at the **National Archery in the Schools Program**, which is a statewide competition hosted in the Spring. The SCCST team will consist of 17 members.

"Archery provides us with the ability to connect students to health, physics, nature and athletics all at once. Archery has become a very popular sport among our middle school students, which has made Physical Education an exciting class where students can learn to develop their skills and passion for the sport." Tooker said.

Doc's Hamburger: 1-1/2 lb. Venison, 1/4 pound pork. Dip one slice white bread in small amt. milk then squeeze out milk from bread. Discard milk, add bread slice, add dry bread crumbs then add 1 egg + grated Italian cheese, 1 tablespoon of ricotta cheese, salt, pepper to taste. Cut up small onion mix in a bowl with your hands and fry on low heat.





A history of the Fred Bear Woody Take-down bow

By Jorge L. Coppen

Fred Bear had experimented with his take-down bow ideas over the course of some 30 years. He took his first design for a take-down bow to Mozambique in 1965 and tested it on a hunt for Cape Buffalo, Said Fred, "The meanest animal I ever faced." At the time, the latching mechanism proved too expensive to market. Hence, Bear re-designed the latch mechanism in the mid-1960's that would require no tools for assembling the bow. He field-tested them in Alaska and South America in 1966, '67 and '68. He took three moose, one caribou, two deer and an 1800 pound Asiatic Buffalo with his take-down models.



Production of the Bear wooden take-downs began in August, 1969 but did not appear in the catalogs as available until 1970 through 1972, with only a few made in 1973 and '74 from the remaining inventory of take-down parts at the factory. The interchangeable limbs of three lengths (#1, #2 or #3) that could be added to either an "A", "B" or "C" handle made for various lengths to allow an archer to pick the combination which best fit his or her needs. The chart below, reproduced from the 1971 Bear Archery Catalog, shows the diversity of lengths...

A riser: #1 limbs = 56" AMO
#2 limbs = 58" AMO
#3 limbs = 60" AMO

B riser: #1 Limbs = 60" AMO
#2 Limbs = 62" AMO
#3 Limbs = 64" AMO

C riser: #1 Limbs = 66" AMO
#2 Limbs = 68" AMO
#3 Limbs = 70" AMO



A 1970s Bear Take Down handle signed by "Fred Bear" himself is one coveted bow!

Bear Take-Down woody handles made in 1969-70, came to be known as the "Type I" handles and had gold serial numbers in the range of 1000s. Fred Bear had his own arrow rest design in which he cut the arrow rest down below his knuckle so that he arrow passes over the index finger knuckle of his bow hand. Hence, Fred's arrows sat on his knuckle as he drew and shot, not on an arrow rest.



1969-70 Fred Bear Take-Downs

By 1971, a new, thinner handle design with "adjustable arrow plate" gave rise to what would become known as the "Type II" handles and these had gold serial numbers in the 2000s and up. Those woody handles made in 1973-74 can be recognized by their white serial numbers. When you consider that an estimated 800 or so B-handles and some 400 A-handles were made of these early woody take-down bows, such rarity makes for a strong collector piece. Add in the fact that some 10-15% of bows were made in left hand and you realize why they bring such high dollar in auctions...Over a year ago, I saw a lefty Type I handle with dimpled limbs sell for \$3,850! Options for the Bear Take-Down included items as the Bear Omni-Coupler stabilizer bushing and Bear Premier Hunting sight, only listed in the catalog for the "B" handles, and for the second and third years of production. This sight was factory installed in the sight window of the bow.



Early take-down limbs were made with black

L to R: 1971-72 blond, 1980s, and 1980s Bear Take Downs with the "Fred Bear" shelf.



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limb glass and either white overlays in the limb tips or red overlays. White overlays were made before the change to the red overlays. The 1971 Bear catalog show that the earliest of these take-down limbs had a groove at the base and have become referred to as "dimpled" limbs. Most of the Fred Bear "Type 1" take-down bows that I have seen feature these dimpled limbs with low serial numbers and the risers they came with typically had low serial numbers too.

In 1982, the Bear Archery catalog announced the Fred Bear Signature Take-Down Bow in a limited edition of 999 hand-crafted recurve take-down bows. These were personally designed,



numbered and signed by Fred Bear, the only autographed Fred Bear bow ever offered. It came with a black walnut case. The bow riser was constructed of Rosewood and featured African Ebony angled accent stripes commemorating Fred's African and South American hunts. The glass handle was capped with 4 layers of glass signifying the four continents Fred hunted. The limbs were constructed of Yew impregnated with resin covered with transparent glass. Hardware featured 22-karat gold-plated limb latches.

In 1996, with the growing resurgence of traditional archery, Bear Archery brought back some of the famous line of traditional bows steeped in Bear Archery history before they were overshadowed by the popularity of the compound bow. These were presented as the bows of the *new* "Fred Bear Bowhunting Equipment Company." You know you have a 1996 Bear Archery bow if the brass coin in the Riser shows a bust of Fred Bear's face surrounded by the words "Fred Bear

Bowhunting Equipment Co." instead of the Standing Bear logo. Among these bows was the Fred Bear Take-Down, revived in a new look of brown and black Dymondwood hard rock maple. By 1997, Bear Archery released a

separate traditional catalog dubbed "Fred Bear Classics" that went back to the Standing Bear brass coin. This newer brown/black Dymondwood® look remained basically unchanged for many years into the new millennium. This newer



L to R: 1969-70 (Type I), 1971-72 (Type II), mid-1980s (green stripe), 1989 and 1996 Fred Bear Take Down bows.



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brown/black Dymondwood® look remained basically unchanged for many years into the new millennium. Then in 2007, Bear Archery introduced the Take Down Supreme. In 2011, the Bear take down was offered in a "black maple" construction. The 3-piece riser construction was made from black Dymondwood® with angled red accent stripes; the limbs again were fascor-powered and backed and faced with high strength black fiberglass. Tips were handcrafted with layered red Dymondwood® and black fiberglass.

In 2012, the Bear take down took on a yet another new look with the addition of an African Bubinga wood 3-piece riser. You could choose from either a black maple Dymondwood® riser with a red accent stripes or the exotic African Bubinga wood with Bubinga accent stripes.

By 2014, the 3-piece riser is constructed from black maple or a two-tone black maple and African Bubinga with red accent stripes. Super hot...Gotta love them all!



2014



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



L to R: Mid-1980s, mid-1980s, 1988-89 and 1990 Fred Bear Take Down B-handle bows.



When Fred Bear bagged a record Asiatic Buffalo this is the equipment he used.

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Bear Archery Fred Bear Take Down B-handle bow advertisement (circa 1971).



2007-09 Fred Bear Supreme Take-Down Bow (Zebra Wood and Rosewood)



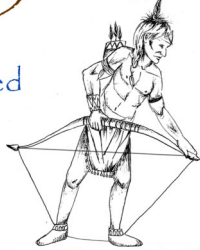
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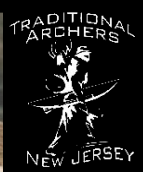


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Hello fellow TANJ members! I would like to remind any members who have not paid their membership dues yet that it would be greatly appreciated if you could do so soon. Our membership dues are due in January regardless of when you joined. A single membership is still only \$15.00. We are keeping the cost the same but it is very difficult when all members do not pay. I know I may be a little repetitive with my membership letter but once again I would like to point out that about \$12.00 of your dues money goes toward the newsletter cost. When some members do not pay, that changes the cost per member to \$15.00 or more. To be fair to everyone, we all need to pay. If anyone has a problem to pay you can call or email me. We'll work it out. My contact info. Is on the inside cover. Next I would like to remind all members to call or email me about any changes to your address, email or telephone number. Telephone numbers and email addresses are a great way to get information out to members quickly, especially when the next newsletter is a long way off. So, take a minute to contact me about any changes or the addition of any information.

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I was thinking about those 100 things that can and will go wrong at the moment of truth when a deer presents a shot and how many of these things had happened to me over the years. You name it...wind swirls, treestand creeks, arrow rolls off shelf, dogs barking, hikers on the trail, a deer shifts its body the wrong way, vitals are screened by shrubs, a twig deflects your shot, etc.

About the only thing I can control is my own decision making. My biggest nemesis over the years? Yep, hesitation at the first clear shot opportunity. I have yet to fully learn that lesson but my memory banks have enough of that kind of data to recall it even under the stress of an imminent shot. With all of this "experience" you expect to know how to improve your odds for a shot in the fleeting moments they are presented.

And so I headed out to the woods for the evening hunt feeling like a salty old veteran bowhunter, ready to adapt to anything nature throws at me. I climbed into my ladder stand and went through the motions of getting ready for the ambush. An hour passed before I saw action. Just as planned a doe comes walking around the blowdown tree to the trail leading down the sidehill on her way to forage. And as planned I waited until she had just passed me to begin my draw. I was just about to touch anchor when it happened. A huge tree branch fell from a tree and landed squarely next to that doe in a thud! This sent her into a full-out tail-up run for cover. My jaw nearly hit the ground as I gaped in total amazement before I even let down. Make that 101 things that can go wrong.

Mandy Bonilla a student of Unity College, Maine sent a few pictures earlier this year. Mandy was a former student from the Ocean County 4-H club that practiced at Black Knight Bowbenders in Jackson in the past.

She now attends Unity College that provides dedicated engage students with a liberal arts education that emphasizes the environment and the natural resources.

A few years ago TANJ voted at our 2012 annual members meeting at Whittingham to sponsor her with equipment since she wanted to continue her love of archery when she entered college and they did not have any traditional equipment available.

Since then she and her roommate formed a traditional archery team that continues to practice at their indoor & outdoor ranges whenever she has time from her classes

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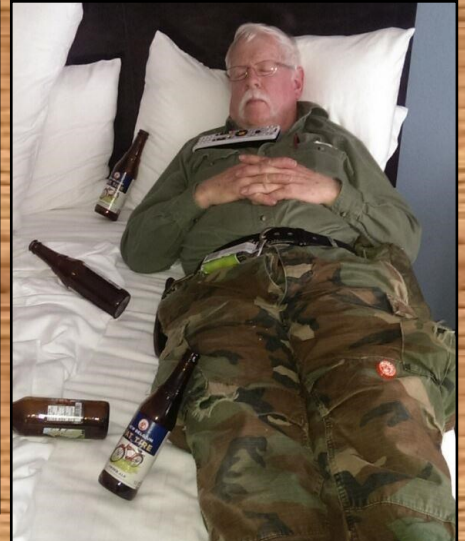
TANJ harvest reports were a bit slow this year but I have faith that next year we'll fill this page with TANJ victory!

Harvests



Gerry "Doc" DeCaro of New Jersey used a Predator Classic 43# curve and a 125-grain Razorcaps broadhead to take this 10-point whitetail buck from the ground.

Doc DeCaro was featured in Traditional Bowhunter "Mag. and won the CRKT knife!



TANJ hog hunter Ron Ellison killed 6 beers in one "outing!"



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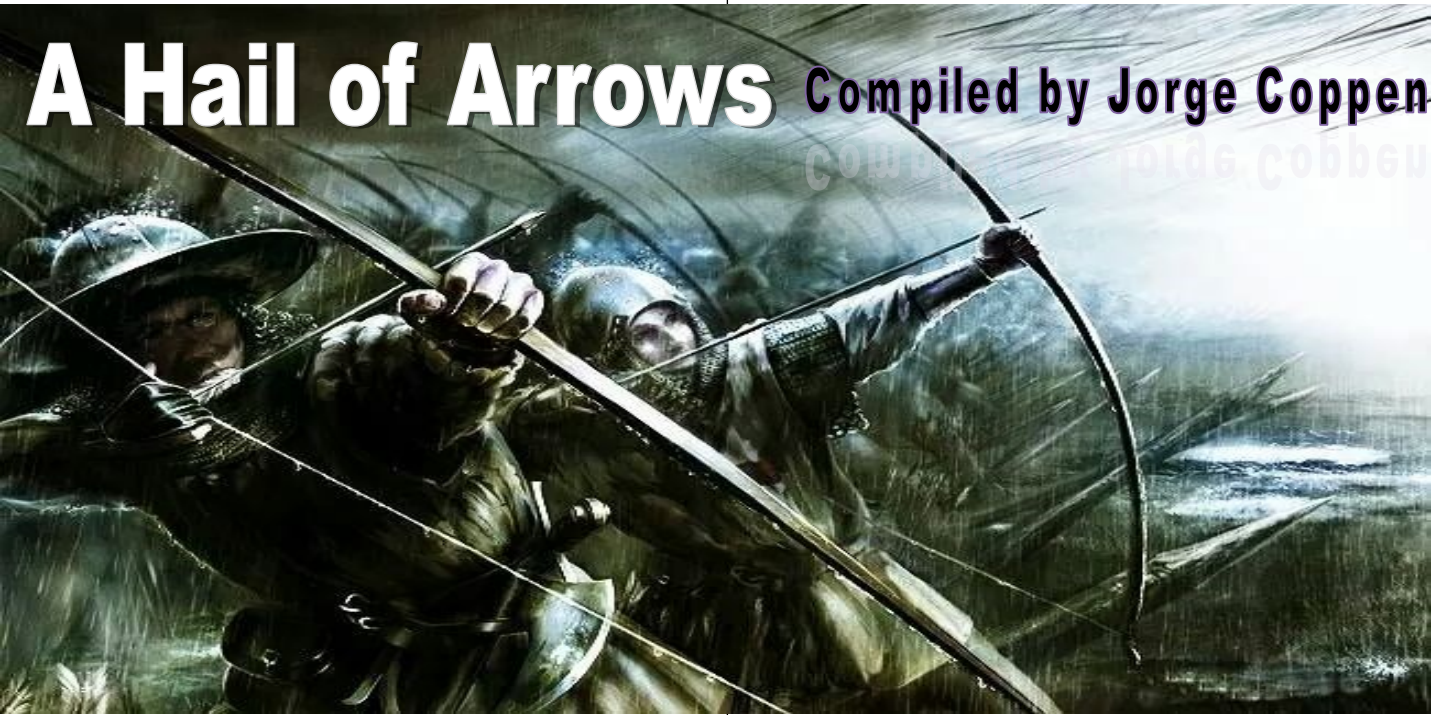
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A Hail of Arrows

Compiled by Jorge Coppen



Longbows are steeped in history. They were likely first used by Germans or Scandinavians circa 500 AD. By 1000 AD it was employed in Wales but it is not known if the Welsh developed them independently of other European cultures.

The best longbows were constructed of yew. Staves were cut in winter, when no sap was running, from the junction of the inner heartwood and the outer sapwood. These staves were seasoned and then worked over a period of three to four years. Today, only six authentic longbows of the era survive, and none from the "golden age." In fact, experts disagree on dimensions. Most give the length as about 70 inches with a draw weight of 75-100 lbs. Arrows were between 27-36 inches long.

Experiments with early longbows revealed that longbows crafted by the best English bowyers could fire an arrow with such force that could penetrate a four-inch oak door with a hand-span of the arrow's shaft exposed on the other side! Trained archers could shoot 12 arrows a minute, but some sources say that the most skilled archers could fire twice as many! Arrows were capable of wounding at 250 yards, killing opposing soldiers

at 100 yards and penetrating armor at 60 yards.

Around 1300 AD, during a skirmish with the Welsh, an English knight received a wound from an arrow that had penetrated his chain mail, passed through his thigh, the chain mail on the other side of his leg, a wooden saddle and wounded his horse! The Englishmen quickly realized the longbow as a deadly weapon of warfare and that many infantrymen could handle such a weapon and truly threaten the best armor of their foe.

The longbows first major success played out at the Battle of Falkirk in 1298 when Edward I defeated William Wallace, largely due to a devastating hail of arrows from Welsh archers against the Scots. English archers proved decisive against the French during the 100 Years War (1337-1453) at the battles of Crecy, Poitiers and Agincourt. Each of these major victories were won against far larger French armies.



At the battle of Agincourt in 1415, 1,000 arrows were fired every second. After the battle, observers wrote that the white feathers protruding from the ground were so thick that it looked like a blanket of snow.





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Bear Black Beauties...Enter the Super Kodiak

By Jorge L. Coppen

In mid-1967, the Bear Archery Company released a 1967 1/2 equipment catalog that announced the new "Super Kodiak" featuring "high compression" materials. It was dubbed as "Fred Bear's New Personal Hunting Bow" and supplanted the "Kodiak" predecessor. The catalog stated that "For many years the Kodiak model has been Fred Bear's choice in hunting bows. Now he has improved the basic Kodiak design with new materials, incorporating refinements resulting from his world-wide hunting experiences. Fred has extensively tested...and approved, the Super Kodiak on such powerful game as African lion Cape buffalo, Alaskan polar bear, British Columbian grizzly bear, New Mexican mule deer, and Michigan whitetail deer. The streamlined jet black limbs and Hi-Compression riser section, accented by



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white caps and tips, crowned arrow rest, and silent arrow plate all combine to blend handsome appearance with solidity, balance and smooth power. And it comes in a custom matched black, fleece-lined, leather-grained expanded vinyl bow case. See it now at your Bear dealer's."

The new "Super K" was also featured on the cover of the 1968 publication entitled "The Archer's Bible", first edition. The new Super K came in two lengths 60" or 64", only cost \$99.95 and could be ordered camouflage-painted for only an additional \$5.00.

The all black recurve featured an all black phenolic handle with angled black accent stripes bordered in hard rock maple. The limb glass was black as well. At some point, unknown to me these bows became known as "Black Beauties", appropriately so!

Starting in 1968, the phenolic handle featured East Indian Rosewood caps with angled brown (Rosewood) accent stripes.

These Rosewood caps were applied to Super Ks through 1969 when the production of phenolic risers



L to R: 1967 1/2 (60"), 1968 (60"), 1968 (64"), and 1969 (64") Super Ks.

ceased...until their revival in

2015! These '68 Super K's Featured Fred Bear's trade-name Fascor® limb treated core for the first time, and Fascor would be applied to Super K limbs through the 70s. All of these black beauties featured a flush brass coin in the riser opposite the shelf, upper limb "Bear Glass Powered • Super Kodiak" logo on the back of the top limb and the Standing Bear with 1953 Canada patent logo 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. Converta-Accessory stabilizer bushing inserts were optional (see photo



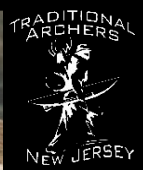
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The new 2015 Black Beauty Super Ks look like the old ones!



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above). These stabilizer bushing began to appear as standard equipment in Bear bows manufactured from 1971 forward. All three production years of the black beauty Super K also featured layered decorative white/black/white fiberglass riser handle caps, white fiberglass reinforced limb tips, white rug rest and calf hair side plates. From 1965 to 1969, the first digit of the serial # indicated the year of manufacture of Bear bows (7 = 1967).

Yes, 1967 marked the end of one era and the beginning of a new one at Bear Archery when after 17 years of production, the Super Kodiak replaced the very popular old Kodiak line of bows. But the Super Kodiak line from Grayling was short-lived as production stopped in 1976 with the advent of the compound bow.

But, good ideas never die. The old "Kodiak" model was revived, in a new look, from the Gainseville, FL factory in 1984 and underwent two basic cosmetic changes in appearance through the early 1990s...until the Super Kodiak reappeared once again in the Bear Archery catalogs of 1996 in yet a new brown/black Dymondwood® look that lasted until 2012 when the red/black Dymondwood® look appeared! Do you yearn for a Black Beauty Super Kodiak?Well, wait no more.....



For 2015, Bear Archery has designed a new version of the venerable Super Kodiak "Black Beauty." Once again, the three-piece riser is black phenolic with angled Bolivian rosewood accent stripes and wedge caps. The limb cores are made with maple laminate and overlaid with high strength black fiberglass. Tips are handcrafted and layered with white fiberglass then the bow is polished to a high gloss finish which makes this bow stand out in looks as well as performance. And once again these bows are available in 60" or 64" AMO lengths to accommodate longer draw lengths.

Looks and feels just like the old vintage Super Kodiak Black Beauties from back in the day! Thanks to Bear Archery for bringing back the old classics from the historic past! ...Good ideas never die.

Over the next couple of issues, look for articles about the Super Kodiak line of models from the 1970s and a review of the chronological history of other famous Bear bows. Long Live Fred Bear!



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





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CABIN FEVER 2015



TANJ President Gerry "Doc" De Caro & some of his TANJ Team holding court at the registration desk.



We had 57 shooters on Sunday. It was cold but there was a nice break in the weather both Saturday and Sunday.



Despite the weather, everybody had a great time at the 2015 Cabin Fever Shoot!



Early Sunday AM started really cold but the sun broke out and made it a balmy 30 degrees!



Ray Juarez and his BKB volunteers did a great job in the kitchen on Sunday serving up some world class chow!



Mr. Roger "3-D" Dean, his bride Jen and daughter Olivia, along with his team of 3-D helpers, made sure the 3-D Range was "Top Notch" despite the snow and ice. Thank you!



Mike Luster gives a thumbs up on the way to the hospital with his personal chauffeur, Ron Ellison

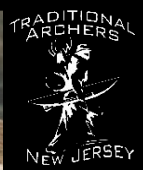


And then...President Obama's private aircraft flew over the range just as the archer's began to shoot!



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Kennewick Man

Another Ancient Archer Unearthed

Kennewick Man is the most important human skeleton ever found in North America—here is his story...

On July 28, 1996 two college students in Kennewick, Washington, stumbled on a human skull while wading in the shallows along the Columbia River. They called the police. The police brought in the Benton County coroner who was puzzled by the skull. He in turn contacted James Chatters, a local archaeologist. Chatters and the coroner returned to the site and, in the dying light of evening, plucked almost an entire skeleton from the mud and sand. They carried the bones back to Chatters' lab and spread them out on a table.



The skull, while clearly old, did not look Native American. At first glance, Chatters thought it might belong to an early pioneer or trapper. But the teeth were cavity-free (signaling a diet low in sugar and starch) and worn down to the roots—a combination characteristic of prehistoric teeth. The remains were determined to be those of a Caucasoid male of late middle age (40-55 years), and tall (170 to 176 cm, 5'7" to 5'9"), slender build. Many of the bones were broken into several pieces. Chatters then noted something embedded in the hipbone. It proved to be a stone spear point, which seemed to clinch that the remains were prehistoric. That bone had partially grown around this 79mm (3.1 inch) stone projectile lodged in the ilium, part of the pelvic bone. He sent a bone sample off for carbon dating. The results: It was more than 9,000 years old. Here we had a prehistoric Paleoindian man's skeleton and it's one of the most complete ancient skeletons ever found. Bone tests have shown it to date from 7000 to 6900 B.C.E.

A CT scan indicated the projectile was made from a siliceous gray stone that was found to have igneous (intrusive volcanic) origins. The projectile, leaf-shaped, long, and broad, with serrated edges, fit the definition of a Cascade point. This type of point from the Cascade phase occurred roughly 7,500 to 12,000 years ago and was made by ancient Native Americans that settled in the Pacific Northwest that existed from 9000 or 10000 BC until about 5500 BC.

To further investigate the mystery of the Kennewick man and determine whether the skeleton belonged to the Umatilla Native American tribe, an extraction of DNA was analyzed. However, according to the report of the scientists performing the DNA analysis, "available technology and protocols do not allow the analysis of ancient DNA from these remains. Researchers conducting the DNA testing wrote that they "feel that Kennewick has normal, standard Native-American genetics."

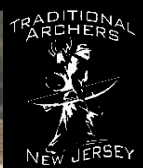


The discovery of the remains has led to considerable controversy, as the Umatilla people and other tribes have wanted the remains returned to them for reburial under NAGPRA. Scientists wanted to study the ancient skeleton and did conduct studies in the early 2000s. The United States Army Corps of Engineers retains custody, as the remains were found on property under its control. With changes in technology, additional DNA testing of remains has been conducted in Denmark, and preliminary results reported in January 2015 suggest that Kennewick Man is linked to current Native Americans, leading to a renewed demand for the return of remains to the tribes.



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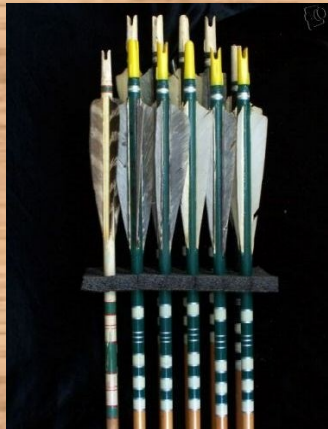
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Did you know? "Wood Arrows"

Wood Arrows are spined by diameter of the Port Orford cedar and other wood materials. I found that 11/32" worked the best for me out of my hunting bows anywhere from 45#-to 65# draw weights. Anything smaller simply didn't fly or group well and would clatter off the bow.

Today, many of the traditional bows or replicas of older recurves still have the felt or "Hair" stick-on padding on the sight window and arrow shelf. The key isn't in the selection of the type of felt or "hair," or rest that you install but rather the nock orientation, and most importantly the spine of the arrow.



Doc



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Venison Recipes



Swissed Antelope Steaks

Ingredients:

- 3 lb. Antelope Round Steak
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. seasoned salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 4 tbsp. margarine
- 1 16 oz. can steewed tomatoes
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tsp. instant chicken bullion
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. celery seed
- 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 medium onion sliced in rings
- 1 cup water

Trim all fat from Antelope steaks and cut into serving portions. Now, combine salt & pepper, flour and pound it into both sides of the steaks. Heat 2 tbsp. margarine in a skillet and cook steaks until well browned on both sides. Add margarine as needed. Add rest of ingredients in the order presented above. Add 1/2 cup of water. Bring to a boil. Lower heat, then cover and let simmer for one hour or until meat is tender. Add remaining water as needed. Serves 4-6 people.



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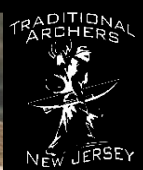
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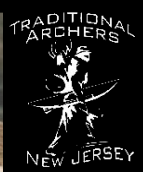
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Doc's Stewed Rabbit and Biscuits

Ingredients:

Biscuits: You can buy ready-made biscuits and skip this biscuit recipe but this recipe is so good!

- 1/2 pound plus 1 ounce cold small-cubed butter
- 4 ounces sugar
- 1/8 cup plus 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 tablespoon salt
- 1 1/2 pounds plus 1 1/2 ounces all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/8 cup buttermilk
- 3 eggs

Combine butter, sugar, baking powder & salt in an electric stand mixer. Use paddle attachment to mix until butter is pea size. Next, add the flour, tarragon and pepper. Then, add buttermilk and eggs. Mix until incorporated.

Rabbit:

- 2 whole rabbits (2 1/2 to 3 pounds each)
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 shallots, cut into medium dice
- 10 baby carrots, halved
- 2 large sprigs rosemary
- 1/2 head spring garlic
- Crushed red pepper
- 1 1/2 quarts chicken stock, hot
- 1 cup white wine
- 8 morels (or other seasonal mushrooms), quartered
- 1/2 cups fresh peas
- 2 sprigs fresh tarragon, leaves chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut rabbit into eighths (save extra bones and trimmings to fortify stock). Dredge the pieces in flour and sprinkle with salt and pepper. In large saute pan heat the olive oil. Sear the rabbit over medium-high heat. Remove when golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes and reserve. Discard oil and turn the heat down to medium-low. Saute shallots until blonde, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the carrots, rosemary, spring garlic, pinch of crushed red pepper and pinch of salt. Saute until soft, 3 to 5 minutes. Add rabbit, allow to cook for 2 minutes. Next, add the hot stock, white wine and morels, and bring the liquid to a simmer. Simmer for about 4 minutes. Top with the biscuit mixture in small dollops (tablespoon). Add peas. Bake biscuits until golden, the filling is bubbling and the rabbit is tender, 30 to 35 minutes. Top with the tarragon and serve. Don't forget a bottle of Italian red wine have the fireplace glowing and enjoy!

Spine Chart - Traditional Bows

		Draw Length							
		24"	25"	26"	27"	28"	29"	30"	31"
Bow Weight (@ 28")	20 - 25 lbs	<10	<10	10/15	15/20	20/25	25/30	30/35	35/40
	25 - 30 lbs	<10	10/15	15/20	20/25	25/30	30/35	35/40	40/45
	30 - 35 lbs	10/15	15/20	20/25	25/30	30/35	35/40	40/45	45/50
	35 - 40 lbs	15/20	20/25	25/30	30/35	35/40	40/45	45/50	50/55
	40 - 45 lbs	20/25	25/30	30/35	35/40	40/45	45/50	50/55	55/60
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	60 - 65 lbs	40/45	45/50	50/55	55/60	60/65	65/70	70/75	75/80
	65 - 70 lbs	45/50	50/55	55/60	60/65	65/70	70/75	75/80	80/85
	70 - 75 lbs	50/55	55/60	60/65	65/70	70/75	75/80	80/85	85/90
	75 - 80 lbs	55/60	60/65	65/70	70/75	75/80	80/85	85/90	90/95

Static Spine Modifiers

Bow String: Dacron = No change, Fast Flight = +1 spine bracket

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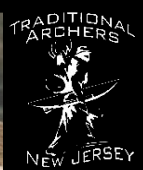
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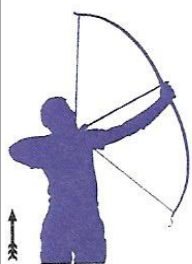
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Traditional Archers of New Jersey

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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

