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**CAMPBELL OUTDOOR RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

## From The President

### A Stranger Came To Visit

by Lee Asbury

At the close of last night's CORA meeting we dedicated a commemorative plaque to Frank LaGrecia and made him an honorary life member, after he announced his intention to move back to Indiana, following the loss of his wife, to live on his farm and be near his family. In his unique way, he thanked us for all we had done for him and wished us well. Though he made no mention of it, that being his style, I kept thinking in a random sort of way, of all the things, both general and particular, that Frank had done for CORA and me.

My contribution to this quarter's newsletter is an effort to try to capture just a little bit of what he has meant to us.

It certainly doesn't seem like eleven years have passed since Frank attended his first CORA meeting. I remember meeting him that night and instantly liking him. His ever present smile, his obvious interest in what we were doing, his dedication and enthusiasm, his willingness to work and pay his own expenses when necessary made him an ideal member of the lobbying team we were putting together in our effort to get the state to buy what is now Royal Blue WMA.

In the years that have followed, our hopes that Frank would be a contributor have been fulfilled many times over.

I had the opportunity to watch him push CORA's cause in the offices, committee rooms and corridors of the

Tennessee legislature. To watch him interact with anyone who could help our cause, to sit with him in planning sessions as we were attempting to plot our strategy and to have him available as a consultant and confidant when I needed someone to talk to.

Once the acquisition stage of the effort was over and TWRA had been selected as the agency to administer the property, our function switched to being the lead organization in the effort to make a "multiple use" concept a reality. While that experiment is not yet complete, the early evidence indicates that the concept is viable and indicates that in most situations users have common interests which far outweigh the few differences that exist.

Where has Frank been during this phase? Right where you would expect; in the middle of the effort, working as always, with a ready smile, a genuine affection for everyone and a dedication to the cause that is without limits.

Frank and Terry Lewis have carried the CORA newsletter to the point that it now appears to be able to be self-financing and able to survive in the long term. I doubt if those of us who don't do it have any idea what a burden it is to put out the paper and do such an outstanding job. I know that writing one article for every issue seems to be a hard task and can only imagine what it would be like to

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# Good-bye and Thank You...

by Frank LaGreca

When I think back some twelve years ago it's hard to imagine where the time has gone. Why would a "Yankee" transferred to Tennessee, think he would find a place he could truly call home and join a group of strangers fighting a cause he knew nothing about. That's what I was up against when I thought of joining the ranks of CORA.

Who were these strange talking folks, anyway, I thought. How could I ever fit in? Many I didn't understand and they didn't understand me. I told myself, "Go back to the apartment and forget this foolishness, it will never go anywhere."

However... there was something going on in this crowd that kept me coming back. And finally, there they were, not one, but two noticeable reasons to stay.

First and foremost was the cause for the organization...save the mountains. These folks really appeared devoted, close and part of these mountains. Boy, how little I knew.

Then there was its leadership. Somebody told me this fella doing all the talking was a judge. Well, he didn't look much like a judge and he too had the funny "talk" but, he sure had a way with words and most of the time I could

understand what he was saying.

Well, I was convinced and decided to join. After all, it wasn't much money, and I would be able to hunt some 46,000 acres for only \$50 a year. Heck, when I lived back east \$500 was about the going rate to hunt 250 to 500 acres. How could I go wrong?

And that's how it started. I soon found myself much closer to the people and so taken up with the cause, that I wanted to get more involved.

The then and current president, Judge Lee Asbury, recognized this over-zealous flat-lander and decided that just maybe, I could help further the cause. The rest is history. I have enjoyed the good times and anguished over the not-so-good during these twelve brief years. I wouldn't trade a one.

We have so much to be thankful and proud of. When I travel up I-75 on my way back to Indiana on weekends, it is a great feeling to look into and over these beautiful mountains. In one sense I feel cheated that I must leave, and in another, I feel that I have helped leave a legacy for our future generations...which really helps make it okay.

Once again, I wish to thank all of you, especially Lee, for befriending a displaced northerner and making me feel so welcomed. The entire experience, with its memories of great folks and sometimes strange places, will be with me for the rest of my life.

I wish Cora, the organization, and its many fine members...the very best. My thoughts will be with you always.

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# Annual Membership Drive

## Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association (CORA)

by Lee Asbury

If you are a CORA member, your annual membership expires July 31, 1998. If you are not a CORA member and would like to become a member, this is an excellent time to join. Annual membership dues are \$10.00. Please join us at the July Board of Director's Meeting to learn more about the organization, become a member or renew your annual membership. The next meeting is July 7, 1998 (7:00 PM), at the Campbell County Courthouse. Membership cards can also be obtained from any of the Board members or at Lee Asbury's office in Jacksboro.

### CORA At A Glance

#### What is CORA?

A group of hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts dedicated to keeping lands open and available to the public for multiple use activities.

#### What has CORA accomplished?

Across the nation, lands are being closed to public use at an alarming rate. CORA is working hard to open up or keep open land for public use. Since 1986, CORA has been directly involved in the preservation and long-term responsible use of 180,000 acres of land for public hunting and recreation.

#### Why is CORA successful?

CORA has an honest desire to do what is right and fair by considering all legitimate points of view. CORA strives to be part of the solution. The organization provides a forum where well-intentioned citizens and officials discuss problems of mutual concern and seek reasonable solutions.

#### CORA ongoing areas of emphasis?

CORA has effectively and efficiently churned out results for years without fanfare. Complacency can easily diminish our effectiveness and must be avoided. The pressing nature of land use issues in this country is often not understood or

acted upon. CORA is committed to opening lands and keeping them open for responsible multiple use.

#### Where would we be without CORA?

Many of the areas now available to a host of outdoor enthusiasts and hopefully to future generations may not be available.

#### What can I do?

Come to the next monthly meeting, become a member, renew your membership, sign up to work on one of the CORA committees. In short, get involved.

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# CORA Minutes

## FEB 3, 1998 MEETING MINUTES

The Board meeting commenced at 7:20 PM at the Campbell County Courthouse, Jacksboro, TN

**Invocation:** by Lee Asbury

**Board Roll Call:**

**Absent:** Leonard Hooks & Don Shelton.

**Excused absent:** Perry Vinsant, Jack Ethridge & Charles Vincent.

January Minutes and Treasury Reports were approved as read.

### ACTIVITY REPORTS

**NEWSLETTER:** Terry Lewis, again, requested articles for the Newsletter before press day, which is about a week or so away.

Delinquent accounts were discussed.

### ROADS & TRAILS:

A considerable amount of time was allowed to discuss the many problems facing the undecided Roads & Trails program.

A meeting was held with Lee Asbury, Representative Jerry Cross, and TWRA's Ron Fox and Bob Ripley regarding the multitude of problems facing the ROYAL BLUE Area Roads Program and its overall general use.

Rep. Cross expressed his concern regarding the multiple use program. He suggested we address and resolve the problems as best we could. That the idea of "others" trying to organize how it is going to be used was "not a good idea." He further directed CORA to get the program going in the right direction, now .... if we can't do it, somebody else will.

Comments were heard from Jerry Lane and Dr. Jim Horton regarding road closures.

Jerry Lane asked that everyone be certain that they understood that when he spoke regarding ROYAL BLUE activity that they were comments representing the majority of his club and not necessarily his. He also touched on unexpected road closures which made it difficult to navigate the property.

Jim Horton also commented on feedback he received on closures for unknown reasons. Some of the closures were explained.

Lee Asbury again commented that we have to make a solid determination on which roads need closure and why.

A committee of volunteers was formed to determine how the exploration of the property should take place and be part of the actual work when it's implemented.

Lee also suggested that a portion of the property should be set aside for those who do not wish to hear the sound of vehicle exhausts. "This area should be vehicle restricted and enforced," said Asbury.

Much more was covered regarding roads than can be covered in these minutes. However, it was generally concluded that we need unification in order to be able to support any Roads and Trails Program. This is where CORA must take the lead and head the approved programs in the proper direction.

President Asbury commented that Dr. Burchfield, our sound expert, would have his report on his exhaust test findings in March.

The volunteer fire fighters class will be held on March 3, 1998 after the meeting. The following volunteers must attend the class in order to qualify: Mike McAfee, Jim Shelton, Robert Burden, Fred Walker, Roy Martin and Jerry Law.

Charles Via of the forest service will be on hand.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Frank LaGreca, Secretary

## MARCH 3, 1998 MEETING MINUTES

The Board meeting commenced at 7:20 PM at the Campbell County Courthouse, Jacksboro, TN

**Invocation:** by Jim Shetterly

**Board Roll Call:**

**Absent:** Leonard Hooks.

**Excused Absent:** Frank LaGreca, Ray Ivey & Don Shelton.

February Minutes and Treasury Reports were approved as read.

### ACTIVITY REPORTS

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: No report.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: No report.

**NEWSLETTER:** Terry Lewis reported that the 16<sup>th</sup> edition was out from the printers and he thanked all those who helped with articles and information they submitted.

**Newsletter Distribution and Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant reported that distribution and collection has improved and he thanked all who helped in this effort. Perry reported that Twin Cove Marina is the only delinquent account we have.

### ROADS & TRAILS:

Ted Fields reports many of the trails were closed due to fallen trees. President Asbury and others rode on the property recently to assess the trail situation. Based on the trail ride, Asbury commented he thinks the entire approach to roads and trails should be changed. Asbury does not believe we can reach agreement and closure on how to handle the closing or opening of roads with the current approach. Roads and Trails committee are to meet in Asbury's office directly after tonight's meeting to consider other approaches.

**Membership** Committee Robert Burden: No report.

**Old Business:** Terry Lewis commented that Frank LaGreca will be leaving soon as a director. Frank will be sorely missed and very hard to replace. CORA needs to think about a replacement for an out of county director and for a new secretary.

**New Business:** Jack Ethridge reports that Alford Freels has bone cancer and is in the hospital. Please remember him in your prayers.

Motion to adjourn by President Asbury was seconded by Perry Vinsant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Acting Secretary Terry Lewis, April 7, 1998

## APRIL 7, 1998 MEETING MINUTES

The Board meeting commenced at 7:15 PM at the Campbell County Courthouse, Jacksboro, TN

**Invocation:** by Jim Shetterly

**Board Roll Call:**

**Absent:** Perry Vinsant, Ernie Lester, Charles Vincent & Galen Wiseman.

**Excused absent:** Hubert Rollen & Fred Walker.

March Minutes and Treasury Reports were approved as read.

**ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: No report.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: No report.

**NEWSLETTER:** Editor, Terry Lewis, asked for stories he would like to use in the next issues. Jack Ethridge asked if we might want to publish some complaints he's gathered from the ATV group...it was agreed that would be okay.

**ROADS & TRAILS:**

Ted Fields commented that many of the trails are still blocked with fallen trees from the snow storm and are impassable. That it might take months before they are re-opened.

**Membership** Committee: Robert Burden asked that everyone should encourage someone they know to join CORA.

**Old Business:** President Lee Asbury briefly commented on a special meeting held in his office after the March meeting. He said, "much of what was discussed had been previously discussed, and the outcome was the same." End of comment.

Robert Burden commented on the colors painted on the trees on ROYAL BLUE. He believes the public is confused as to what the colors indicate regarding the roads. He asked when the signs describing the color scheme were going to be erected...no one knew at this time.

**New Business:** President Asbury announced that a meeting was in the works with TWRA to acquire an additional 265 acres of property near the Shelton place. More on this later.

He also announced the Regional TWRA supervisor, Bobby Ripley, an Engineer and he will meet on Thursday, April 9, to discuss the building of a boat ramp on Coal Creek. It is his understanding that money has been allocated to buy the material to build the ramp if we would supply the labor.

A motion was made and passed that CORA would support and provide the labor to build the ramp.

There was a brief discussion on whether CORA would support or reject the idea entirely, on the introduction of Elk in South Fork and Royal Blue. Most agreed that without more information no decision would be made at this time. However, one major concern briefly discussed was... food. What do they eat that is now available, the quantity, and how it would affect the deer??

Jerry Lane suggested the opening of the gate behind the BP service station located on the north side of Hwy 63 in Claiborn County. It was the "ole David's Grocery Store," now a BP station. The opening of this gate will allow passage to the "Speedwell Post Office" landmark.

Lee said he would discuss the request with the owner and try to get back with an answer at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Frank LaGreca, Secretary. May 4, 1998

**MAY 7, 1998 MEETING MINUTES**

The Board meeting commenced at 7:10 PM at the Campbell County Courthouse, Jacksboro, TN

**Invocation:** by Jim Shetterly

**Board Roll Call:**

**Absent:** Bill Bruce, Jerry Lane & Don Shelton.

**Excused absent:** Hubert Rollen & Fred Walker.

April Minutes and Treasury Reports were approved as read.

**ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**NEWSLETTER:** Motion made by President Lee Asbury that Terry Lewis, treasurer of the General and Newsletter accounts, be allowed to sign the newsletter checks without a second signature. Motion passed.

Perry Vinsant requested a list of advertisers who had not paid for their Newsletter ads. Editor, Terry Lewis, provided the list. A brief discussion to determine who would help collect the delinquent accounts was held and resolved.

**ROADS & TRAILS:**

Ted Fields reported that some of the trails were re-opened, but many are still closed due to fallen trees from the winter snow storm.

**No additional reports.**

**Old Business:** President Lee Asbury reported on the status for the purchase of an additional 1500 acres in the Royal

Blue tract. He said that the House and Senate had approved the acquisition and it was on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

Cove Creek Boat Ramp. A public hearing hosted by CORA is on the agenda to allow for public input on the project. The meeting will be held in some yet to be announced time and location. Lee will follow up.

A paint color scheme to alert the public regarding road passage, conditions, etc., is apparently still unavailable or undecided, according to some members. Whatever the problem, there appears to be some confusion which needs to be addressed.

TDR stickers will no longer be required on a vehicle when on the Royal Blue property. However, an un-licensed vehicle purchased in TN must purchase a TDR sticker showing he has paid the required tax on the vehicle.

Terry Lewis suggested we address the election proxy percentage requirements for the upcoming annual Officer & Board election. Asbury asked that each member bring at least one proxy to the next meeting to help satisfy the percentage requirement for an election quorum. Lee will make the proxies available for the next meeting.

**New Business:** Past member and treasurer, Ray Wilson, returned to his roots and attended the meeting. Since Ray was so instrumental in helping to solve many of CORA's past trials and tribulations, he was asked if he would accept a position as an Officer. Ray accepted and will be on the ballot in the June election.

Ray did comment on an important issue which was addressed. He said that upon his return, he found little community information on CORA and yet, because he had been receiving the Newsletter, he knew we were actively working with TWRA & the paper companies and had made much progress.

Terry Lewis informed the Board that contact was made with Bob Hodge, Sports Editor, for the Knoxville Sentinel. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future to discuss some needed publicity.

President Asbury concluded the meeting with a comment that he, as well



# Archery

## Getting prepared for the bowhunting season early can make a difference

by John Stang

Somewhere deep in every bowhunters soul is a genetic time clock that automatically signals his inner being that hunting season is approaching. He does not need ads in magazines or other formal reminders and prods that the time is getting near.

There is a certain smell in the morning air. The leaves, although green as can be, sound a little different. The snapping of a twig commands immediate attention. Unfortunately, this feeling starts to occur in middle to late August for the majority of bowhunters I know, or should I say "bow shooters." There is a tremendous difference.

Getting ready for the hunt that starts the last week in September should really be an ongoing activity. However, starting in March is none too early to get the bow off the rack and start shooting in the back yard, or better yet go over to the closest archery range and start shooting some 3-D. The driving force here is accuracy. This upcoming season may be your season for Mr. Big to come sneaking under your stand.

If he does, he will probably put you and your equipment to the test. He probably won't come in where you expected him or he will come in when your bow is one place and your mind somewhere else.

You might be sitting and he ends up feeding right under your tree. Maybe he's 20 yards out with heavy brush covering his head and backside but has left you a 6-inch window of the best broadside shot one could hope for on his heart/lung area.

Now is the time you can take the dream shot if you've practiced and have the mental stamina to execute the flawless shot. If you have been shooting 3-D on a regular basis, the shot could be a piece of cake. 3-D archery practice can increase your skill level and tell you what you can do and what you cannot.

The mental confidence it builds will keep you calm when looking over his huge rack and monster body!

If you start your preparation off early, you can review the equipment you used last year, with some of the memories still fresh in your mind. 1998 promises to be the year for the fastest and flattest shooting bows ever.

The new one-cam models are quieter than ever before. The advances in arrow technology can make you shoot faster, penetrate deeper, and be more accurate than ever before. The new fiber optic sights can highlight your shooting pins when Mr. Big walks out in the early morning hours, when the sun is still low and hasn't provided you with as much light as would be desirable.

This may be the year you should get that new sight. The old rest you've had for years may have just a little more play than accuracy would dictate. A new quality rest may be the difference between shooting through a tight window and having to wait or pas up a shot for a bigger shooting area.

Maybe last year the bow set-up floated around more than you would have liked. Maybe you did feel some vibration in the bow and it didn't have just the right balance you would have liked. The solution could be to get that new quality stabilizer you've had your eye on, or one that your bowhunting partners have used successfully.

All of these things can help make you a better bow shooter. Putting them on early enough and practicing with them will help make you a better bowhunter.

Another left-to-last detail is often one of the most important. What about the cold camouflage pattern you've had for years? There are a lot of new patterns and new designs that can help you to be more effective and comfortable. Waiting until the week before opening day to wash and descent your hunting clothes can be a disaster.

Ever try to run out at the last minute to get a whatever and find they do not have the pattern or the size? This year et the stuff out in July, replace it, mend it, fix it, and wash it. Put it in a plastic bag with a

fresh-cut cedar branch and put it away until the season.

Maybe you had great success in your 1997 bow season. Could you make it better? Maybe some of the shots you took last year worked out just fine and you took a great animal. Did it really go as you planned and as you executed the shot? Did luck have something to do with last year, honestly?

Could you have made it better? Only you know! Getting out early is not only good preparation, but it's fun. Sometimes changing something in your set-up can make all the difference in the world. Remember, if you always do what you've always done, you always get what you've always gotten. Bowhunting for me is a lot more than just grabbing my bow and heading for the woods and sitting in a treestand all day. As a matter of fact, I no longer even shoot arrows at deer. I surgically implant them, and believe me there is a difference.

Getting ready to get ready is fun. Bowhunting practice is fun, it's spiritual, it's getting in touch with who and what we have been, what we are, and what we are becoming. If this is true for you, too, then planning out the days of autumn and your personal time of reflection is really worth the effort. Go ahead, force yourself to have some fun this summer, and go practice.

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as the paper companies, are pleased with the way things had progressed and are presently being handled. That this is the kind of publicity we need spread to all the surrounding counties and communities by any and all means possible, and that he too, is looking forward to a productive meeting with Mr. Hodge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

I Respectfully submit my last and final Minutes as Secretary,  
Frank LaGreca  
June 2, 1998

# Patience Most Definitely

by Jim Shetterly

It was a rainy morning as I left the house to go after that smart old bird, the wild turkey.

As I got out of my truck and started getting ready for the walk to where I was going to hunt, it was starting to get day light. When I got to where I was going, I stopped and made a call. An old gobbler sounded off in the direction I had just came from. After a short time I heard a second gobbler on another ridge in the other direction.

I thought, 'Boy that was quick, lets see what they will do as I keep on calling.' They would gobble, but would not come any closer. After an hour or so, I could see they were not going to come. With the rain falling like it was, they stopped gobbling completely.

I decided to call it a day and started back to the truck hoping to see the one that was gobbling earlier.

The next morning was much better with no rain. I decided to try another spot where I'd not hunted for more than a year. Now I knew the old saying, "a bird in the hand is better than two in the bush," but that's just it, I didn't have a bird in the hand yet. I felt I'd hunted much too long in that same place and it was time to change to a new location.

After parking the truck at my new location, I got out and assembled everything I'd need for the day's hunt: back pack, decoy, mask, gloves, drinking water and enough food for the day and oh yeah, my shot gun and shells. The one thing I didn't have was snake guards. I was thinking about last year when I almost stepped on a big rattlesnake when I was after that old gobbler I never got. Today, I would just have to watch where I step.

After walking about a mile it was getting good and light and I figured the turkeys would be off the roost by now. I stopped and made a call. I thought I heard something over on a ridge beyond me. I made another call and yep there he was. I thought, "Now what should I do? Should I stay here or try to get closer?" I knew I had better do something quick. So I started making my way toward where he was gobbling. After about half

way to him I stopped and waited.

A few days ago I was talking to a friend and he said, "To be a good turkey hunter you've got to be lazy." I replied, "What does being lazy have to do with turkey hunting?" He said, "You have to sit a lot." I thought that maybe we both do too much walking every season, so I waited some more.

After staying put for some time I was beginning to lose my patience again. I thought of what my brother has said many times, "Be patient and watch for turkeys on old logging roads." I decided to move on up the ridge above where the turkey was at. He wasn't gobbling anyway and I thought he may just be on the old road out the top. After setting up again, I decided to wait until ten o'clock before going back to the truck.

I made some more calls, but nothing happened. Thirty minutes passed and then just under the hill where I was sitting I heard the old boy gobble again. Since the turkey was still around, I decided to give it my all and try to have the patience to stay on even if it took all day. The next time he gobbled, he was on the ridge about half a mile away. What was wrong with this turkey? This was not going to get it. I wasn't going to go after him again. Maybe I was calling too much. He was obviously headed away from me and I was sure he was gone.

Then about fifteen minutes later he gobbled again, but this time he was on the road just about seventy-five yards from me. Now things were starting to look brighter. The next time I heard him he was gobbling every step he took. 'Okay,' I thought, 'this is it. I've got to be still and not make any mistakes.' I had placed the decoy out in the road just in front of me. I wondered if I had put it too close? Well it was too late to worry about that, because that old boy was on his way. He must have gobbled twenty times no more than fifty yards away, but there was a small hump in the road between him and me and he didn't like it.

I made a cluck on my call very softly with a shaky hand, as it was laying on

the ground next to me. I watched for him to come over the hump, and he did, very cautiously, looking for the cause of that sound. I carefully raised the shotgun as he walked behind a tree. I aimed at an opening spot where his head would be. Unfortunately, he must have sensed something he did not like and he turned back the way he had come. But it was too late, as I swung the gun to where the sight was on his head and pulled the trigger. He went down, but then he got back up and went to the air. I pumped another round in him and he went down for the last time.

It took almost four hours to get this bird to come in close enough for a good shot. Luck? No way. Skill, maybe. Patience, most definitely. The exercise was worth the wait for a nineteen and half pounder with a ten-inch beard and one inch spurs. On my way back, I found out there was more than one gobbler on that ridge.

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be responsible for the entire operation. In the long run, the newsletter will likely prove to be one of our major assets. Those who nursed it through infancy, taught it to crawl, to walk and finally to run, deserve special recognition.

There is a saying that courts and other organizations speak only through their minutes. This being true, can any of you imagine anyone doing a better job at keeping the minutes than Frank has done? The effort required to keep up and write it all down and then condense information into a concise and understandable presentation is typical of the way he has done every job we've asked him to do. His idea to publish the minutes in the newsletter, sharing our meetings with everyone was brilliant and later generation, interested in our activities in the 80's and 90's, thanks to Frank, will have an accurate and complete look at each meeting during his tenure.

Trading horses was a time honored practice in our part of the country when I was a boy and young man. All horse traders had their sales pitch but the one I liked best was the one used by an old fellow with a "squinny" eye, a long beard and bib overalls. His pitch was, "He'll work anywhere you put him, you can't hook him wrong and he can saddle in any gait."

That pretty well sums up our friend Frank. He capably discharged every assignment he was given. He performed well in every situation and circumstance. He never, not even once, did or said anything detrimental to the cause and through it all he became a special friend to each of us.

We and future generations of Tennesseans who love outdoor recreation say to you, Frank, thank you and may God continue to bless and keep you.

Your friend,  
Lee

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# Boundary Problems

by Terry Lewis

The importance of identifying and clearly marking your property lines cannot be stressed enough. Marking remains the most dependable way to prevent boundary disputes. However, some problems between owners of adjoining properties can only be resolved with a new survey based on both deeds. A surveyor will have to be hired to thoroughly research each property description and determine on the ground where the "line" is. In the event this is not satisfactory to all parties involved, then only a judge can decide.

## Trespass Management

Trespass is an ongoing problem for land owners. Suggested remedies are:

1. Mark boundaries and post according to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) guidelines. Contact your local game officer today!
2. Maintain a physical presence. If you don't live on the property or visit it often, a hunting or recreational lease can provide some physical attendance.
3. Clean up dumping as soon as it is detected. This lets a dumper know you are aware of the dumping. Unsavory as it may sound, searching through the trash often turns up mail with names and/or addresses. This information can be useful to law enforcement officers.
4. Notify law enforcement of any trespassing. Many of us neglect this important aspect of trespass management. Phone numbers and addresses of the local TWRA game officer and/or the sheriff should be kept handy.

## Reducing Liability Exposure

Liability suits against landowners for hunting accidents are not common. But reasonable people do not want accidents to occur whether they are liable or not. The following suggestions should reduce your liability exposure from fee-hunting enterprises:

1. Maintain a safe place. Inspect the property and note (in writing) all potential hazards. Each guest should have a map of the property. Take time to mark and point out boundaries and hazards.
  2. Have written rules. Provide each user a set of rules aimed at preventing accidents and protecting the property. Make sure they read these rules.
  3. Have written releases. Guests should sign a written release relieving you of negligence.
  4. Require insurance. Hunting clubs can obtain a policy for their members at reasonable costs. This should be stated in a lease. Owner's, landlords' and tenants' (OL&T) policies which cover recreational enterprises are available from some companies and can be added on to existing policies.
- The University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service publication *Developing Hunting Enterprises on Private Lands* (PB 1305) covers liability in greater detail. Pick one up from your county agent. Although the information in this discussion may inform you, it is not intended as a substitute for competent legal assistance.

## Ray's Back

Of all the people who worked hard and helped CORA from its creation to the present time, Ray Wilson is at the head of the list. He was a major factor in organizing CORA in fund raising when lease payments approached \$50,000 per year and in lobbying the state to buy Royal Blue WMA. He was our first treasurer and did such a good job of fund raising that all of us together have not been able to take his place.

Thanks goodness, he's back, has accepted the position of Secretary, replacing Frank LaGreca (see lead article) and will be with us as we move on to the new challenges that are sure to come along.

Thanks Ray for your past contributions, and welcome back.

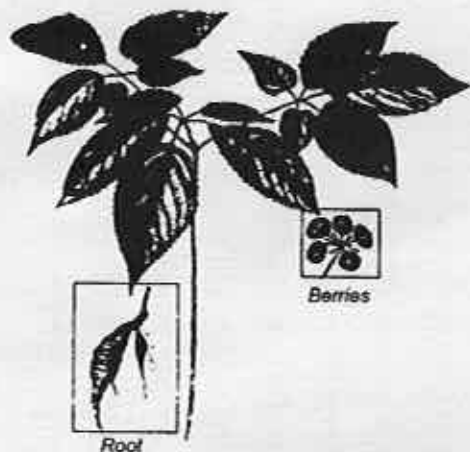
Lee



# Ginseng

by Larry Tankesley, Extension Associate Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries

"Sang" is what the folks who dig it or cultivate it call it, the "elixir of life" is what users call it and botanists call it *Panax quinquefolius*. Whatever you call it, ginseng is an important plant in many of Tennessee's forests.



American Ginseng

Ginseng grows mainly on shady slopes in hardwood forests among beeches, basswood and maples. With this canopy, ginseng is well shielded from direct sunlight and is provided with cool air circulation. The soil in such an environment is moist, light and porous, with a high content of rotting leaves. Ginseng is elusive, due in part to its resemblance to other plants which share its habitat. These include buckeye sprouts, blackberry leaves, woodbine or Virginia creeper leaves and elm foliage.

The first year of growth produces a small plant with only one leaf consisting of three leaflets. With successive growing seasons, the plant matures and produces

additional leaves, until a maximum of four leaves or "prongs," each with five palmately arranged leaflets, is attained.

During June and July of the third or fourth growing season, a stalk of six to 30 small greenish-white flowers is produced at the top of the stem. Pollinated flowers produce small berries which are green at first, but turn a brilliant crimson when mature. Each fruit contains two or three seeds.

By law, only plants with three or more "prongs" can be dug. This ensures that the plant has time to produce fruit and set seed and allows the root to reach a marketable size. Younger plants should be left undisturbed. No ginseng can be harvested until after the berries have turned red. This time varies across the state, but generally occurs in August and September. To insure populations for future generations to harvest, it is required that all berries be planted in the approximate locate from which the parent plant was removed.

Ginseng diggers may dig on their land; however, collecting wild ginseng on another persons' land without prior approval of the landowner is trespassing. Diggers should obtain written permission before hunting or digging. No ginseng may be collected on state or federal land without written permission.

## Tennessee's Ginseng Program

Tennessee's Ginseng Program monitors the harvest and determines the status of wild ginseng in the state. As a part of Tennessee's Ginseng Program, all merchants or firms which purchase wild

ginseng harvested in Tennessee are asked to obtain a Dealer Permit from the Department of Environment and Conservation. (Permits are not required to dig ginseng.) Dealers are also asked to submit annual reports of their purchases, by county.

Without cooperation from ginseng dealers providing data on the quantity of wild ginseng harvested and the counties from which it was collected, federal endangered plant authorities could rule against the export of ginseng from Tennessee. Therefore, it is in the best interest of all ginseng diggers and dealers to comply with Tennessee's management program.

For more information about ginseng, Tennessee's Ginseng Program and a list of permitted dealers, contact the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation at (615) 532-2762 or contact me at (423) 974-7977.

Ginseng digging season usually runs from August 15 - December 15, with dealers permitted to purchase "sang" through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## Parting Is Always Hard

Change is a natural thing that happens in one's life. Change can be scary and often the unknown makes a person uncomfortable. Friends are like change.

When I first met Frank LaGreca he was on the CORA board of directors. He was friendly and I instantly liked him. Shortly thereafter Frank was elected Secretary of CORA and we became even closer friends. Frank and I often spoke on the telephone for hours about the direction CORA was heading in, and about problems and growing pains we were experiencing. When the idea of a newsletter was spawned, we discussed the venture at length and wondered if the group (board of directors) would accept the idea. We worked a hundred hours on the idea and logistics of the newsletter production before we brought the concept to the board for approval. Many members did not feel the newsletter would benefit CORA. Like all changes, the newsletter made some folks uncomfortable. Frank had the vision and

previous newsletter experience from other clubs. Together we tackled the project and worked side by side as co-editors to make the newsletter the success it is today.

Frank is directly responsible for my involvement in CORA. He is also my confidant and very close friend. At one time I became disenchanted with the group and planned to quit attending monthly meetings. Frank listened, counseled and worked with me to overcome my feelings. A short time thereafter Ray Wilson resigned from CORA and relocated his family to west Tennessee. Frank nominated me for the vacant Treasurer position on the Board of Directors, the post I currently hold. Frank is leaving CORA, but the CORA Newsletter will go on and I expect it will not suffer much (even though I will).

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I say good-bye to my good friend Frank LaGreca. I know that he goes on to better things like family and home, the

Indiana farm where he really belongs. He has been such a great asset to both CORA and me. I know we will still be friends, and I will always have the memories of hunting, riding ATV's, and just simply sitting and talking. I will surely miss him.

Your friend,  
Terry

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