



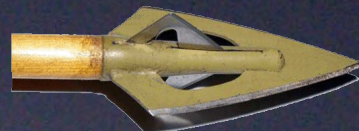
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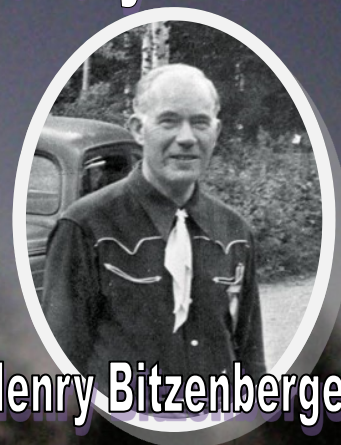


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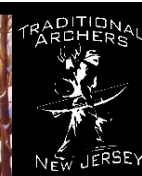
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

The TANJ council had 3 meetings over the past year. At the April meeting we spoke about both Ron Ellison (Vice President) stepping down as membership director, in addition to myself as President. This is going to happen by Dec. 31st, 2017. I am proud to say that some of the council members will be stepping up to cover Ron's duties, as well as the various jobs that I have done over the last 13 years.

Kevin Grella will be stepping up as Merchandise Director, John Fields as Secretary, George Sappah will remain as Treasurer. Santo Armano and Jon Scharff will share Membership Director duties. Santo will also take over as 3D Shoot Coordinator setting up our shoots with various clubs through the year.

Jon Scharff has been showing interest in stepping into my shoes as President and Santo Armano as Vice President. I've known Jon for the past 3 years, and we'd spoken at various 3D events about him possibly becoming a council member. Jon has been on council for the past 16 months. We will all support him if he becomes the next President.

Here is a short message from Jon Scharff:

"I started shooting a bow when I was very young, with my Grandfather teaching me how to shoot. He is a die-hard traditional archer and is one of the best traditional shooters you could ever shoot with. We still both compete at various 3D events in NJ and PA. I've continued to shoot since then and was a member of Wa-Xo-Be for many years. I joined the archery club in college where I was the only traditional archer, then once I graduated I stopped shooting for a few years. I then rejoined Wa-Xo-Be the club.

I am currently a Trustee at Wa-Xo-Be and have been a proud member of TANJ for several years. Over the last few years I started shooting some competitions and won the Traditional Archery Society Championship for the Hill bow class. I also shot in the NFAA Mid-Atlantic indoor shoot a few years ago and took home another win. I find that shooting 3D is really my passion and enjoy shooting as many shoots each year as possible.

You can always find me at Whittingham and at the Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous. I recently started hunting two years ago and was able to take my first deer with my Howard Hill Big 5 which was an awesome accomplishment. I know there are some big shoes to fill with Doc leaving but I am hoping to bring some young blood and new ideas to TANJ in the upcoming years. Hope you cast your vote.

There will be an email and possibly a membership mailing sent out in November for your vote. If anyone else would like throw their hat in the ring please send an email to Ron Ellison with a short biography and your qualifications no later than November 15th. Ron's contact information is on the inside cover of this magazine.

In July, at Black Knight Big Foot, we held our annual "Last Man Standing" shoot. It was a huge success with over 42 traditional shooters. I'd like to congratulate the top 3 finishers - Mike Orlick, Ray Iglesias, and Joe Grandone - what outstanding shooters that competed during the entire event for the custom Silver Stag 1st place knife designed by TANJ member Irene Bowers. (You can see her work at [www.Bowerswildlifestudio.com](http://www.Bowerswildlifestudio.com)).

Then on September 10th we held our 3rd Annual St Jude Childrens Hospital 3-D classic. I am proud to announce that we donated over \$2,500 to St. Jude. I'd like to thank TANJ WaXoBe member Tony Sansone who did an outstanding job co-chairing the event with me. Let's not forget Horace Eckman who as always manned the registration booth.

Goyacle owner and bowyer of Warpath Archery donated one of his beautiful custom made Indian bows and matching arrows. It was won by TANJ & Floyd Bennett Archers member Pat Donnellan. This bow along with many other donated items helped to raise money for the event.

In closing I am very proud to have served as your TANJ President. I am just stepping aside and will help the newly elected President & Vice President and upcoming TANJ council members in the upcoming years.

**Save the Date now - for Cabin Fever - Sunday February 25th 2018.**

Have you seen the Garden State Archers new Indoor Range? They are now looking for new members. It's an incredible 7,500 sq ft. state-of-the-art facility. We tip our quivers to their President, Mark Machulsky and Vice President, RJ Krajcsov, for their non-stop effort in getting this building completed in record time. We would like to thank TANJ member Horace Eckman for the kind donation that made his dream possible - especially teaching our youth archery and keeping the flame burning brightly in New Jersey.

God bless everyone and  
Good Hunting,

Gerry "Doc DeCaro  
El Presidente







## Traditional Archers of New Jersey

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August 4, 2016

Jerry Decaro  
Traditional Archers OF New Jersey

Dear Jerry Decaro:

We gratefully acknowledge your contribution to the September 20, 2015 Special event in the amount of \$1100.00. Your donation will be used for the research and treatment of catastrophic childhood disease at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®.

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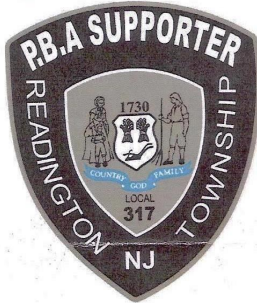
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Dear Gerry "Doc" DeCaro,

On behalf of the Readington Township Police Department we would like to thank the TRADITIONAL ARCHERS of NEW JERSEY for promoting and supporting our 5<sup>th</sup> annual 3D Archery shoot. With the support from your organization we were able to break our attendance record with 165 archers attending our one day event this year. The three drawings that you provided from Bowers Wildlife Studio were beautiful and were a great addition towards our raffle.

The Readington Township P.B.A is a non-profit organization that depends on generous donations from our community and fundraisers so we can continue to make a difference in our township and surrounding communities. During this event the money that we raised will be given back to our community and its various charitable organizations.

Thank you again for your continued support.



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April 20, 2016

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## Thank you from the Black Knight Bowbenders Bigfoot 2017 To Doc DeCaro and our friends at TANJ,

Black Knight Bowbenders of Jackson, NJ would like to take this opportunity to once again say "Thank You" to TANJ and YOU for your support of our 2017 "Bigfoot Open Archery Festival". This was our 23<sup>rd</sup> year and another huge success.

Bowhunters, Dot Shooters, 3-D shooters and especially Traditional Archers all enjoying themselves at one event? Cool!

P.S.- Doc, it's no secret that You are the heart and soul of traditional archery in and around NJ and no one but you know the amount of personal time, effort and money you put into this sport you so love. I have watched Traditional Archery grow and grow under your unselfish leadership and you should be proud of the legacy you have built.

"Keep 'em in the Middle"

Gene Grodzki and your friends at the  
Black Knight Bowbenders







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## TANU

### Archery Archives

#### The legendary...

#### Henry Bitzenberger

**B**ack in the early 1940s Henry Bitzenberger, designed and invented a device for fletching arrows. Once he had tinkered with it just enough, he patented his fletching jig under the name "Professional Fletchmaster."



His Fletchmaster became a popular device and it sold to many fletchers ranging from your everyday household bowhunters, to Mom and Pop shop owners and even to the largest arrow manufacturers of arrows all over the world to include faraway lands like India, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Africa, Sweden and others.

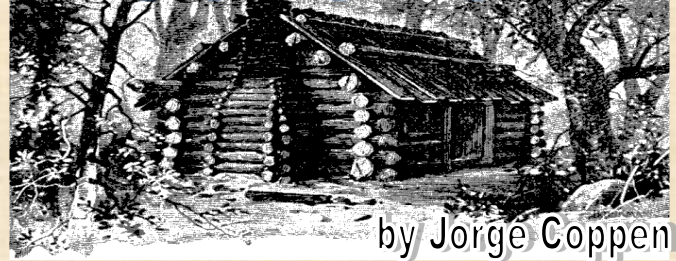
Born in 1899, Henry Bitzenberger was an avid traveler and enjoyed teaching people all over the world the fun of archery. He was the first individual to be awarded the American Archery Council's medal of honor. Before his passing in 1973, he enjoyed life and "lived for today" each and every day. His innovations were many but among archers the design of the Bitzenburger Dial-O-Matic Fletching Jig became his largest contribution as one could choose

from among left or right helical or straight fletching clamps.

For his service to the sport, Henry Bitzenberger was inducted into the Archery Hall of Fame in 1986.



## WOODSMOKE



by Jorge Coppen

The Legend....He had 17 points and over 200 inches of antler. I was told to go past the old treestand and hunt the new one just 30 yards past the old stand. Later I wished I had hunted the old stand. There was no question he was the one in the trail cam when I looked over my right shoulder and saw him saunter in to check the scrape right under the old stand! I shot just over this buck's back at 35 yards in November 2012. I was not even upset but only thankful to have encountered such a majestic buck.

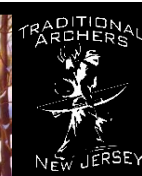
After I missed, he trotted up 10 yards and went back to a relaxed walk. Then he went to sniff out two does some 45 yards out like it never happened!

Next day, another hunter wounded him but apparently he survived a non-lethal shot. I wondered if he really survived that shot or an infection and was ever seen again... I was almost happy for him to survive the blade.

Come to find out he did survive that shot in 2012. He got shot opening day of bow season the following year too in 2013 and survived it... then was missed with a rifle! He was a NINJA!!! He remains a LEGEND!







# TANJ World of Archery



TANJ members Christine & Rene Skubish won 3 separate 1st place Gold each in 3 different events in New Zealand



TANJ President Gerry "Doc" DeCaro flanked by Frank Zenak and Phil Muller at the Annual meeting at Whittingham 2017.



TANJ Arrow Wraps look sweet!



Mike Bush of Mountain Mike donated BKB Last Man Standing prizes. He and his wife Dee are loyal TANJ members and always there to help!



Horace "Iron Horse" Eckman graciously donated funds in memory of his wife Julia to construct this Indoor Range. They were both NJ SFAA Champs and have won many 1st place titles competing in NJ and other states.



Mike Tully "GutYankers" spokesman toasting to TANJ at Denton Hill ETAR back in July.



Steve and Mike TANJ members at Denton Hill ETAR



The Garden State Archery Indoor Range was completed. It's 150 x 50, 750 square feet and will be a state of the art archery facility.





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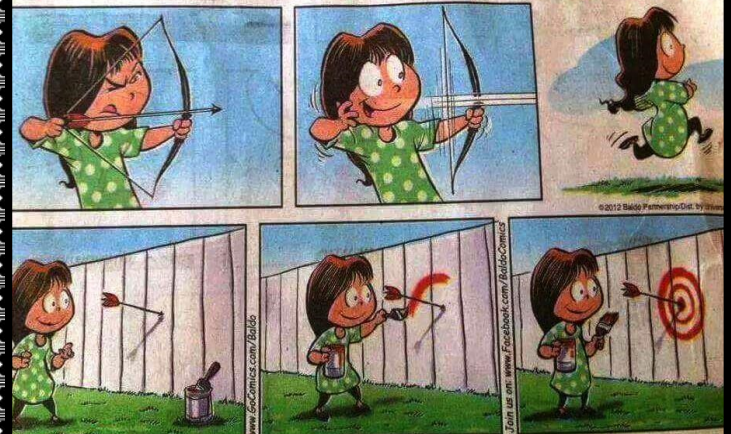
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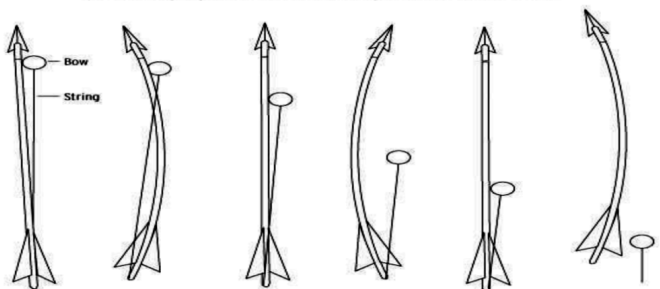
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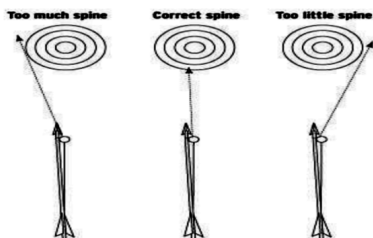
## Archer's paradox

**The term archer's paradox refers to the phenomenon that in order to strike the center of the target, the arrow must be pointed slightly to the side of the target. Here's how it works:**



- 1 When the arrow is released, the shaft is compressed and bends as it approaches the bow.
- 2 As it passes the bow, the arrow's shaft flexes away from the bow.
- 3 When it leaves the bow, the shaft returns back to the correct path.

Because the shaft flexes, the arrow must be pointed slightly to the side of the target. Also, the stiffness of the shaft (spine) affects the trajectory.



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## DEER TRACKS

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Fawn

4 in.



Yearling Doe

4-1/2 in.



Adult Doe  
or Yearling Buck

5 in.



2-1/2 Year-Old  
Buck

5-1/2 - 6 in.



3-1/2 - 6-1/2  
Year-Old Buck



Santo donated a bow to young girl at Whittingham. Months later sent him a custom longbow sock and wrote a beautiful thank you letter. It's what we do !



Santo,

Hi it's me Jadynn, the girl you gave the green recurve too!. Thank you so much for that. In thanks I made a bow case for one of your bows. I hope you like it. Doc gave me your address so that I can send it to you. Doc told me to say "where are my arrows that go with the bow?" Haha.

I hope to see you soon, Sorry I didn't see you at the R100, but It's ok. Thank you again.

-Jadynn  
Doty. ☺

At Whittingham Santo Armano donated a bow to Jadynn Doty. Her dad is member of the Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County!







# TRADITIONAL ARCHERS of *New Jersey*

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## HEY, YOU STINK!

By Jorge I. Coppen

The fork-horn deer came up from the swamp in broad daylight as I had anticipated. I readied my bow but then realized he would walk right into my scent stream soon. As he neared, I held my breath. SNORT! The young buck was gone. That's when I vowed to an experiment to reduce body odor significantly on that 2004 autumn bowhunt.



Like anyone else, I take precautions to prevent any malodors that might be detected by a whitetail. I shower with scent free soap and brush my teeth with baking soda prior to each hunt. I keep my hunting clothes in a tub in the back of my vehicle containing a box of baking soda. These are aired out in my gazebo overnight. All those clothes are sprayed down with scent killer. My boots are kept on a clean piece of carpet that has also been sprayed down with scent killer. I dress outside the vehicle prior to my hunt and remove my hunting clothing and return them to the box at the end of each hunt. I wear 18-inch LaCrosse rubber boots. The boot soles always have a residue of Fitzgerald's Deer Dander (available only through Cabela's), I swear by it as a cover and curiosity scent. I apply it to each boot sole on each hunt as I enter the woods. It works well!

I had heard of the use of triple-strength Chlorophyll gel tabs to address issues with body chemistry (e.g., Halitosis). I had heard that Fred Asbell used it as well. So, I would experiment with it. So, I purchased a bottle of it, a 90-day supply for under \$10.00! I took one each day with supper and gave it 30 days. After about 10 days I already saw changes. Mostly the color of my "droppings" had a greenish color the next bowel movement

after taking the gel tab. On day 27 of my 30-day experiment I decided to wear a pair of undergarments (a t-shirt and briefs) for the last 3 days without showering! I made sure not to do any heavy exercise that would produce sweat, as that would produce more bacteria on the garments. These last 3 days were typical days: Wake up and get dressed. Go to work and sit in my office all day working. Drive home and make dinner. Feed the dogs. Go through my mail and check emails. Eat dinner and watch the television or read plus do any chores required for that day. I hate trash day almost as much as picking up dog bombs in the yard. There is always one I step in!

At the end of day 30, I removed my undergarments and sniffed them prior to a nice long hot shower! Nothing! But I wasn't done. After my shower, I smelled the armpits of the T-shirt and the crotch of my briefs...Still nothing! Then I asked girlfriend to take a sniff. She did not appreciate the assignment! But, she confirmed they smelled clean. So, while chlorophyll reduces body odor, it does not reduce your ability to detect smells.

The next bow season, I had another young buck come out of the swamp in that spot and he walked right into my scent stream. He stopped at 40 yards facing away from me directly in my scent stream and sniffed the air. Then he flicked his tail, turned and walked directly toward me. My God, I am

going to get a shot! At 25 yards he turned and walked behind thick brush. And finally left my kill zone. Since then, I have had many deer in my scent stream unalarmed. I have NOT been snorted at since 2004 except by deer that SAW me! That's eleven years undetected! It works! For \$10.00 you get a 90-day supply from GNC. Cheap. Worth a try. Call me crazy but I know it works!



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## A Time Between Cell Phones And Smoke Signals by "Uncle Carl" (Jack Spoto's Uncle)

I seem to recall the weather on this day started out to be acceptable for a day in the woods for a group of "bow hunters.". This particular group consisted of my son Carl, my nephews, Little Jack, Big Jack, Sal, Rusty and probably a couple of their friends. As the day progressed the weather changed as the sun rose, the wind picked up, it started to snow, then sleet, then back to snow again and as the day progressed the sun finally won out but the wind just wouldn't quit.

It was now rendezvous time to discuss our mornings observations and plans for the balance of it. As I slowly worked my way to the anticipated meeting time and place it appeared that I was alone in this part of the woods. Where were the rest of the group? It appears that they had retreated to "The Lodge" for shelter and breakfast prepared by "Aunt Te". When I arrived home to "The Lodge" the normal chit chat about the weather and other things took place.

My front window overlooked a vast valley and in the distance was Sunrise Mountain. "There they are" was the comment. Two deer were browsing along a hedgerow in that valley and the next thing was the challenge made to "Uncle Carl" to harvest one of those deer. The "gauntlet" was thrown and now it was up to me to accept the challenge. Not wanting to disappoint this group I set off on this mission.

The wind was still blustery, both a blessing and an obstacle as I proceeded toward my intended quarry. I used the wind to cover my approach and as I arrived to where the deer were last seen, nothing. I continued to observe the area and finally spotted the two deer bedded down on the other side of the hedgerow at the bottom of a small hill. Using the wind to mask my movement to a more favorable position for a shot, one of the deer stood up and started feeding. And now the moment of truth. As I drew back my bow all that kept running through my thoughts were that I had to compensate for the wind and that I was being observed by my nephews and family. Anchor, pick a spot, compensate for the wind and release. Wish, whack, right over it's back and into the hillside. The other deer jumped up at the noise. Both deer were wired but eventually settled down and the one bedded down again.

Okay lets try this again, watching some leaves swirling around there would be a lull in their movement which now became an indication as to when to take the shot. As the leaves started to settle down I came to full draw, stepped out from my ambush point, picked my spot and the rest is history. When I walked over to my quarry I realized that it was a button buck. This memory was awakened by the article written by Mike Fleetwood in the 2016 UBNJ Winter edition of Tracks & Trails. Mike you made an ethical and legal shot and like all of us in retrospect we sometimes think differently about what we did. When I shot this button buck I too didn't realize what he was, but in the moment of the hunt my concern was in making a lethal shot. I can also remember passing up on a shot at one of the biggest, long-legged button bucks that I have ever seen. He was browsing on nuts and passed almost directly below me. As he walked past I anticipated where and when to take the shot, but as he slowly walked away I passed on the opportunity in hopes of encountering this animal at a later time in his life. I can't say if there was ever an encounter with this particular buck but in my minds eye he would have developed into a majestic animal.

Back to the observers in the front window. After field dressing and making my way back to the house to my surprise no one was aware of my success. My wife Tena and son Brian had gone shopping, three of my nephews were asleep in the living room and the rest of the gang had gone back into the woods. They said they got tired of watching because it took so long for me to get to my intended quarry. Ah Memories.



## Pat Donnellan was the winner of the Warpath Bow at St. Jude's 3D Classic

TANJ thanks Warpath Archery for their kind donation of the bow and arrows for the TANJ St Jude Children's Hospital 3D Classic back on September 10th which was held at WaXoBe Archery Club. The bow was custom made by Chief "G" Bowyer and Owner of Warpath Archery Co.

Pat Donnellan is a member of Floyd Bennett Arches from Brooklyn NY and was so happy to win this beautiful work of art and matching custom arrows. He can't wait to take it shooting. We the Traditional Archers of NJ thank you Warpath for your donation. We raised o \$1,500 over the entire day A check was already sent to Saint Jude!

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## Bear Archery Traditional Bows A Chronological History

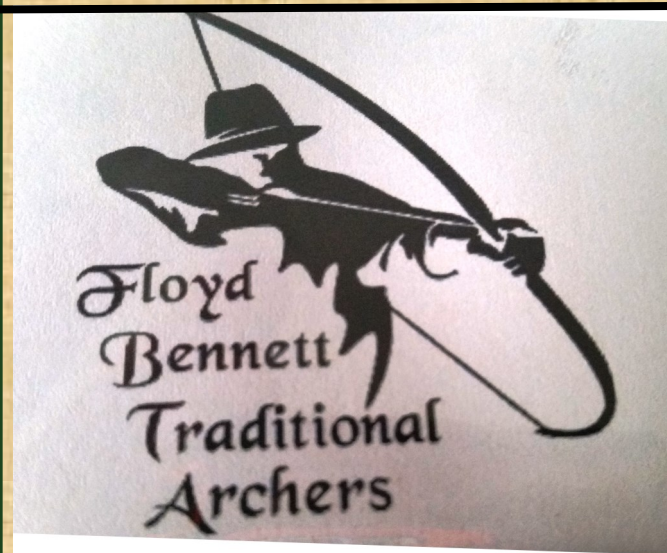
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This illustrated reference manual "*Bear Archery Traditional Bows: A Chronological History (1949-2015)*" not only preserves the history and heritage of Bear Archery traditional bow production since 1949, it serves as a helpful reference to archers interested in collecting and dating their vintage Bear Archery traditional bows. Each chapter covers a detailed chronology of factory production specifications for each specific bow model or group of related models. It includes 615 color photos. Now in an improved second edition.

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## BILL STEWART, Bowyer unknown

William R. Stewart was born on March 9, 1920 in Hanesville, Louisiana. By the time he was 13, Bill had already fashioned his first bow. When he was 17 the family was living in Yakima, Washington where he met Mr. Damon Howatt. Through Howatt Bill met Pop Prouty from Portland, Oregon. Pop was a bowyer and he instructed young Bill on how to fashion a selfbow. With that inspiration, Bill began constructing his own yew bows. Bill then served in WWII but returned to Yakima and was hired by Damon Howatt. He quickly began thinking about how to redesign the bow building process and that resulted in his invention of pneumatic strip-heated bow presses still used in presses today. During these 7 years with Howatt, Bill's inventions included bows known as Diablo, Eldorado and Howatt Hunters.

After Bill left Howatt, he was hired by Fred Bear to work at Bear Archery for the next 7 years. Bill worked in the "research and development" department at Bear Archery. There, Bill designed the Bear Tamerlane and other models. Bill co-designed the Fred Bear Take-Down in which the limb latch was designed by Fred but the bow by Bill. The first design included a commemorative wooden matching set with 24-karat gold hardware and sold for \$1000.00.

Stewart left Bear Archery to work with Bob Lee (Wing Archery) as designer and production specialist who redesigned the manufacturing process and some of Bob Lee's bows. While there, Bill help designed the famous Red Wing Hunter as well as the White Wing and Presentation II.

After that short stint, Bill returned under employment at Bear Archery for another 7 years. Bill became good friends with Fred Bear. In fact, he joined Fred at Grousehaven, Michigan for deer hunts. As you might guess, Bill had redesigned the Bear Archery manufacturing plant in Grayling, Michigan, but also redesigned most of the bow lines to improve their performance and shootability, as he had done for Damon Howatt. In fact, Martin Archery is still manufacturing some of Bill's designs. While at Bear Archery, Bill re-designed the Alaskan, Grizzly, Polar, Super Magnum and other compounds. When Bear Archery was sold to Victor Comptometer in 1968 Bill moved back to Yakima where he worked for Duke Savora for a year.

Bill set out to make his own bows using his "Multi-Cam" design and his creations earned him the label of a "master bowyer" that developed and innovated designs of the finest production bows during his 70+ year career.

In retirement, he continued making bows at his shop back home in Yakima.



Bill Stewart  
and Fred, 1962





## Little Delta Hunts 1958-59



1959

**Fred Bear, Dick Bolding, Bob Kelly, Russ Wright, and Glenn St Charles.**

**F**red Bear and his companions hunted the Little Delta region of Alaska in 1958 and 1959. This was an area Glenn St. Charles had hunted along with Keith Clemmons and Dick Bolding in 1957. It was Glenn that planned and organized those hunts. Accounts of these hunts can be read in Glenn's book "Bows on the Little Delta" or in "Fred Bear's Field Notes." To see actual footage of the hunts just pop in your "Grubstake Bowhunt" DVD.

There are famous photos of Fred Bear stooping over a fire out front of the trapper's cabin they stayed at. The camp was located about 100 miles



1958

from Fairbanks Alaska in the "Grubstake Area" alongside the west fork of the Little Delta River.

In 1957, Glenn St. Charles had worked hard with two other bowhunters to build a landing strip on a gravel bar on the river to be used by Super Cubs transporting the hunters. Glenn and Fred hunted out of the old trapper's cabin on the site in 1958 along with a number of other bowhunters out of Seattle and Bud Gray, the president of Whirlpool Corporation in St. Joseph, Michigan. The cabin had been built by Russian trappers in 1927. It had an earthen roof over strips of birch bark laid on half-round timbers. Willows had taken root on the roof. Besides Bud Gray, Fred Bear and Glenn St. Charles spent ten days hunting the Grubstake Area from August 20 to 29, 1958 with Bud's son Mike, Dick Bolding, Bob Arvine, Jack Albright and Keith Clemmons. The hunt was totally unguided and in total of six animals fell to the bow. Fred shot a ram at 25 yards on August 20 and a caribou at 45 yards on August 25. Glenn shot a nice "eating-sized" bull caribou on August 24. Jack killed a caribou on August 24. Bud shot a ram at 4 yards on August 24. Keith shot a monster caribou on August 26.



1958

Fred's Little Delta hunting adventure in 1958 was so enjoyable that he decided to revisit the Grubstake Area for another bowhunting excursion the following year too. It would be around the same time of year as this hunt. The plans were laid...



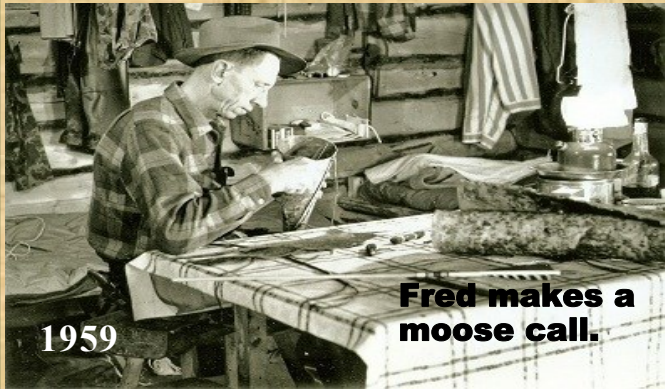


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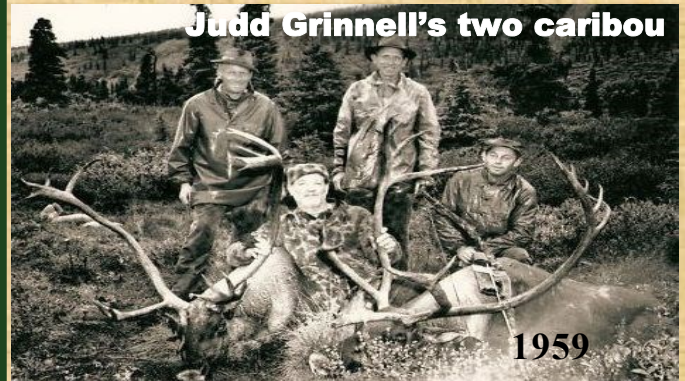
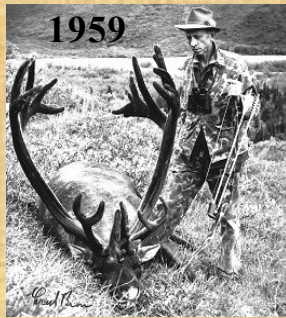


For the 1959 hunt, Glenn St. Charles had hired Bob Kelly to manage camp and cook. Mr. Kelly had a television repair shop in Seattle and was an avid bowhunter. It was there that Fred met Bob Kelly when Fred made his second hunt at the Little Delta camp in 1959. Fred Bear became very impressed with Bob Kelly given his work ethic and his enthusiasm around the camp, always getting the chores done before anyone else could attempt them. Fred and Bob bowhunted together and became instant friends on that very hunting adventure. The rest is history.



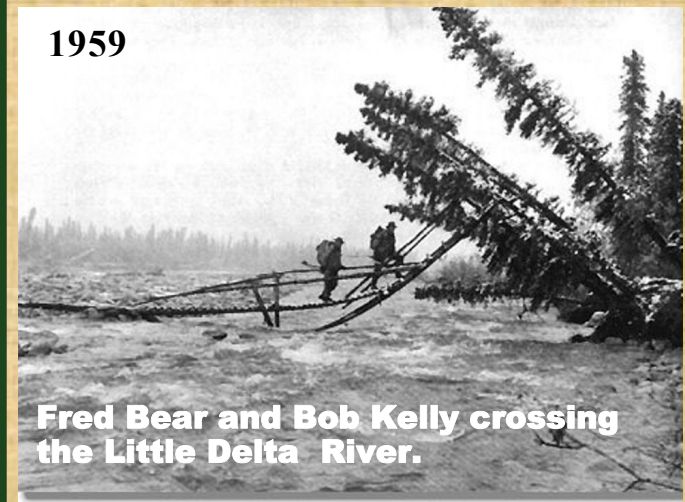
**Fred makes a moose call.**

Besides Fred, Glenn and Bob, other members of the party included Dick Bolding, Knick Knickerbocker, Judd Grinnel, Russ Wright, Ross McLaughlin, Jack Albright, Bill Wright, Bill Burke, R. Kerr and Jesse Rust. On August 20, Fred Bear shot a fine caribou at 40 yards. Incidentally, that bull was killed with an experimental "Giant" Razorhead. Judd came into camp later lugging the heart and liver of a bull caribou he shot on the same day. Russ Wright shot a fine young caribou on August 22 while picking blueberries (he took his bow along in case). Then on August 23, Jack killed a moose and Glenn killed a caribou. Judd Grinnell had dropped two fine bull caribou within 15 yards of each other and Jack Albright shot a big bull caribou on August 27. Good thing the new airstrip was much closer!



**Judd Grinnell's two caribou**

One of the most iconic bowhunting adventure photos of all time features Fred Bear and Bob Kelly crossing a suspension bridge they built over two days in order to traverse the raging Little Delta River as they traveled to and returned from their daily hunting forays. Several slow days were followed by a blizzard on September 7.



**Fred Bear and Bob Kelly crossing the Little Delta River.**

Letters between the hunters were entertaining. As one example, Jack Albright wrote to Bob Kelly: "Kelly, Can you send me six more of your broadheads; Have you got any that shoot 6 inches lower?" Fred Bear wrote: "I have not heretofore had the pleasure of hunting with a finer group of men."

Later, Fred Bear had heard that Bill Wright had shot a record moose as Fred, Glenn St. Charles, Dick Bolding and Russ Wright were headed to Cordova for Fred's famous brown bear hunt on the Valiant Maid captained by Ed Bilderback.





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Until this day he is still a great traditional archer, no sights just pure instinctive shooting, and to this day he helps mentor many of our youth in archery!



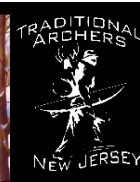
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Hello fellow TANJ members! I would like to remind any members who have not paid their membership dues yet that it would be greatly appreciated if you could do so soon. Our membership dues are due in January regardless of when you joined. A single membership is **\$20.00**. At our general Membership Meeting, April 2015, we voted for a \$5 increase. This will greatly help offset the rising cost of our newsletter. I know I may be a little repetitive with my membership letter but once again I would like to point out that about \$15.00 of your dues money goes toward the newsletter cost. When some members do not pay, that changes the cost per member to \$20.00 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 in-

fo. Is on the inside cover.

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

One last thing, our club and newsletter is there for everyone. If you have any archery items you would like to sell, we'll put an ad in the newsletter for you. If you have a story or pictures you would like to share, we would be very happy to put them in the newsletter. If you would simply like to be more involved with TANJ you can contact any TANJ Officer or TANJ Council member. THANKS! -

**Ron Ellison, Membership Director**







# Bear Razorheads

By Jorge L. Coppen

The Bear Razorhead is a true classic broadhead and can still be argued for as the most successful broadhead ever manufactured. In its early history, it was really ahead of its time and would shape bowhunting in years to come. The convex blade shape of the Bear Razorhead has proven to be the most efficient shape in terms of cutting efficiency to maximize penetration. Fred Bear was always an inventor. In the 1930's, Fred made his broadheads from flat steel, in the style of tie-on heads modeled after the trade points of the wild west days. But these were very tedious to make and to attach correctly to the arrow. And certainly there was no way to mass-market such a head to the public. But, Fred understood there was a marketing opportunity and soon experimented by slotting Zwicky broadheads and adding removable bleeder blades in an attempt to discover a better broadhead which could be mass produced and marketed to the growing ranks of bowhunters. His experiments evolved.



1952

In 1952 Fred began developing a ferrule design for broadheads that could be glued on the shaft. These heads were another step in designing process. By 1955, Fred completed some 300 "Razorhead" prototypes and sent samples to bowhunters across the country asking them to field-test them.

That prototype Razorhead became known as the "Pinned Bear" due to the appearance of a "Pin-like" depression at the end of the ferrule.

Actually, the "pin" was a punch in the ferrule to hold the blade to the ferrule. Of those 300 prototypes, only a few are known to be in collections today. Incidentally, the auxiliary bleeder blades for the pinned ferrule Razorheads had an impression of a bear head stamped in the vents.

The first production Razorhead bleeder blades in 1956 had a small pin hole in it. Soon after the bleeder blades were made without that pin hole and remained as such for all production thereafter. The bleeder blades were designed to reduce drag while creating greater cutting area for increased hemorrhage. Among the rarest of all broadheads is the Bear "Giant" that was crafted in 1959 as an experimental broadhead.

Fred Bear field tested these heads on his trip to the Little Delta River hunt in Alaska that year. These 1½" blades contributed to poor arrow flight, which doomed these Giant heads from remaining on the production line. These are rare as only two are known to exist in collections.



1956

In 1956, Bear Archery formally introduced the Razorhead. This version was dubbed the "Bubble-Head" by collectors owing to its rounded ferrule tip. This broadhead contained good quality steel, was easy to sharpen and aligned well to the arrow. Now, the Razorhead was on its way to becoming the largest selling broadhead of all time.



1959

But Fred eventually discovered that the tip of the rounded Bubble-Head ferrule tip slowed the arrow and therefore affected its ability to penetrate. So in 1959, Bear began flattening the ferrule tip to improve penetration. The vents on the 1959 Razorhead remained large and rounded as with the original 1956 model.



1960

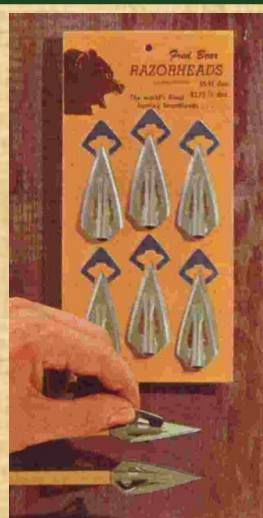
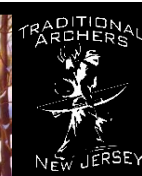
The following year, 1960, we see that the vent cut-outs, while remaining somewhat rounded, are more tapered toward the point in the revised Razorhead. If you look close, some Razorheads have Fred Bear's name stamped onto it for those made in 1959 and 1960.

Then in 1964 the vent cut-outs were again re-designed to appear more parabolic in shape. These aspen green heads were popular and abundant throughout the 1970s as many were now being marketed with or without an insert for an interchangeable convert-a-point to match your field points in grains of weight. Another one of Fred's ideas!



1964





Late-1960s



-point Razorheads were offered through 1977.



1970

While the converta-point system had been established prior, by 1970 the converta-point Razorhead is offered in the Bear Archery catalogs. These aspen green converta-

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Then in 1978, Bear Archery introduced the all-new chisel-pointed Bear Super Razorhead. These came in a darker gray-green color. This version of the Bear Razorhead would remain unchanged until 1982 when a major change in the grade of steel comes into use for the venerable old head.

In 1982, the new and improved rust and corrosion resistant stainless steel Bear Super Razorhead SS was introduced. These carried a high strength machine alloy ferrule. The Super Razorhead did not hold a reputation for withstanding heavy usage and so its popularity among bowhunters declined over time. Adding to this was the familiarity of the old aspen green Razorheads that had been around so long to the point that the upgraded stainless steel Super Razorhead were just not favored. In fact, those old aspen green Razorheads remain highly popular with bowhunters and collectors until this day. As with anything else, time has brought many innovations and stronger materials to broadhead



configurations and designs. Technology has made for great competition against the old Razorhead. Early Bear Razorheads often suffered tip curl when hitting bone. Adding to that is the fact that many of today's bowhunters prefer 100 to 125 grain heads. What's more, Bear Razorheads flew fine and were easy to tune years ago when shooting traditional bows around 200 fps with arrows weighing over 600 grains or more. But, they became a bit difficult to tune with today's high speed compound bows. When the Satellite company commenced making the Bear Razorheads, they lost whatever reputation the Razorhead had left as these heads would fail when impacting bone. Still these old Razorheads are simple and deadly and if well-sharpened, these cut-on-contact heads will get the job done very well on any game you hunt so long as the bow and the arrow itself is heavy enough for the game at hand.





There is one other thing that can be claimed only by the Bear Razorhead...They've been shot into outer space and visited our moon! Once, at a trade show in 1969, the Bear Archery booth was buzzing with US astronauts who were involved in training to fly to the moon and make history. They all wanted to meet Fred Bear. Fred's publicity man, Dick Lattimer, had discussed an idea with some space program personnel about possibly having an astronaut shoot an arrow on the moon. That must have generated some laughs! Instead, as a favor to Fred Bear, astronaut Joe Engle asked Colonel Charlie Duke, commander of the Apollo 16 mission, to carry a Bear Razorhead with him on his 1972 moon mission. Duke obliged and at a Pope & Young meeting on Aug. 20, 1972, Joe Engle presented Bear with that broadhead. Joe Engle read a letter out loud as follows:

*"Dear Fred:*

*This is to certify that the enclosed arrowhead was carried to the moon aboard Apollo 16 in recognition of our friendship. I'm sorry it's taken so long to return it, we've been busy with post-flight activities and now we're training for Apollo 17. I hope to see you again in the near future. With best regards, sincerely yours,*

*Charles M. Duke, Colonel USAF  
Lunar Module Pilot  
Apollo 16"*



Joe then went on to say, "Well, Fred, I know Pope & Young doesn't keep records on distance and all that kind of stuff, but if you're looking for a record for that arrowhead, you might try to enter it ... it traveled from launch to landing 8 billion, 661 million, 670,293 feet. So if you can practice a little bit, maybe you can out-do that. I know Fred's proud of this, and I'm proud to be able to give it to him. I'm proud to know him, and I know you all are, too. Thank you very much."

That Razorhead became a popular exhibit in the Bear Museum in Gainesville, Florida until Bass Pro Shops acquired the collection in 2003. Incidentally, with the sale of the company assets from the North American Archery Group, LLC to Escalade sports in 2003, we see that the year 2003 represented the final year of Bear Super Razorheads (and other accessories) in the Bear Archery catalogs.

There may be several better broadheads around today, and many archers prefer other makes and configurations for various reasons, but few have such deep history and few are as collectible as the Bear Razorhead!







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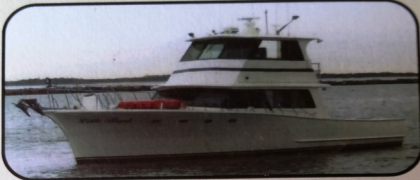
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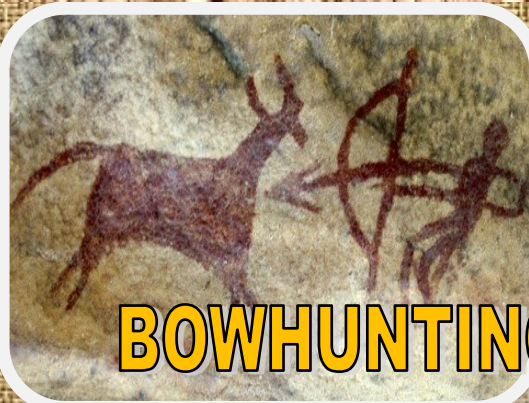
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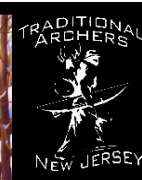
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## Venison Recipes

### Barbecued Venison Meatballs

#### Ingredients:

- ♦ 1 lb. ground venison, crumbled
- ♦ 1/2 cup white rice, noodles or mashed potatoes
- ♦ 1/4 cup onion, chopped
- ♦ 1/2 tsp. salt
- ♦ 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- ♦ 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

#### Sauce

- ♦ 3/4 cup grape jelly
- ♦ 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- ♦ 12 oz. chili sauce\*
- ♦ 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

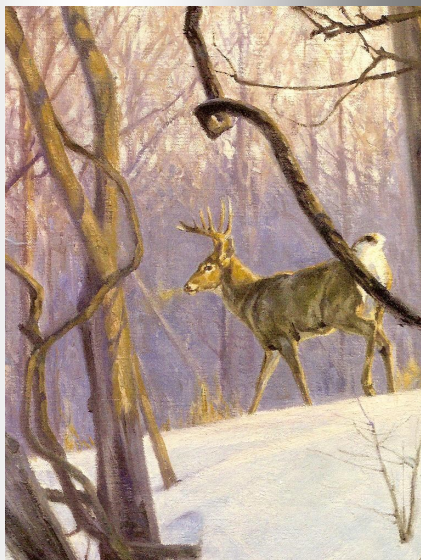
Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, mix ground venison, salt, pepper, white rice, chopped onion, and cayenne pepper. Now hand shape venison into 15 meatballs of about 1 1/2 inch diameter. Arrange meatballs in an 8-inch square baking dish and bake for 15 minutes. Drain the fat.

Next, combine all sauce ingredients in a 1-qt. saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Cook 3-4 minutes until the jelly melts. Stir constantly.

Pour hot sauce over drained meatballs. Bake for 12 minutes until sauce is hot and bubbling.

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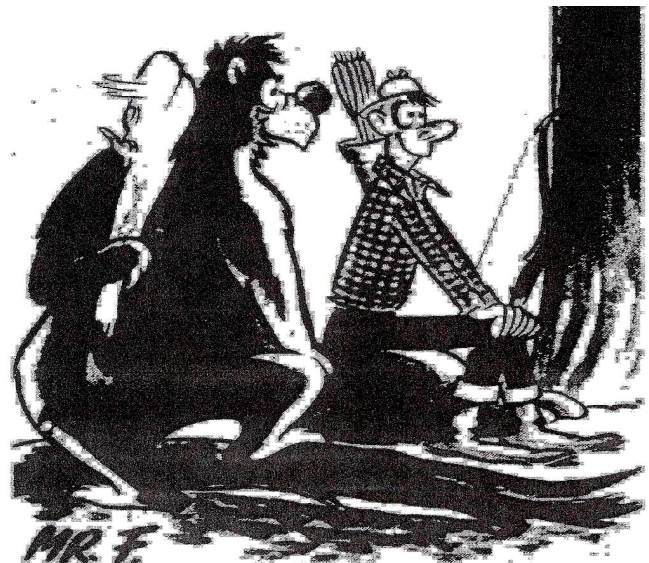
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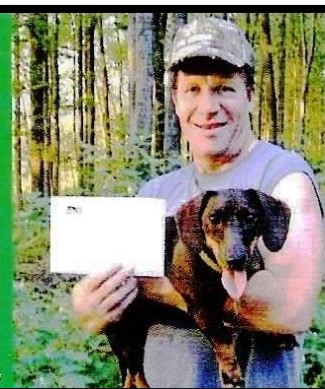
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## TANJ

### 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.

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☐ 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:

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☐ Printing/Publishing Experience ☐ Other Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Fee = Individual: \$20.00, Junior (under 16) = \$5.00, Family: \$35.00 [non-pro-rated and due in January of each year]  
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