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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the years you have heard me say that we need to get our children involved in archery and bow hunting. If we are to perpetuate our chosen outdoor activity as we know it today, we must have future leaders to take over the TANJ helm.

One way to achieve this is to bring the family along to help out at one of our TANJ events. This will be a stepping stone in the right direction. One or two hours is not too much to ask from our growing membership during any of our future events helping set up a 3-D course, manning our table, selling merchandise, recruiting new members or running one of our charity contest. TANJ is your organization so get involved!

Back in July, **Black Knight Bowbenders** hosted the 25th Annual Bigfoot weekend. We all know it was brutally hot that weekend. We send our appreciation to TANJ council member **Richard "Doc" Lopez** who single-handedly cut, designed and marked the new traditional range which will now be at Black Knights for all to use in the future. He did an outstanding job!

At our 23rd Annual Last Man Standing contest on Sunday the winner after two hours of outstanding shooting was **Demetris Grigoropoulos** who won a Custom LMS Knife from builder **Dylan McRay** and **Warpath Archery**.

My friend **Gregory Richards** of Facebook fame attended Bigfoot. He made a video when he was shooting the entire new "Lopez 3D" traditional range. It is really just fun to watch so click on YouTube. It's free. Look for "3-D Archery Bigfoot Open."

We thank former Black Knights President **Tom Nuccio** for all his work supporting our traditional events throughout the years he has stepped down and moved out of state to follow his dream. We would like to welcome **Joe Yeno** as the new incoming BKB President.

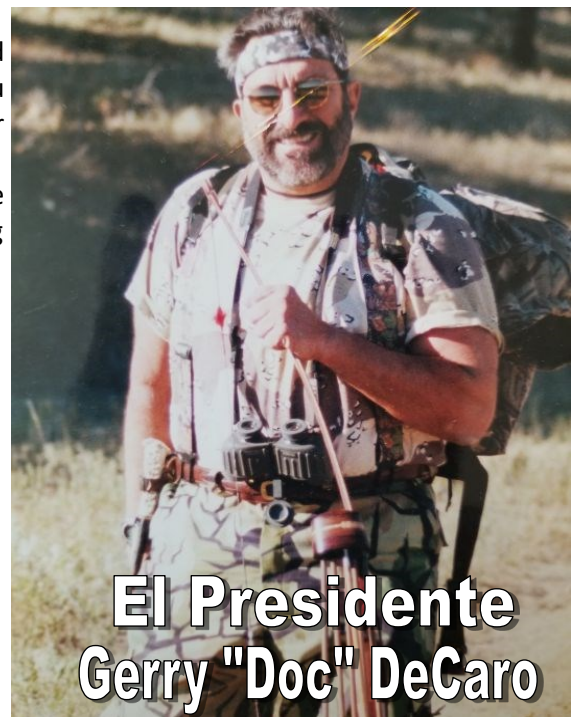
I'm happy to report that TANJ member **John Provenzale**, a life long New Jersey sportsman, stepped up to take over the council position as Membership Coordinator since **Ron Ellison** stepped down after many years of out-

standing service as we all know. John bowhunts big and small game with his hand-crafted self-bows. He is already doing an outstanding job collecting dues from members that have yet to pay. If you owe dues from last year or the year before we are running a one time only TANJ amnesty program this year so all you have to do now is **send in your 2019 dues to be up to date**, since we value your continue membership. Many of us are involved in other organizations and hard to keep track of dues especially this year since TANJ did not send out a dues reminder to our membership. Contact **John** and **send your \$20 yearly dues in today**. His information is on the inside cover or on our revised membership form on the back page.

Mark your calendar and save the date now for the 5th Annual St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 3-D Classic which will be held at WaXoBe Archery club on Sunday September 29th, 2019. See the attached flyer which is inside our magazine.

Next year in 2020 in the spring TANJ will again be hosting the **TAS Traditional Archery Society 2nd Annual Northern Regional Bowhunter Championship** event. Watch for e-mails which will be sent out later in the year on date and location. Look on Facebook for TAS Traditional Archery Society & TANJ post what a great "stickbow only" event.

May God Bless you and your families in the upcoming holiday seasons ahead.



**El Presidente
Gerry "Doc" DeCaro**



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Archery Archives

The legendary ... Karl Palmatier

Karl Palmatier promoted all phases of archery for nearly half a century. Karl was President of both the National Archery Association (NAA) and the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) and may also have become the president of the Professional Archers Association (PAA), but chose to be its executive secretary for the first 8 years of its existence instead.



In 1927, he helped start an archery class in a school where he was teaching. In 1928, he became Secretary of the Michigan Archers Association, a position he held for many years. Palmatier became a member of the NAA in 1935. At the 1936 NAA Tournament in Kalamazoo, Michigan Karl was selected to serve as President. His archery knowledge and experience served him well in his post as President. In 1937, he was elected to the Board of Governors of the NAA.

Ever-present at most of the national tournaments, he was known for his with constructive and helpful suggestions. A man generous of heart, a profound interest he was recognized with the Maurice J. Thompson Medal of Honor in 1943.

After WWII, Karl devoted most of his time to the promotion of the newly founded NFAA. He was their Tournament Director from 1940 to 1960, then President. The NFAA honored Karl with their highest honor, The Compton Medal of Honor.

From 1962-68, Karl served as the first Secretary-Treasurer of the newly founded PAA. During those 6 years Karl was instrumental in making the PAA one of the finest organizations in the world.

Karl officiated at NAA Championships, NFAA Championships, U.S. Indoor Open Championships and Ben Pearson Open Indoor Championships. Altogether he had officiated at more than 50 National events from 1935 to 1972.



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Three bow designs and the bowyers who dominated during the 1990's many archery championships

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In the past 30 there's been three bow designs that stand out to me that has dominated the competition circuit.

In longbow it has to be the 21st Century Longbow created by Jim Ploen and Buddy Stampler of 21st Century Longbows. Throughout the 90's both 3-D Championships and Field Championship around the world were won with the 21st Century Longbow design. 21st Century closed it's doors several years ago but a similar design has been created by Gregg Coffey of JavaMan Bows named the Impala after it's exceptionally fast speed.



In Recurve and Modern Longbow Class, Bob Lee Archery has designed a bow that has won both of these classes throughout the world. Using one riser design,

shooters can attach either longbow or recurve limbs. The riser is offered in all wood, wood and Micarta, and all Micarta.



In Recurve, Open Class, and Barebow Classes, the riser designed by Calvin Smock and Dewayne Martin of CD Archery has dominated archery events around the world with their proprietary design of Weight Forward Technology. This design of equal amounts of weight above and below the riser has given archers a much heavier and stable riser allowing the archer to maintain on target throughout the shot process.



D. Michael Nunez
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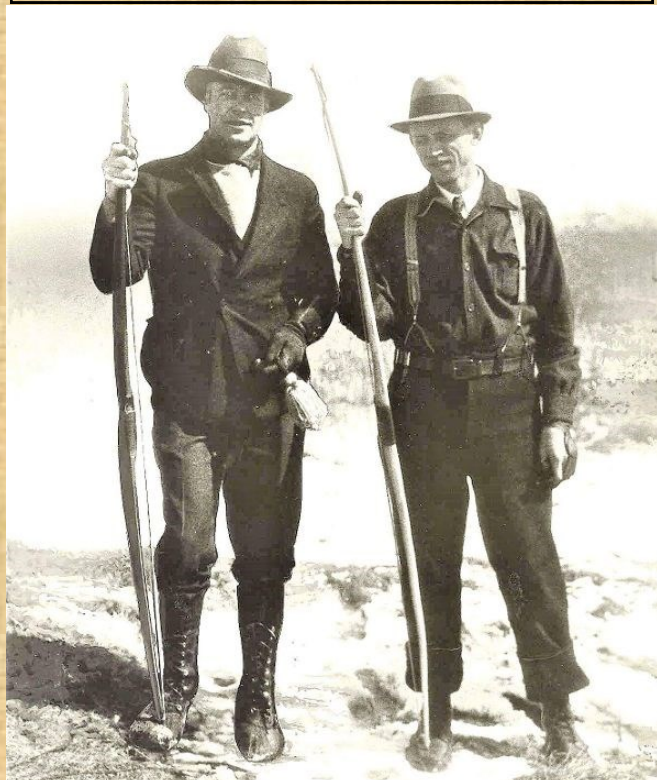
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"I have always tempered my killing with respect for the game pursued. I see the animal not only as a target, but as a living creature with more freedom than I will ever have. I take that life if I can, with regret as well as joy, and the sure knowledge that nature's ways of fang and claw or exposure and starvation are a far crueler fate than I bestow."

Fred Bear



Art Young and Fred Bear circa late-1920s-to-early-1930s. Art Young's 1927 movie, "Alaskan Adventures" had inspired Fred Bear to take up bowhunting in 1929. They became friends, built bows together and shot archery tournaments together. Their friendship continued until Young's death in 1935, two years after Papa Bear and Charles Piper founded the Bear Products company that would eventually become Bear Archery.

The Big Foot Richard Hardt Family Picture:

Last Thursday, August 8, I purchased a couple of youth shirts and mailed them to TANJ member Richard Hardt for his kids who love shooting their recurves at BKB and other archery clubs on weekends.

L to R: RJ , Rich & EJ Hardt



WELL . . . BACK TO THE OLD PRACTICE RANGE!



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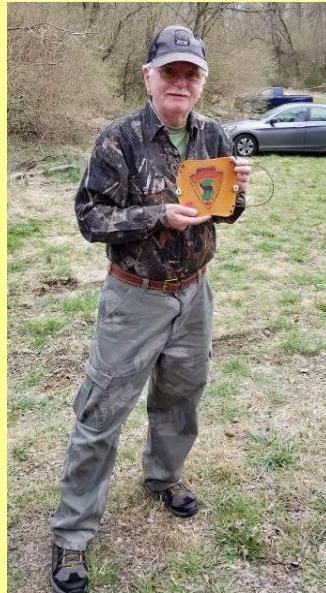


Texas Wack Um Shooting Contest

Pictured are 2 of the 3 winners of the **Texas Wac Um** shooting contest during the 26th Annual Whittingham Rendezvous:

#1 - **Pat Donnellan** (TANJ Custom Logo Arm Guard donated by Bo Collins of Dream Maker Leather Works).

#2 - **Rob Baldino** (Beautiful arrowhead neck piece knapped from "Horsecreek Chert", prized for it's color. Mounted onto a piece of weathered antler tine. The beads are of antler and spaced with brass sphere beads. The cordage is B50 18-strand bow-string done in brown and gold. Donated by Warpath Archery.



Red Hawk WaXoBe Event

TANJ members take 1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th place: The Traditional Shootout ended with Rich Lopez on Top followed by Phil Clouser, Pierre Berthelon and Robert Legezdh.



Dr. Richard Lopez took First Place in the RED HAWK Traditional Shoot off and he nailed 11's on BOTH the Squirrel and Boar targets edging out the Competition!



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2nd Place: Rich Bauman winner Custom Arrows (+ money)

3rd Place: Mike Orlic winner 3D Target (+ money)

A collage of 12 photographs from the 2019 Archery Festival. The photos show various participants, including men and women of different ages, posing with their bows and arrows. Some are standing in groups, while others are in action. The background features a wooded area with trees and festival signage, including a 'TOP GUN' sign and a 'SKINS' sign. One photo shows a target with an arrow hitting the bullseye.



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TANJ World of Archery



BKB, GSA, and TANJ member Horace Eckman, age 90 and still enjoying shooting archery, received an honorary award from the SFAA NJ Field Archery Association at Garden State Archers Club!

Here is a tribute written by **Gene Grodzki - Central Jersey Archery (CJAN) News editor & chief :**

On Sunday August 4th our friend Horace Eckman was presented with the NJ-SFAA Distinguished Service Award.

The inscription simply reads.....“Your love of Archery and unselfish acts of kindness have touched and inspired us all!”

There is not enough room on any plaque to say all the good things that should be said about Horace! Horace Eckman is a wise, humble and thoughtful man, gifted with a great sense of humor, a smile to match, a big heart and most of all, a deep love of Archery. Horace is known for his firm handshake, kind words, bad jokes and a willingness to lend a hand and share his knowledge with both friends or strangers. A huge part of Horace's legacy will be the many archers, some not even born yet, who will enjoy the beautiful Eckman Range for years to come...

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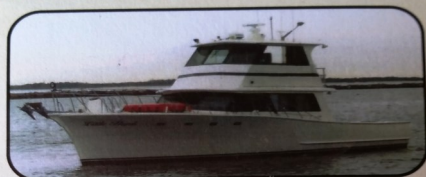
The National Wildlife Turkey Federation's Jerry Zimmerman Memorial Chapter and the Ontelaunee Rod & Gun of New Tripoli, PA knocked it out of the park on Saturday, August 3rd with their 19th JAKES/XTREMES Annual Youth Field Day. Rich Lopez and Gerry DeCaro represented the Traditional Archers of New Jersey who ran the "Intro to Archery 101" course along with dedicated volunteers from the Zimmerman chapter. Special guest Colonel Jack Conway, US Army Retired 30 years, kicked off the day by addressing the future Stewards with some very sound wisdom and then he led the group in the pledge of allegiance before sending them on their way.

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers and instructors for an outstanding time by sharing your knowledge and skills of the outdoors to our youth who as we know are our future. It was a awesome day! After one of many outdoor classes, a mother came up to an instructor saying "before I saw these classes, I was an anti-hunter. After watching throughout the day, I changed my mind. I probably won't hunt, but now I realize what it's all about and if my kids choose to do so, I will support them."

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NEW TANJ MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

John Provenzale is a life-long New Jersey sportsman. His passion since childhood has been making primitive and traditional archery gear. He hunts big and small game each fall with his hand crafted equipment. He also enjoys fishing, foraging, camping, hiking and taxidermy. John grew up in northwestern New Jersey but now resides in west central New Jersey with his wife and two children. Here is an essay from John:

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I love traditional archery. I love the people, the challenge, the romance, the simplicity, the self-reliance, the history. I craft my bows, arrows, arm guards, broad heads, quivers and strings. It is all consuming. I love traditional archery and I recently felt it was time to step up and contribute to the community.

So it is with great pleasure that I step into the membership coordinator role for TANJ. I hope to meet and talk with many of you about any and all things traditional archery and particularly the equipment you have made or want to make. I know there are so many individuals who wish you could make your own bow. I look forward to sharing some of my experiences and knowledge on the subject with you in future newsletters but for today I will use these pages to help you get to know me a little.

I got my start in traditional archery at around the age of 4. I had a zebra wood riser bear recurve and a slightly heavier green glass browning recurve since before I can remember. I shot these religiously following my father around the yard or range as astutely as a young boy can. For as long as I can remember my father had a small hickory self bow, excellently made with elegant lines and perfect finish hanging on the wall in his basement workshop. His father made it for him in his youth and he chased squirrels around the parks of Bergen county with it when he was a youngster until he out grew it and fractured one limb.

I was obsessed with that little bow. I needed one like it. My Father took me to the local sawmill and we purchased a hickory board of my own. I purchased a spoke shave and a couple rasps at a flea market for a few dollars and officially became a bowyer around my 12th birthday. I have been obsessed with making bows ever since. The learning curve was steep but with every attempt a better and better bow was made. Now 25 years later, I make a pretty exceptional self bow but I still learn something from every bow I build.

I hunted with a compound for most of my youth. I shot my first deer with a homemade bow when I was 16. I never found the deer and didn't hunt with one of my bows again until my early twenties when I harvested my first deer with traditional equipment, a small 5 pointer, with a honey locust longbow.

Nowadays, nearly 2 decades later, I hunt with my home made equipment almost exclusively throughout the fall bow seasons. I have had my successes but severe buck fever ensures the deer always have the upper hand even when they are in my lap. I have a reputation for being the best deer finder people know but the worst deer killer. I have no rebuttal. My record doesn't lie. However I always create unique memories in the field.

I will finish this essay by sharing that I just returned from the Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous in Coudersport, PA. At this shoot there were multiple times when we passed a young boy or girl bow in hand happily roaming the park. On one course two ten year old boys were behind our group. We got to talking and they said they were out proving to their parents they were old enough and responsible enough to go out and shoot on their own. They certainly proved it to me and they were both pretty good shots.

Its interactions like these that make this recreation and this community so special. It's hard to imagine another environment where kids acting like I acted 30 years ago would be accepted nonetheless encouraged. Interactions like those are what encouraged me to join the ranks of TANJ to preserve that tradition. I hope to serve you well in doing so.





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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**. I would like to point out that about \$15.00 of your dues money goes toward the TANJ magazine 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 information 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.

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

John Provenzale Membership Director





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Traditional Archers of New Jersey WaXoBe Archery Club

5th Annual St Jude Children's
Research Hospital 3D Classic
Sunday Sept 29th, 2019



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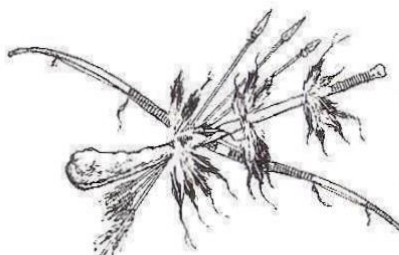
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FRED'S ELEPHANT

By Jorge L. Coppen

In 1964, Bear dropped a 4-ton elephant at 40 yards during a trip to Africa. According to Fred Bear's "Bowhunting Diary" he hunted elephant in the 64 with a 75 pound draw Bear made recurve bow and a "twist" string. His arrow was a large diameter aluminum shaft with a fiberglass arrow blank fitted inside for additional weight. He used the Bear classic two blade broadhead.



On June 3rd, 1964 accompanied by Robert Halmi (New York photographer) Peter Barrett (outdoor editor for True magazine), native guides and Fish the driver, Fred Bear set out from Camp Ruark on a 40-mile trip for the first time on his quest for Elephant. He was in Mozambique (Portuguese East Africa). Stranded in the back country the next day, owing to a broken tie rod on the vehicle (broken while crossing a rocky riverbed) they spent the afternoon looking for lesser game. Methods of hunting included driving around to get within bow range of game, herding of game toward the hunter or lone stalks by the hunter. Dry noisy grass make stalking difficult. Earlier and Impala and wart hog jumped the string on Fred when he shot.

On Friday, June 5 the hunters were on the trail by 6:00 AM. On their way to a herd of elephant, they encountered a herd of 25 buffalo which stampeded off at the sight of the hunters. Unfortunately, that commotion caused the elephants to run off as well. Some 12 miles further and 3 1/2 hours later they finally caught up to the herd of elephants.

Now numbering some 200 head, the hunters

evaluated the herd which was lined up in rows three and four deep. As they attempted to close in on the herd to pick out a good bull a couple of vigilant elephants circled downwind either having discovered the hunting party or sensing something was wrong. As the pachyderms headed right for the hunters the natives warned all to back out immediately. Instantly, the herd busted out into the trees. The natives had a short meeting and then reported back to the party that there were "Too many elephants, we all get killed."

Now the natives stayed back while the party tried again, making certain to stay downwind of the elephants as they glided into the forest. Early in the stalk four or five elephants led by a good bull, large but not with large tusks, came toward the hunters. Stopped behind some bushes the men waited for the bull to move out. The suspense was unbearable. Fish whispered to Fred "Shoot him." Fred would need to step out into the open to be able to draw his bow.

An eternity later, the bull moved into the open at forty yards. As Fred stepped from behind cover, the bull swung his head to look right at him but the arrow was off. It entered the bull a bit farther back than planned. The bull and the other elephants exploded off as the rumbling sound of other spooked elephants filled the air.

Having rounded up the natives and backing away from the scene of the commotion, they waited 15 minutes to take up the trail, which was not hard to follow. But the natives conferenced again and decided "No." Eventually Fish was able to convince them to come along. Some 200 yards down the blood trail the throaty blowing of a wounded elephant caught their attention. Looking up a hundred yards ahead, the bull's head was visible above the foliage. This caused the spooked natives to scramble away once again. Fish again consoled them and convinced them to stay with the party.

They trailed the wounded bull for another 200 yards and now were seeing more elephants. This time the natives lost the rest of their nerve. Considering 90 degree temperature, no water and being 12 miles from the nearest village the decision was made to turn back. Savo, the village chief confided that two men would be sent at daybreak to recover the bull. It was the first time Fred ever left a good blood trail. The village needed meat badly and Fish assured Fred they would indeed recover the elephant. They arrived at the camp on foot at 3:00 PM, exhausted and dehydrated with blistered feet. Another villager,



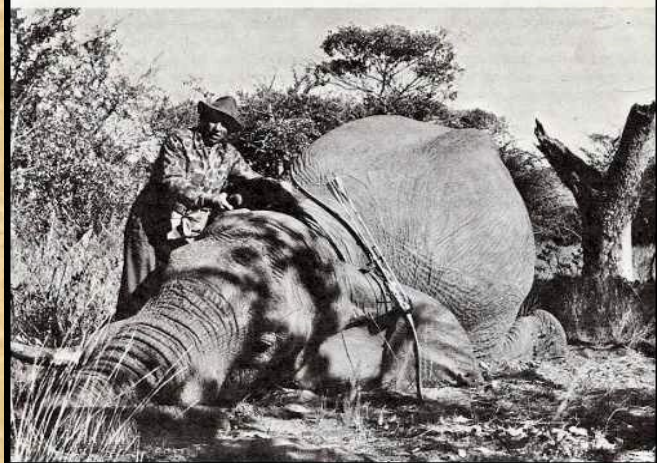
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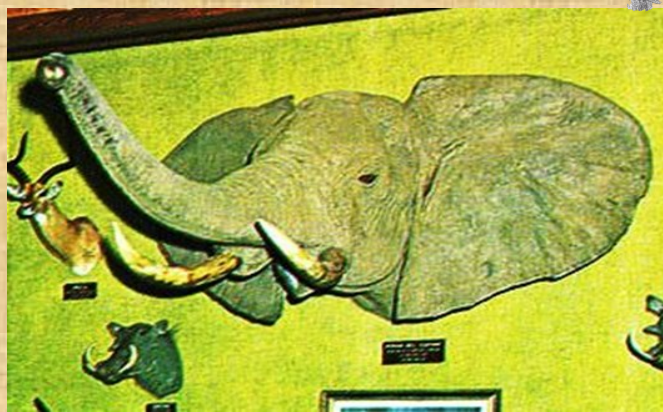
Alfredo, had hiked four miles to recover the party's Toyota.

A 4-ton African bull elephant. Brought down by the author, Fred Bear, with a single arrow from a 75-pound bow.



The hunters were offered muddy water from a well-used vessel and two roasted chickens still dripping with blood. The hunters refused both. Soon Savo came back with "palm beer" (juice from palm tree) teeming with ants and the hunters managed to drink some juice around the floating ants. When Alfredo finally arrived with the car at 6:00 PM the hunters ravaged the beer, fruit and bread it contained.

Wally Johnson, Sr. a Professional Hunter who ran the camps came in to see how the hunting party had fared. This provided transportation and Johnson accompanied the men as they searched for the elephant. They found the bull 200 yards farther from where they had left the blood trail. Upon inspection the arrow had penetrated some 20 inches and had severely damaged the liver. Soon word got out and the natives descended on the carcass, men with knives and women with woven grass baskets to transport the meat, biting off chunks as they walked. Fred wanted a head mount and it took 15 men to load the head, trunk and tusks onto the hunting car.



Venison Recipes

Easy Venison Roll-ups

Ingredients:

- ♦ 6 to 8 boneless thin venison steaks
- ♦ 1/2 lbs. Bulk pork sausage
- ♦ 1 1/2 cup instant stuffing mix
- ♦ 1/2 cup boiling water
- ♦ 1 cup mushroom sauce
- ♦ Pepper
- ♦ Paprika

Remove all fat from steaks. Brown sausage in a large skillet until crumbly. Drain off the grease. Add stuffing mix and water and mix thoroughly. Divide stuffing into equal portions and place it in the center of each steak. Spread stuffing out a little and roll the steak like a jelly roll.

Place the seam side down in a baking pan. Sprinkle with pepper and paprika. Pour mushroom sauce over roll-ups and bake at 350 degrees in covered pan for 30 minutes. Remove cover and continue baking for 30 minutes. Basting frequently Serves 4 to 6.





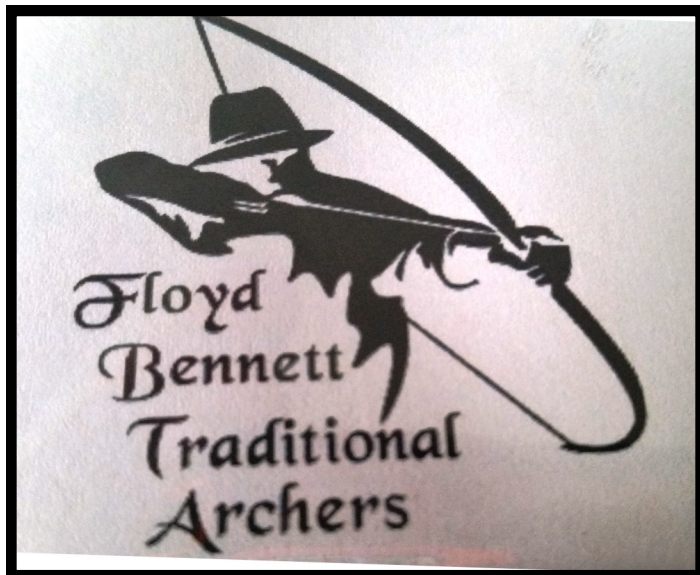
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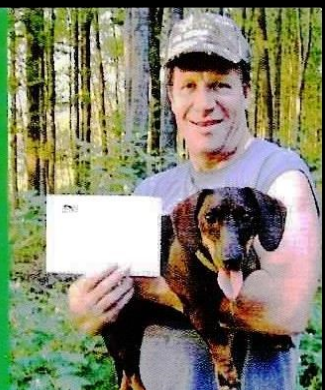
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