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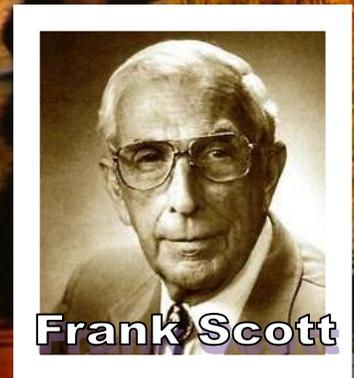
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a good bowhunting season and when you can please send in your story along with pictures to Jorge Copen our magazine editor. It can also be a story about 3-D shoots or just hanging with your fellow TANJ members.

During the first week of August TANJ council member Rich Lopez and I attended the **NWTF Jerry Zimmerman JAKES youth day** in Leigh Valley PA. They had 225 kids along with a parent for a full day of learning about the outdoors. This was TANJ's 8th year helping to teach Archery 101 to many of those in attendance. If you look back at the Winter 2018 TANJ magazine you will see a article and the pictures of that event.

We had to change the **25th Annual Cabin Fever** date due to rain and extreme wind that was forecast a day before the shoot. This is only the second time in 25 years we had to change the date. I am happy to report that Rich Lopez TANJ/ BKB co-chairman and I made the right decision. The next week we did have at least 116 shooters, many attending with their family and friends.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and received so many text and emails on what a nice 3-D course Black Knights President Tom Nuccio and his members laid out over two separate ranges. They also commented on the breakfast and lunch and how good the food tasted with many ordering seconds. We tip our back quiver to TANJ/ BKB member **Rich Lopez** who ran the kitchen along with TANJ/ BKB VP **Joe Yeno** , BKB members **Hun and Brenda Kung** & TANJ member **Sue Rothermal** they all did an outstanding job.

On March 10th we had our **6th Annual March Madness** and the rain Gods decided to change our plans again for a second time. TANJ member Pete Onesti and his Obissquasoit Bowmen worked very hard on setting up the 3D course for us but sad to say only 16 attended since it was a morning of rain and fog but those that did attend shot until 1 p.m. As I was leaving Obissquasoit members **Pete Onesti** and **Charlie Meyers** handed me a donation for TANJ.

Next year we are thinking of having both the Cabin Fever and March Madness events on a Saturday with a rain date on that Sunday and combine Stickbows and compounds. Obissquasoit had their Saturday shoot the day before the TANJ event (97 shooters attend), which was a mix of compound and traditional alike since that day the weather was clear and beautiful. It is something to talk about at our TANJ annual meeting.

The 26th Annual Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous

will be on April 12th,13th & 14th two weeks earlier due to Easter (flyer in this magazine).

Our **25th Annual TANJ members meeting will be on Saturday at 11:30a.m. in the Red Barn 2nd floor.** Please try to attend. We are still working on the details on our **17th Annual Saturday night BBQ** which is free to all TANJ members and friends. This year we are happy to announce that the Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County who host the Whittingham event will be co-sponsoring our member BBQ.

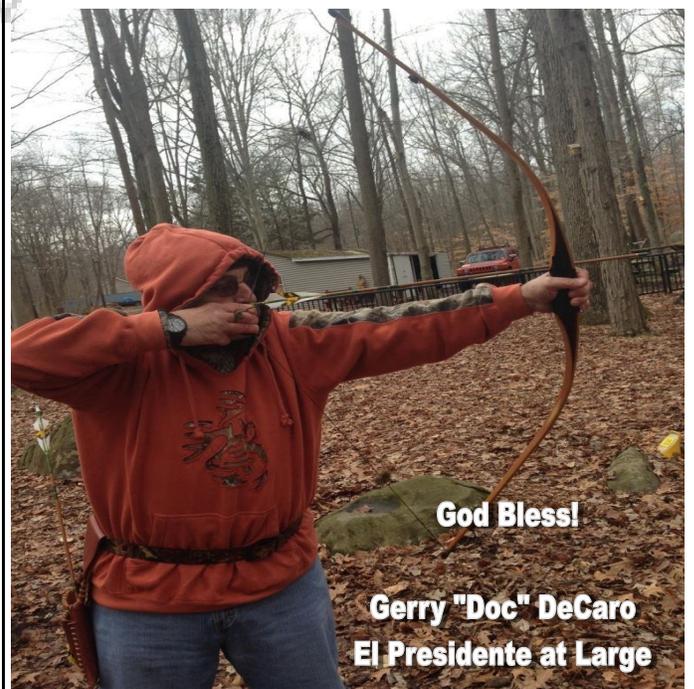
If you're camping you must bring your own water, fire ring and wood for the entire weekend.

Santo Armano our VP and I spoke and we plan on meeting before Whittingham to talk about TANJ's future. Hopefully we will have a few members step up to man a few vacant council members positions and jobs. We especially need help to man our table over the Whittingham three day event. This shoot is what carries TANJ throughout the year.

Please take a minute and send in your dues ASAP so we can continue to move forward on all the 3D shoots & events that we have planned in 2019.

In closing, I am happy to report that a TANJ member contacted me last week and we will be talking to him at Whittingham about him possibly taking over the Membership Director job.

Ron Ellison our former VP and TANJ Membership Director had hip surgery in January and was at Cabin Fever. He was shooting! We are so happy for him and wish him well!



God Bless!

Gerry "Doc" DeCaro
El Presidente at Large



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Archery Archives

The legendary ... Frank Scott

In 1939, Fred Bear and his wife Marie were blowing up balloons at their booth for people to shoot at...that's how Fred met Frank Scott. "Scotty" and his family were a traveling Vaudeville act known as the "Shooting Mans-fields" skilled in rifle shooting and knife throwing. Fred Bear's first employee, Frank Scott, worked with archery dealers for more than 50 years. He dedicated himself to educating thousands of those dealer in providing quality service to archery consumers, Considered America's foremost archery historian he became director of the Fred Bear Museum and in that role he would interpret archery history to six to ten thousand children per year on field trips.



Notes of Interest:

- ◆ Served the Sport of Archery for More Than 60 Years
- ◆ Director, Fred Bear Museum
- ◆ Executive Director, Fred Bear Sports Club
- ◆ Board of Directors, American Archery Council (AAC)
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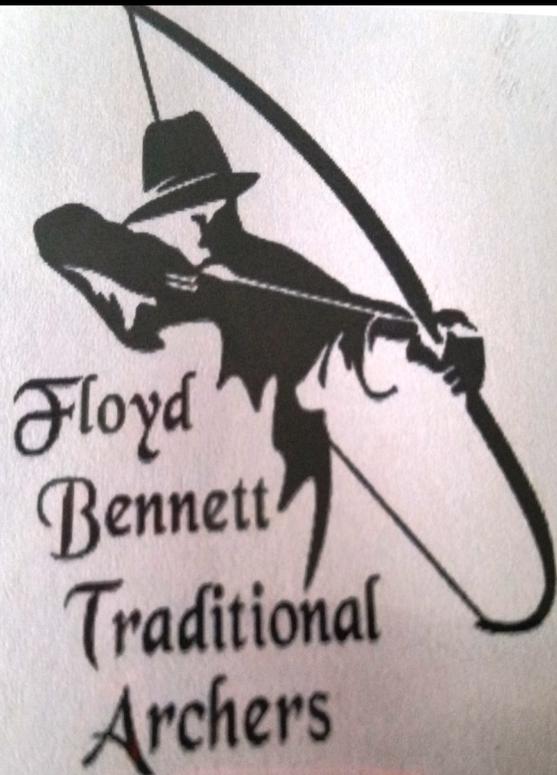
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TANJ World of Archery



Cassandra another TANJ member circa November 2018. This was sent in by her proud Grandpa Sal who is a loyal TANJ member.



Old time TANJ member Ray Tareila (pictured far left) with Traditional Bowhunters of Florida traditional bowhunters and members at a shoot in the Ocala National Forest of Florida.



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The Toxophilist's Paradox

A 1913 article on Archers Paradox. One thing is clear, we have been arguing over this for a long, long time!

By E. J. RENDTORFF

A PARADOX is a statement of fact apparently opposed to common sense. Why is it that an arrow will fly along its aimed course instead of several degrees toward the left, when it is held on the side of the bow with the string pushing it further to the left as the nock approaches the bow? The fact that it does fly true, instead of shifting radically off its course, as we would naturally expect, constitutes the toxophilist's paradox.

Ford, Butt and Walrond have explained this phenomenon to us, and for several decades their ideas have been accepted and passed unchallenged. It takes some little nerve for a novice to state publicly his unbelief in the classical explanation. In order to explain my heresy I shall attempt to discuss the various phenomena that enter, give my conclusions, and then let our archery friends act as the jury.

Figure 1 represents an arrow full drawn and ready for release. The center of gravity of the arrow is at G. On release the force F exerted through the agency of the string moves the arrow forward. The arrow starts from rest and accelerates in velocity until it leaves the string, after which it travels with a uniform velocity, except as it is slowed up by the friction of the air.



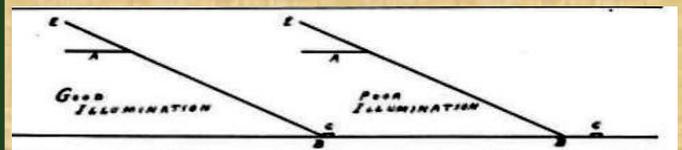
Now, everybody at rest has a tendency to remain at rest. This tendency is called inertia. The existence and action of inertia can be illustrated as follows: Attach two strings with a breaking strength of about eleven pounds to the top and bottom of a ten-pound weight. Suspend the weight from one string, with the other one hanging loosely below. A slowly acting force of but one pound exerted on the lower string will suffice to break the upper one; but if the lower string be jerked rapidly the weight will remain hanging while the lower string breaks.

Effect 1. When the arrow is released and the bow string moves forward, the angle D N G constantly increases. This gives the center of gravity an accelerated motion toward the left. The inertia of the arrow thus produces the force C, which tends to prevent the angular displacement. This force C becomes constantly greater until the arrow leaves the string, because, first, the arrow accelerates in velocity, and second, the angle of displacement

constantly increases. The force C produces the two balancing forces B against the bow, and A against the string.

While the center of gravity lies within the bow, the force C will produce a slight bending of the arrow, with the concave side toward the left. It is the force B which prevents the arrow from falling away from the bow, and not a problematical twisting of the string, as some of our English authorities have stated.

In **Figure 2** are illustrated the conditions applying when the center of gravity of the arrow has passed the bow. The forces C and B remain in direction as before, but they have increased in magnitude. The force A is zero when G is opposite the bow, and then changes in direction and increases in magnitude until the nock leaves the string. The force C now bends the arrow toward its



aimed course, with the concave side of the flexure toward the right. This corresponds exactly with the statements of Walrond, Ford and Butt, with the following exceptions: They do not mention the forces A and C, but assume the existence of B only (which Ford calls a blow) and ascribe to it the various bendings of the arrow. Now, as the force B always pushes the arrow directly against the bow, no turning moment can exist and the force is therefore not operative in any of the motions of the arrow as described.

Effect 2. They also mention the effect of the feathers throwing the nock to the left, as the feathers pass the bow, thus helping the alignment of the shaft. Giving our English friends full credit for the two reasons so far deduced, let us proceed with our inquiry. The force A increases as the string approaches the bow. When the nock leaves the string, with the customary clearance of about 7 inches, the force C would be about 10 inches beyond the bow for my 29-inch arrows. The equation for equilibrium would be "A x NE = C x GE".

At this moment the angle D N G is increasing at its most rapid rate, while the velocity of the arrow has reached its greatest value. In other words, the force C is now at its maximum value, while the force A is 10/7 times larger than C. What happens? Effect 3. The force A moves the bow string toward the left, thus relieving the bending of the arrow and decreasing the shifting of the arrow out of its aimed course. These three effects are operative, but are they sufficient to explain the paradox? If they were sufficient, it would follow that a bow released by



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either hand or by some trigger contrivance, would project the arrow at least as well as when shot by an archer.

Let us see what Dr. Elmer has to say about the subject. I shall quote from a recent letter: "What do you think of a mechanical support and trigger for a bow as a method for testing arrows? I made one and it gave results that were very surprising. For instance, the arrows flew rather wild and showed a very marked tendency to buckle. What astonished me still more was that they veered off to the left. This made it seem likely that ordinarily the bow is slightly pushed to the right by the arrow." Although we have already added one new reason to those formerly accepted as sufficient, we are apparently not yet entirely on the correct track, so let us continue the study of our force diagram.

Effect 4. From the instant the center of gravity of the arrow leaves the inside of the bow until the nock leaves the string, the force A offers a considerable turning moment, tending to turn the plane of the string and bow toward the left. The magnitude of this turning moment is the product of the force A multiplied by the distance N E. The distance N E varies from 17 to 7 inches, but as it decreases, the force A increases, so that the turning moment remains fairly constant and of considerable magnitude.

In Dr. Elmer's machine the bow cannot turn, but in the archer's hand it can and does. If not properly controlled it will move the bowstring against the arm guard.

Effect 5. When the arrow is drawn the left arm is under considerable strain and the hand moves slightly to the right.

On release, the removal of the constraining force moves the arm somewhat to the left. The muscles do not respond at once, due first to the inertia of the arm and, second, to the fact that muscular movement does not begin until a certain time after stimulation. As the arrow remains in contact with the string for about 1/40 of a second, after release, the motion of the arm toward the left is probably negligible until after the center of gravity of the arrow has passed the inside of the bow and then increases in magnitude until the arrow leaves the bow. This would have the tendency of moving the nock toward the left, thus pushing the arrow back parallel to its aimed course.

This last effect cannot be proved through the use of mathematics as it depends upon several variable factors that cannot readily be determined, such as the exact period when the muscular recoil is operative. I derived the conclusions mainly through a prior reasoning. The following facts seem to prove the conclusion correct. When the nock leaves the string the force A no longer

acts against the arrow. This would greatly diminish the force B and consequently produce but little wear on the shaft along the last seven inches of the nock end. My old arrows show considerable wear in this zone, which leads one to believe that the fifth effect is operative to a marked extent. In addition to this, arrows when shot buckle far less than they would if effect 1 were the main factor.

The first three effects are operative in a mechanical contrivance, such as that used by Dr. Elmer. The fact that this machine shoots badly to the left and buckles the arrows, as it theoretically must, shows that the last two effects are not only operative but are probably the chief factors in the solution of the problem. The relative magnitude of the various effects depends somewhat upon the personal equation of the archer, when he, through intuition, gets the five effects balanced he is able to shoot without lateral displacement, or undue buckling of the arrows.

I believe we are now prepared to solve the problem, discussed in a previous article, pertaining to the effect of a variable point of balance of our arrows. A variable position of the center of gravity alters the relative magnitudes of Effects 1, 3, and 4. As just mentioned, an archer shoots without lateral displacement when all five effects are properly balanced. A difference in the position of the center of gravity of our arrows changes the relative magnitude of three of the effects, so that an exact balance of all five effects cannot be maintained, unless the point of balance of each separate arrow corresponds closely to the remaining arrows of the set.

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BOW."**

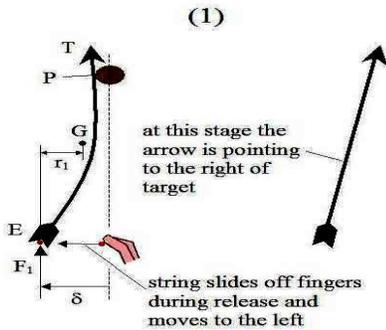
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First Stage of Archer's Paradox

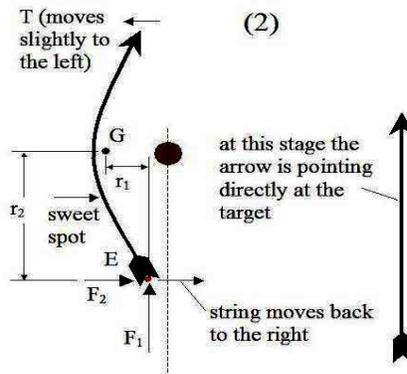
The figure below shows the arrow immediately after release.



Note: arrow deflection is exaggerated for clarity

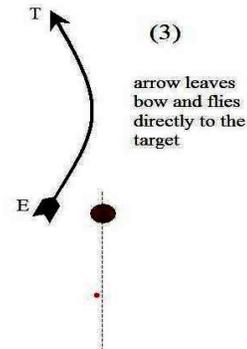
Second Stage of Archer's Paradox

The figure below shows the arrow as it reaches the approximate halfway point past the bow.



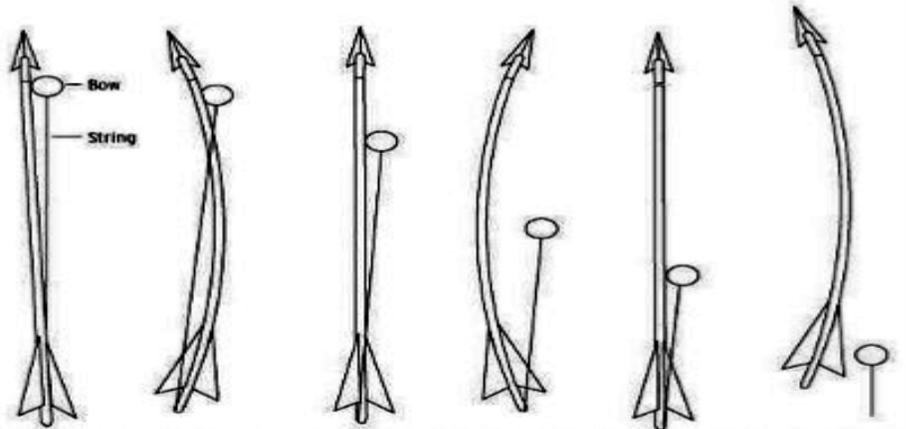
Third Stage of Archer's Paradox

In the third and final stage illustrated below, the arrow exits the bow completely, having completed (approximately) one full oscillation. The arrow is now flying straight to the target. It will continue oscillating all the way to the target, with oscillation gradually decreasing in amplitude, but maintaining the same frequency throughout the flight.



Archer's paradox

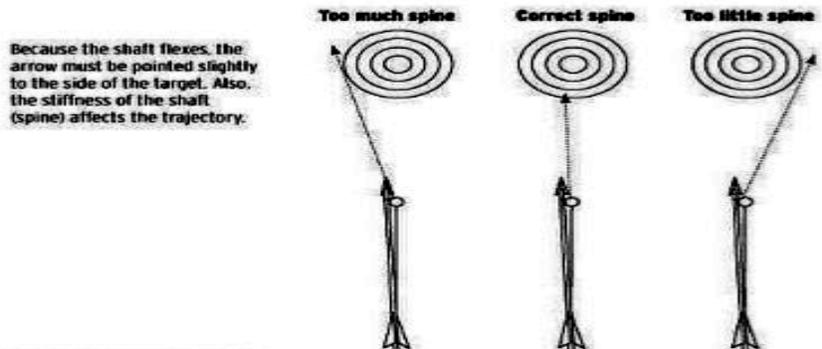
The term archer's paradox refers to the phenomenon that in order to strike the center of the target, the arrow must be pointed slightly to the side of the target. Here's how it works:



1 When the arrow is released, the shaft is compressed and bends as it approaches the bow.

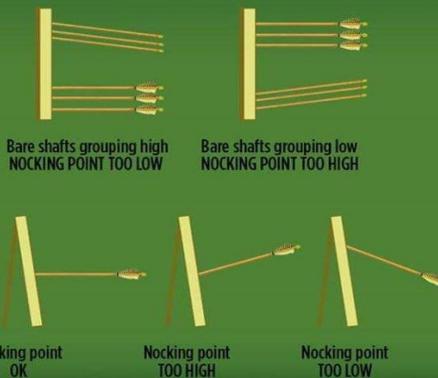
2 As it passes the bow, the arrow's shaft flexes away from the bow.

3 When it leaves the bow, the shaft returns back to the correct path

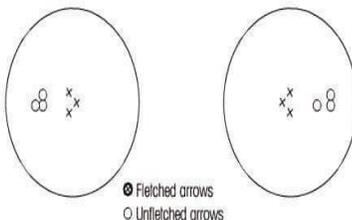


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BARE SHAFT PLANING TEST



Unfletched arrows impacting left of fletched arrows. Spine to stiff.

Unfletched arrows impacting right of fletched arrows. Spine to limber.



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Archers Paradox: Why Do my Arrows Bend

Theories and reasons that cause "Archers Paradox" based on my observations and articles viewed and read. We can start with "Newton's 3 Laws of Motion" first, "An object @ rest, (the arrow) will remain @ rest unless acted by an unbalanced force, (the bow String). Second, "An object in motion continues in motion with the same speed and in the same direction unless acted upon by an unbalanced force". This Law is often called "The Law of Inertia". Third, "For every action there is an equal an opposite reaction".

The second law is acted upon by resistance, gravity and loss of propulsion power. With a conventional bow, recurve and long bow the most propulsion starts when the bowstring at full draw is released and diminishes as the string returns to it's static point, brace height. The string actually oscillates past this point in various directions both forward and side to side, this action also is transferred to the arrow as it now frees itself from the string.

With a compound bow the string tends to accelerate as it moves forward from it's drawn position this is based on the eccentric wheel or cam design that is used. The modern compound bow with a drop away rest and riser that is cut or formed way past center and a release that lets the string travel in a straight forward direction has little if any paradox, provided the arrow spine is appropriate.

I can only believe that with the lower brace heights, 6"-6 1/2" that the use of the string snubbers is almost mandatory so as to affect where and when the arrow leaves the string due to the strings oscillation. Proper fit of the nock to the string is also a determining factor especially when fingers are used to draw and release the bow string. The arrow's spine, both static and dynamic plays an important part in it's ability to bend around the riser of the bow and hit the specific point on the target that it was aimed at, again this is mostly relevant with finger released arrows and conventionally designed bows but is relevant to all bow/arrow combinations.

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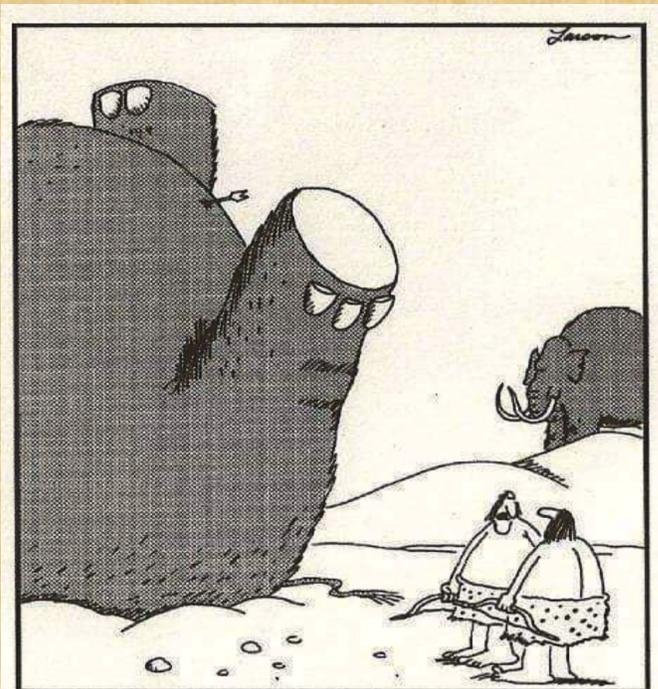
Now we have to deal with "Newton's Third Law" "For Every Action There Is An Equal An Opposite Reaction". When the drawn bowstring is released from the fingers it doesn't move straight forward, it slides off away from the palm of the hand and this action is an oscillating action perpendicular to the straight forward motion of the string. This motion is to both the left and right of the true center line of the forward path of the string. With an arrow attached to this string the rear of the arrow has now also moved in the same direction and the rear portion of the arrow will oscillate in the same direction as the string until it disengages.

This disengagement takes place forward and to the side of where the string will return when at rest, the brace height. This again is all relevant to having the proper arrow spine combination and a good release of the string, IE, proper shooting form, not torquing or dropping the bow arm etc., etc.

So in my opinion proper arrow spine for your setup and good shooting form will compliment the influence that the bowstring has on the bending of the arrow on it's way to the intended spot on your target.

That's my story and I'm "Passing It On To You"

>>>>----Uncle Carl---->



"We should write that spot down."



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Presidents' Hunt 1957

Landing a Norseman aircraft onto Coldfish Lake after flying 400 miles north of Prince George, the men were greeted by outfitters and guides for a hunting adventure which took place from September 7 to October 7, 1957. Some 3,500 square miles of country lay before them, providing hunting of moose, caribou, stone sheep, grizzly and mountain goats.

Cristened "The Presidents' Hunt" by none other than Glenn St. Charles, this one-month-long hunting adventure at Coldfish Lake, located in the Cassair district in north-central British Columbia included the comings and goings of four company presidents. Namely, Bud Gray (President of Whirlpool, RCA), Ed Henkel (President, Lamina Tool Co.), K.K. Knickerbocker (President, Acme Visible Records) and of course Bear Archery President, Fred Bear.

After a failed attempt at moose, Fred's first shot occurred on September 10. An arrow launched at a ram at 60 yards failed to connect. Doggedly pursuing the ram, and passing on several others encountered on the stalk, Fred finally closed the distance to 35 to 40 yards, but only his head peeked over the rocky terrain. Fred figured his only recourse was to lob a short-drawn arrow over the ridge to ensure a hit in the brisket. His guide, Charles Quock barked "Shoot quickly!" He did. Charles ran over and looked over the ridge. Fred indeed connected and the ram lay dead after a 60-yard run followed by a death slide down the shale. Charles looked back at Fred with a grin. It carried horns with a 41 and 1/2-inch curl and 27 inch spread making it a new world-record stone sheep. The record stood for many years.



On September 18, Knick Knickerbocker came into camp, built a roaring fire in the tent he shared with Fred, poured himself a drink and finally blurted out he had killed a moose, apparently shot in the back leg and cut the femoral artery.

On September 20, Knick shot a nice goat with 10-inch horns after a stalk down to two goats in a draw on Goat Mountain. He made a 35 yard shot and hit the goat right in the middle. It ran 200 yards and fell in the buck brush.

Ed Henkel was content to shoot several ptarmigan.



By Monday, September 23, the attention turned to caribou. The following day, Fred made a running shot on a nice bull after being pinned down for 3 and 1/2 hours. The shot appeared too high. After inspecting the arrow it was decided only a slight wound was made. Then on September 26 as the pack-train made its way over a pass, Fred and Bud spotted a caribou in the valley below and went in after it. Someone from the pack-train pointed to a smaller bull and Fred elected to put a sneak on it. Waiting in ambush behind a rock, he finally decided to step out and shoot as the bull quartered toward him offering a rib shot. The bull wheeled off as Fred drew on him but the arrow hit its mark and buried into his flank. After a 100 yard run the arrow came out. They found the bull dead in a hollow.

Before going after the caribou they had spotted 22 goats across from camp. By the time Fred got to camp with caribou bull, Bud Gray had already returned with the carcass of one of those goats. That night camp was in-



Fred Bear with his Indian guide Charles Quock admire Fred's Caribou bull taken on Thursday, September 26, 1957 during "The Presidents' Hunt" at Coldfish Lake, British Columbia.



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vaded by a pack rat which had cut almost all of the tent ropes from the guides tent. The pack rat had taken them to his hole in a large hollow spruce. This set the men to scheme a pack rat murder. All manner of ideas involving snares, set-traps with spikes, set-gun bow setup, set-gun with a .44 handgun. With no reasonable remedy, Charles Quock started chopping at the group of spruce trees to cut the pack rat's condo down. After considerable chopping, it seemed the stubborn tree would not come down so Charles shimmied up the tree with a rope to tie it off so they could pull the cavity down. Surely it came down. The cache held the rope pieces, bones, leaves, bunched grass, a half-bushel of dried mushrooms, pieces of bread, caribou hide, ptarmigan wings and feathers.

Charles poked through one end of the cavity with a tent pole and exposed the rat. Bud Gray volunteered to take a stand at one end with his bow and some blunts. And thus the rat was dispatched. By now, Bud's bag included a goat, a gopher and ...a packrat.



October 1 was apparently a day for long shots as both Fred Bear and Bud Gray took 70 to 80-yard shots at caribou. All missed but at least Bud was more sporting about it making running shots on the caribou.

The next couple of days kept Fred busy tracking a grizzly bear. But the grizzly eluded them so the quest for bear was abandoned. Back to the caribou hunting.

On Sunday, October 6, Fred, Bud and Charles rode off back toward Coldfish Lake, taking a long, high route to afford a final hunt. On the way the spotted lone bull caribou laying on a knoll. Fred and Bud split up and came at him from two sides. The men ran out of cover and were pinned down as the bull awoke from his siesta.

Fred waited for the bull to doze off again and finally made a bold 30-yard dash toward cover at the base of the hill where the sleepy bull lay. He stalked farther and finally got to 60 yards. As the wind shifted in the bull's favor Fred prepared to shoot. The bull stood and snorted and whirled off. Fred's arrow was too late. The bull circled Bud Gray, who managed to shoot four arrows at the bull. None connected. And so ended The Presidents' Hunt of 1957.



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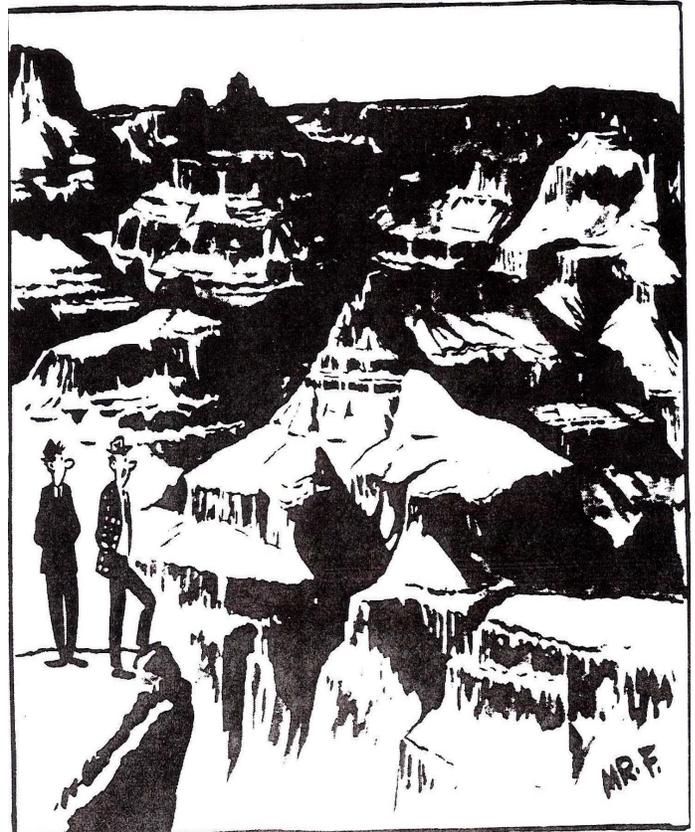
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fo. Is on the inside cover.

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! -

Membership Director



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TANJ member Terry Gaudlip took this October buck!



TANJ member Joel Riotto took his Dale Dye bow, 600 grain shafts tipped with Wensel Woodsman heads to Manitoba, hunted with Jason Lambley of Hunts from the heart" and brought back this P & Y boar!



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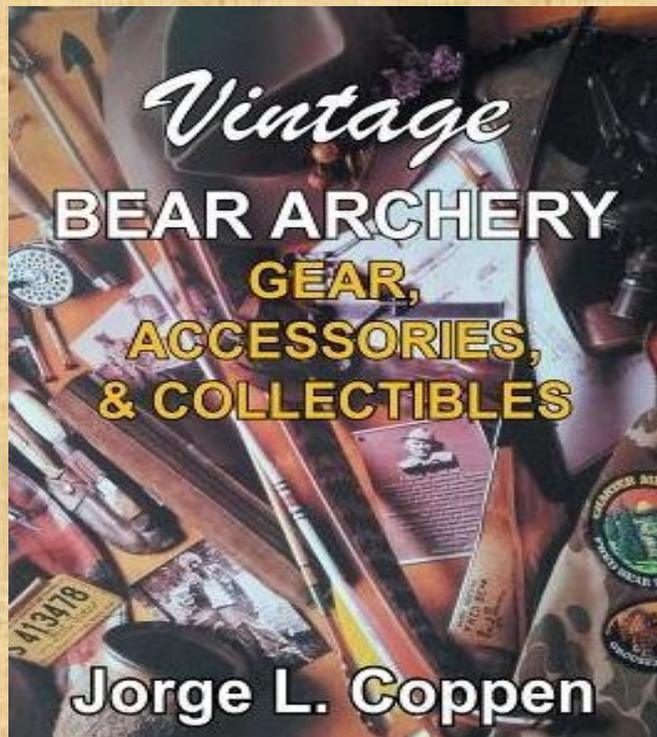
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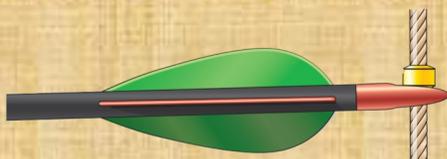
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Doc



Venison Recipes



Marinated Venison and sour cream

Ingredients:

- ◆ 2 1/2 to 3 lbs. Venison Steak
- ◆ 1 tsp. salt
- ◆ 5 peppercorns
- ◆ 1 small sliced onion
- ◆ 1 tbsp. dried parsley
- ◆ 1/2 tsp. thyme
- ◆ 1 bay leaf
- ◆ 1/2 cup white wine
- ◆ 1/4 cup olive oil
- ◆ 3 tbsp. margarine
- ◆ Sour cream sauce

Remove fat from steaks and place in meat dish. Combine next 8 ingredients and mix well by shaking in a pint jar. Pour contents over venison, cover and refrigerate about 12 to 24 hours. Remove meat from marinade and pat dry. Discard marinade. Heat margarine in a skillet to melt. Cook steaks four minutes per side (for medium rare). Remove meat to warm serving dish. Add sour cream sauce and wine.





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"Second Thoughts"

By *Uncle Carl Casper*

It's late October and I'm perched in a tree that will be one of my hunting spots this season. My Nephew Jack and I selected it as an alternative to the area that I usually set up in. Jack and I walked in together and once I was settled in he left for his spot. It's late afternoon and the only deer activity is out of range. The stillness of the day will soon be approaching. I look forward to this time of day when all is quiet except for the flurry of some Blacked Capped Chickadees and a few Nuthatches hopping from branch to branch. The stillness is broken by the casual approach of a deer, as it comes closer I can see it's a button buck. He's unaware of my presence and I let him pass hoping that a more mature deer may follow. The wait brings nothing but failing daylight as the woods starts to darken.

Several days have passed and I'm on my way in to this new spot. I send a text to Jack to let him know that I'm in my new spot and everything is OK. I actually bumped a deer out of the area on my way in so I'm hopeful that I'll have some activity. The better part of the day has passed and I'm on high alert now, not only because of the time but because there is a deer approaching. As I'm watching this deer approach I can see three more deer coming my way. Two of the deer are young and two are bucks. One of the younger deer is milling around in front of me as the remaining three approach. One of the bucks has a typical basket rack and he meandered off not to be seen again, that leaves the younger two and a fairly decent size buck working his way back and forth thru the area.

Out of the corner of my eye I can see some movement heading my way, is this the basket rack buck returning? This is a new comer, it's a mature doe and I'm guessing it's the mother of the two younger ones that are here.



This to me seems a little out of the ordinary, as it's usually the mature and wiser deer that move through first to detect any danger before allowing any further movement. Maybe this is her first season as a mother and she hasn't encountered any dangers in her lifetime yet.

Now the challenge of the hunt has really begun, which deer will I try to harvest and will I even get an opportunity with all the eyes and ears that are present? My bow has been in my hand from the first sighting of these deer, an arrow on the string and my fingers ready to draw it back. I hunt with a longbow so it will have to be done in one stealthy motion. Unfortunately none of these deer are offering me much of an opportunity because their eyes or ears have held me motionless.

Finally they begin to wander off and an opportunity presents itself but before I can settle in on a spot the intended target turns almost facing me. Now I'm at full draw and don't have an ethical shot. I ever so slowly relax my draw and wait for another opportunity but it never presents itself. In retrospect this is not the first time in my many years of hunting that I couldn't take the shot and I'm sure it won't be the last, hence the reason for having "Second Thoughts".

>>>>-----Uncle Carl----->

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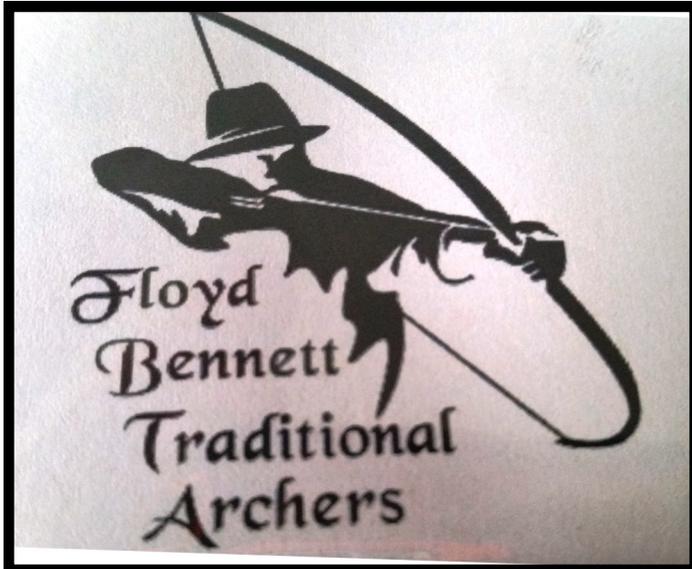
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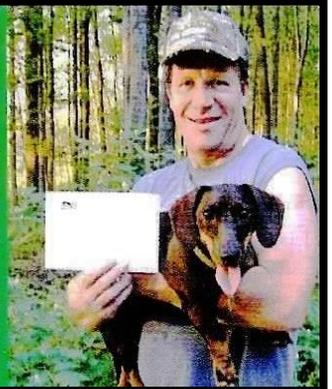
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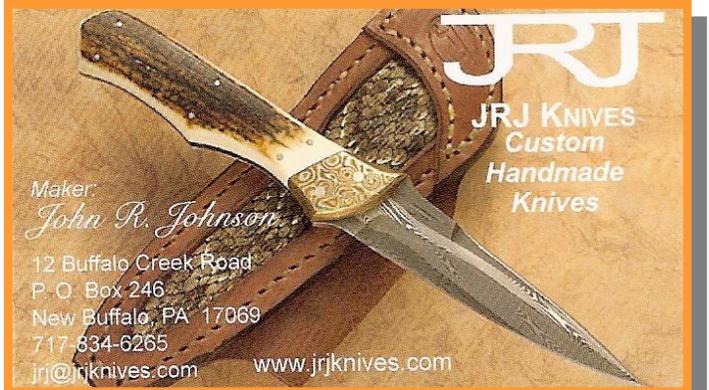
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