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CAMPBELL OUTDOOR RECREATION ASSOCIATION

## From The President

### Where to Go From Here

By Lee Asbury

It was still dark when I left home at Speedwell on June 22, 1996 bound for the Donoho Hotel at Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee, to attend the Tennessee Conservation League Policy Board meeting.

I felt obliged to go because it was to be a meeting at which the future direction and purpose of the League was to be thoroughly examined and hopefully a clear consensus reached as to future emphasis. Being a member of the League's Policy Board, having personal ties to some of its founding members, and feeling deeply indebted to it for its support in making Royal Blue WMA a reality were some of the reasons I wanted to attend.

A heavy blanket of fog had settled in Powell Valley that morning, visibility was very limited. It was hard to see the road ahead and I had a strange, but not unpleasant, lonesome feeling.

It was a perfect time to let my mind wander back to my first TCL meeting, in the early 60's, at the old Noel Hotel in downtown Nashville. I was a young lawyer, just out of law school, an avid hunter and fisherman, and was anxious to help in the efforts being made to establish huntable deer herds, turkey flocks, improve fishing and generally help enhance outdoor recreation in Tennessee.

Up to that point in my life, my contact with the League had been confined to occasional news releases and the

acquaintance of two men. John Dyche, well known insurance agency owner of LaFollette, talked to me constantly about the League, its past accomplishments and future aspirations and convinced me to go to the League's convention with him. The second man that spoke of League matters to me was Professor Karl Steinmetz, my wills and trusts instructor at the UT Law School. Professor Steinmetz, his place in history as the author of Tennessee's "Model Fish and Game Law" well fixed, was one of the finest men I have ever had the privilege to meet. He was a lovable fellow with a great sense of humor and a love for the outdoors, especially trout fishing, that was so infectious that talking to him was almost as much fun as catching a trout.

His vision of a Tennessee where native birds, animals and fish abounded in a clean and healthy environment and hunters and fishermen were true sportsmen (he never used the word "sports person" because gender bias hadn't been invented at that time) was something he shared with everybody for as long as they would listen.

He told funny stories in class, poked fun at his friend and UT football coach, Bowden Wyatt, gave me good grades, and was such a champion for hunting, fishing and related environmental issues that I shall never forget him or feel free

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The most important thing you can do is limit your catch-and-release fishing during July, August, and September when water temperatures are highest.

Although it is exciting to catch and release several fish, the conscientious anglers will call it a day or change to another species after boating their limit. To do otherwise is to waste a valuable resource.

Striped bass and Cherokee bass can be caught and released much more successfully in the fall, winter, and spring. However, even during that period, anglers are encouraged to use restraint.

**1. When planning to catch and release these fish, try not to play them any longer than necessary.** The longer the fish struggles, the more its body will accumulate lactic acid and other metabolites, which will hamper their ability to survive after being released.

**2. Remove the hook carefully and release the fish without taking it from the water, if possible.**

**3. If the fish is hooked deep, simply cut the line.**

**4. If you wish to take a picture, do so quickly and avoid holding the fish out of water any longer than necessary.**

*Please do your part to reduce mortality of striped bass and Cherokee bass by voluntarily reducing your catch-and-release fishing.*

You Can Help Further: Share this information with other anglers.

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## Champion Meets With CORA...

On July 5, 1996 a meeting was held in the office of CORA President Judge Lee Asbury.

Representing CHAMPION was Mr. John Flynn, Timber and Forestry Operations Manager for Champions Western Carolina Region, Tenn. Operations.

CORA was represented by Officers: Lee Asbury, Harry Burden, Terry Lewis, Frank LaGreca and Board Committee chairman for Roads and Trails, Ted Fields.

The subject of the meeting was the proper use of the CHAMPION property adjacent to THE ROYAL BLUE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. These thousands of acres await discriminate public use. Major concerns are few. How we all abide by the rules which address these concerns, will eventually determine how long we stay WITHOUT MORE RULES BEING IMPOSED.

The four concerns presented to us by Mr. Flynn were:

1. SAFETY
2. Anything which may adversely affect WATER QUALITY.
3. Any land under lease and bonded must not be violated by trespassing.
4. TRASH

ATV's were discussed in great detail, as well as the handling of permits.

Mr. Flynn suggested we meet at least twice a year to discuss "how the land is being used," and whether it needed to be expanded or controlled without additional trails.

Signs will need to be posted at all the entrances listing the rules and regulations. CORA will ensure the continued replacement of the signs.

ATV (TDR) TENN. DEPT. OF REVENUE tax stickers must be attached on all ATV's using the property, including out-of-state vehicles. This law is in effect on the ROYAL BLUE WMA and will be enforced by TWRA Officers.

ATV's must use existing trails. Cutting or trampling new trails is prohibited.

Permits, at a nominal cost of a dollar, is presently under review. Permits will be issued by selected agents who will be allowed to keep the money, but must return the paper-work on the permit to CHAMPION.

There will be no charge to hunt, on the property, other than the required permit.

A concern was registered on how best to inform the public. This will be addressed at a later time. However, Lee suggested that Mr. Flynn meet with CORA, other organized groups and riding organizations to discuss the use of the property. This was well received and will be considered.

Mr. Flynn concluded by re-affirming his desire to have CORA extend a guiding hand and assistance in getting and keeping the program properly directed. President Asbury discussed our position on various matters and assured him of our complete cooperation.

All agreed that we would meet again after Mr. Flynn's meeting with TWRA.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

## CAMPBELL OUTDOOR RECREATION (CORA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The annual CORA Board of Directors meeting and election of officers was held on July 2, 1996 and the following personnel were re-elected:

President: Lee Asbury  
V. President: Harry Burden  
Treasurer: Terry Lewis  
Secretary: Frank LaGreca  
Chaplain: Jim Shetterly

The resignation of Fred Jordan was accepted. Perry Vinsant was nominated and approved to fill the vacancy. The remaining members listed, will continue to preside.

Harry Burden (Chairman)  
Robert Burden  
Bill Bruce  
Tom Conner  
Jack Ethridge  
Ted Fields  
Leonard Hooks  
Ray Ivey  
Ernie Lester  
Mike McAfee  
Hubert Rollen  
Don Shelton  
Jim Shetterly  
Charles Vincent  
Fred Walker

in any way to abandon his vision for the League.

When we got to Nashville that day, the hotel lobby was full of TCL delegates, most of them decked out in hunting or fishing gear. The place was alive with wildlife sounds. There were duck callers, turkey callers, crow callers, coon squallers, squirrel squackers, hoot owl hooters, wild bird imitations, and others all over the lobby and the hotel. It sounded like a swampy woodland near a lake on a cool fall morning just at daylight.

All of the delegates were hunters and fishermen. The founding fathers were present, ready, willing and able to share with anybody willing to listen, their love of hunting and fishing, their dedication to protecting the commission system they had helped create, their concern for the environment, and always emphasizing the spiritual and time-honored traditions of true sportsmen who loved and respected each other and the game and fish they pursued. To them the actual taking of game and fish, a desirable result was somewhat secondary to the overall thrill of the hunt, the association with each other and the reverence with which they treated the environment.

Dr. John Bailey, professor at East Tennessee State University, was secretary and the only officer who received any compensation. The allowance made to him was only to cover postage, printing and like expenses. When the allowance was inadequate, Dr. Bailey carried on with his own funds. The other officer and directors served without compensation and in most cases, at their own expense.

This dedicated group of men and women, at their own expense and on their own time, created the League, our present autonomous Commission system, our model fish and game laws, and in general performed a public service for this State's hunters and fishermen that is unparalleled in Tennessee history.

Riding along in the fog and reminiscing about the old days was to see clearly the streams of traffic going north and south on the four-lane interstate which didn't even exist when I attended my first League convention. I

suddenly realized that 1996 was an entirely different time when compared to 1946. The facts of today are vastly different, but I am convinced that true principles never change. If that premise is correct, we need to approach today's problems with the same sense of dedication and purpose that Professor Steinmetz and the others exhibited 50 years ago.

Today most groups are what I refer to as single interest organizations. Many of today's problems arise from these groups vying with each other for the limited outdoor space available. The old times principle of resource protection first, followed by scientifically sound management and reasonable use and harvest by hunters and fishermen and outdoor recreation lovers who respect traditions and are considerate of each other and the environment are as viable today as they were in the past.

Today's TCL has a very talented and dedicated professional staff to carry on its affairs. Unfortunately, a great deal of their time has to be spent in fund raising to meet the League's monetary demands, which, of course, include the costs of staff, office, etc. One of the greatest needs is a funding system that will support staff and office expense, while freeing staff to work at accomplishing the League's objectives.

The Policy Board meeting quickly revealed what everyone already knew. The League's shift in the early 80's, in emphasis and objectives, necessary to attract grants and donations significantly altered its character and in my opinion contributed to a loss of support from hunters and fishermen. At first, these folks simply formed other organizations around a specific animal, fowl or fish and pursued their interests on their own and as affiliates of TCL. Fortunately a good many still do. But some ominous clouds are on the horizon. Drastic drops in affiliates and individual memberships narrow TCL's political base and leave it vulnerable. Groups who are openly hostile to TCL and TWRA are being formed and a part of their appeal is based on a belief that ordinary hunters and fishermen no longer have a forum or a voice in the present system. Some of these groups advocate seeking a political solution rather than working within the present structure.

While many people and organizations exhibit great integrity and try hard to constantly occupy the moral high ground most people believe that we are most responsive to the people and organizations who provide our financial support. I, quite frankly, believe this myself. I'm not sure which is the chicken and which is the egg, I just know that if the suppliers of money don't get the hoped for benefit they cut off the money.

I'm sure you have gathered by now that I believe TCL has evolved in a way that has caused it to grow far away from its roots. Other than preservation and protection of TWRA, big picture environmental issues seem to be TCL's priority. One prominent delegate suggested that any major shift to hunting and fishing issues would amount to a step backward.

The big question then becomes—Should we continue our present course or should we reach out to our time honored principles and basic constituency, Tennessee's hunters and fishermen? I am sure of one thing. If the decision we reach leaves a leadership vacuum, some other organization will fill that vacuum and we may not like the results.

I am advised that one million + or - resident licenses are sold in Tennessee. These folks, regardless of their stand on environmental issues, need a forum for discussion of hunting and fishing and outdoor recreation related problems, and need an avenue for approaching TWRA and other government agencies and offices.

If TCL doesn't meet this need, who or what will? This is one of the questions being debated. Stay tuned for further developments.



# Grouse Hunters—A Curious Group

By Mike McAfee

Many observations "stick in my mind" from years of grouse hunting. Here are just two "grouse...isms."

Some grouse hunters will go to almost any extreme to try to improve their odds. The number of gadgets and gizmos available to the modern grouse hunter is amazing. Electronics is particularly popular. There is a vast array of electronic devices of various sizes, shapes, and colors that can be connected (tied, strapped, buckled, or velcro'ed) to both man and beast. No need to worry about stumbling onto the modern grouse hunter in the woods unknowingly and without warning. Flashing lights and various beeping and humming noises coming from hunter and dog can be seen and heard from great distances. The dog's neck seems to have taken the worst of the electronic craze. Multiple antennas and battery packs protruding from the dog's neck makes negotiating saw briar and grape vine thickets more of a challenge for even the most experienced grouse dog. No need to worry if a dog will keep his nose high to wind or on the ground to scent. The dog has little choice with all that weight. The most up-to-date grouse hunter is quite a site indeed. The proper equipment to go afield includes both lightweight shotgun and boots. They have to be to carry all the stuff I am about to describe. Here goes: high-tech and abrasion-resistant upland vest equipped with a seventy two-ounce personal hydrating system integrated into the vest; obedience collar controller; an extra beeper collar; portable global positioning system; personal entertainment system (weather radio, TV, AM, FM, CD, tape); multiple battery backups and for that added extra security, a combination whistle and waterproof match carrier (batteries not included nor required). I think all this is over kill, don't you? I do not have the combination whistle and waterproof match carrier.

Are you doing any good? It seems like a most reasonable question to ask another grouse hunter you happen to run across in the woods. What else would you ask someone with a shotgun

and a dog trudging around our steep East Tennessee mountains at a time of the year when most people go outside only when it is required? Many hunters respond that they are not having any luck. So for many years now, at least the hunters that I have talked to are not jumping or bagging birds. This odd response makes one ponder why they keep doing it. Ponder why grouse hunt? Of course not. For the grouse hunter, no explanation is necessary. It is the not jumping or bagging birds response that is puzzling. Is it concern that some other hunter might tread over a favorite spot? In reality, most grouse hunters generally hunt the same locations. Are they ashamed they keep shooting at the "gal-darn-things" and only sporadically connect? No, that is the nature of the sport. Having been trained in the scientific method, I posed the question, collected and analyzed data and after many years came up with the answer.

They are fibbing. The grouse made them do it. Otherwise, upstanding, stalwart, citizens driven to fib by the Bonasa umbellus. Having resolved this haunting question and not wanting to break rank with fellow grouse hunters, I now neither jump nor bag birds when questioned. Seriously, hunters in Tennessee do enjoy some success grouse hunting. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) conducts an annual grouse hunter survey. Statistically, from 1977 through 1995, the grouse harvest per party trip has ranged from a low of .46 to a high of 1.42. If you are a grouse hunter and want to do something to assist biologists in the long-term management of this magnificent game bird, participate in the survey. Write Mark Gudlin at the TWRA, Ellington Agriculture Center, P.O. Box 40747, Nashville, Tennessee 37204-9901; or call at (615) 781-6500.

## Sound Off

by Jim Shetterly

It seems we hear more and more about the lakes and the land around here. Its been said if they don't do something soon, about Cove Lake, there will not be a lake in another few years. All most every time people start talking about fishing, something comes up about Norris Lake and how bad it is or how you can't get to the lake because they have blocked off most of the roads or there is too many boats on the water. Some times you will hear people saying when are they going to do something about this land on the Royal Blue W.L.M.A. Some say before they got that Wildlife Management Association that you could ride anywhere you wanted to. It used to be you could dig ginseng any time, but now it is only certain times of

the year. It seems all of us want to know when they are going to do something about these problems here. Do you ever wonder who they are. I will almost guarantee if we will take a long look in the mirror, we will see who the people are that can change things. It is very true there are a lot of problems here with the lake and land, not so long ago you could fish or swim anywhere in Cove Lake. It was a beautiful lake. Now it is full of sand and mud. And you could go on Norris Lake and catch a lot of crappie and bass any day of the week. And you could go in the mountains and dig ginseng all around. Now you might get a pound a year. So now that we know who they are we need to start solving some of these problems.

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# CORA Minutes

## April 2, 1996 MEETING MINUTES

The Board meeting commenced at 7:30 pm at the Campbell County Courthouse, Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation:** by Jim Shetterly

**Board Roll Call:** Excused Absent; Don Shelton, Fred Walker, Frank LaGreca, Charles Vincent, Ted Fields, Hubert Rollens, Jim Rains

April meeting Minutes, as well as both the General Fund and the Newsletter Treasury reports were approved as read by and in the absence of Secretary Frank LaGreca by Terry Lewis.

**Committee Reports:**

**Publicity:** Mike McAfee, no report.

**Activities:** Tom Conner, no report.

**Newsletter Editors:** Terry Lewis reports the funds for the newsletter were low and more advertisers were needed to fund the current issue. President Asbury instructed Terry Lewis to proceed with this publication issue and the general fund would make up the balance of the cost for this issue. The future of the newsletter would be decided before the June issue becomes due.

**Newsletter Distribution and**

**Advertising:** Ernie Lester reports that some advertisers have dropped from the newsletter. He would try to secure more new advertisers.

**Roads and Trails:** Ted Fields and Ernie Lester, no report.

**Membership:** Robert Burden, no report.

**New Business:** Wayne Cycle will renew their advertising with the newsletter. It was reported that Stan Stooksbury wants to put food plots at Flint Gap and Rock Springs. Stan wants to close the roads through the area. President Asbury stated there are other ways around this area and we should finish the roads and trail plans, then we could work with Stan to help make his plans for the area. A discussion followed.

President Asbury asked the board about calling a special meeting about the roads and trails. Publicity chairman Mike McAfee was asked to advertise the special meeting in the local LaFollette newspaper for the meeting to be held at the next scheduled board meeting on

May 7, 1996. Terry Lewis was asked to provide a set of topo maps for the meeting.

President Asbury stated that the Hubert Company has turned their property over to a management company. They want to make it a profit center by charging for access to the property. Lee suggested that we do the same thing with the Hubert Company that we did with Royal Blue. He asked the group to think about organizing an effort to lease the property. A lively discussion followed. President Asbury is to find out all he can about the property costs and ideas for the project.

At the boards request Terry Lewis provided a television and VCR, President Asbury provided the movie about Campbell County History, the same movie produced for the time capsule, buried in Nashville and to be opened in 100 years. The board and general membership watched and thoroughly enjoyed the movie.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terry Lewis

## May 7, 1996 MEETING MINUTES

The Board meeting commenced at 7:10 P.M. at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation:** by Harry Burden

**Board Roll Call:** Excused Absence: Jim Shetterly, Fred Walker. Absent: Tom Conner, Jack Ethridge.

April Minutes as well as both the General Fund and the Newsletter Treasury reports were approved as read.

**Newsletter Discussion:** A plea for local persons to help collect and recruit new advertisers was submitted to the Board. An intensive discussion followed. It was capped by a Board roll call asking each member to volunteer his contribution and report back at the June meeting. The following listed members faithfully offered their help:

Name .....	Nature of Help
Asbury .....	articles
Harry Burden .....	personal business ad
Robert Burden .....	collection/sell ads
Bill Bruce .....	sell ads
Fields .....	collection/sell ads
Leonard Hooks .....	sell ads

Ray Ivey .....	distribution/collection
Fred Jordan .....	sell ads
Mike McAfee .....	articles
Hubert Rollen .....	collection/sell ads
Don Shelton .....	sell ads/article
Charles Vincent .....	collection

**Publicity:** Mike McAfee said he did put an ad in the paper regarding CORA.

**Activities:** Bill Bruce, no report.

**Roads and Trails:** Ernie Lester reported that those he looked at were in good condition.

**Membership:** Bob Burden, no report.

President Asbury reported that he met and talked with CHAMPION PAPER CO. personnel regarding the public use of their property. He said they would probably allow free use of the property, provided it was used with respect. They suggested the use of ID cards, which would be issued upon request. Hubert Rollen commented that at their Willamette property, they do not allow any kind of 2 or 4 wheel motorized vehicles

HUBERT CO., with 90 thousand acres, would be asked, according to Asbury, to also provide free use of their property. However, there are indications that they may want to charge a fee. Lee commented that if they did charge a fee, their responsibility would increase, considerably.

CORA's responsibility is to put together a program which will satisfy the companies and TWRA.

Lee said he will be meeting with them again and asked that anyone interested in going with him, would be welcomed.

The Roads and Trails program was discussed at length. It was decided that some of all of the following listed personnel should visit the locations in question and report their findings and suggestions at special meeting, time and place to be determined...you will be called.

Jordan, Charles Vincent, Lester, Fields, Lewis, Shetterly, Ward, Asbury, Perry Vincent, Pete Sheldon, Miles and Robert Burden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank LaGreca

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### June 4, 1996 MEETING MINUTES

The BOARD MEETING COMMENCED AT 7:15 P.M. at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation:** by Jim Shetterly.

**Board Roll call:** Absent: Tom Conner, Don Shelton.

**Excused Absence:** Charles Vincent, Mike McAfee

May Minutes as well as both the General Fund and the Newsletter Treasury reports were approved as read.

**Committee reports:**

**Publicity:** Chairman absent, no report.

**Activities:** Bill Bruce, no report.

**Newsletter:** Board volunteers were polled to gather the results of their contribution and efforts to keep the Newsletter afloat. To the following members we extended our sincerest appreciation and thanks for their help in either collecting overdue receivables or adding new advertisers: Harry Burden, Bill Bruce, Ted Fields, Leonard Hooks, Ray Ivey and Hubert Rollen.

We still need your help.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Chairman, Ernie Lester listed the names of those who were added, those who dropped out and the few who paid up. He thanked all who helped and asked that those who volunteered, to continue to pursue their commitment.

**Roads and Trails:** Ernie Lester briefly discussed the committees earlier meeting regarding the closing, opening and possible re-routing of existing trails and roads, and a follow up meeting that evening. A more detailed report may be available for the next Board and member meeting in July.

**Membership:** Chairman, Robert Burden..no report.

President Asbury indicated that he was unable to comment on the Hubert and Champion properties until they contact him, which may happen before our next meeting. However, Ernie Lester commented that through his work association with personnel from Hubert, they appeared interested in allowing the public use of their land. More later....

Asbury, also, briefly commented on the Roads and Trails meeting. He said, "Only three trails should be open at all times, in and out of the property.

Many others should either be closed permanently, and others opened and closed for timely reasons. Presently, nothing has been submitted to TWRA or approved for any of the above."

Fred Jordan requested, that because of his new position as an employee of TWRA, that we accept his resignation as a Board member as of July 2, 1996. Freds' request was accepted.

The Board and attending members were reminded that the July meeting is the Officer and Board election meeting, everyone should try to attend . . . a quorum is necessary.

Meeting, adjourned at 7:55 P.M.  
Frank LaGreca, Sec.

### July 2, 1996 MEETING MINUTES

The annual membership and monthly Board meeting commenced at 7:30 P.M. at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation by:** Jim Shetterly.

**Board Roll call:** Absent: Robert Burden, Tom Conner, Jack Ethridge, Ted Fields, Leonard Hooks, Hubert Rollen and Charles Vincent.

June Minutes as well as both the General Fund and the Newsletter Treasury reports were approved as read.

**Committee reports:**

**Publicity:** Mike McAfee, no report.

**Activities:** Bill Bruce and Tom Conner, no report.

**Newsletter:** Terry Lewis reported a severe shortage of articles, until he received some, there would be no Newsletter.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Ernie Lester reported that most of our advertisers had paid up. Those who had dropped out owing money, had not paid. Every effort would be made to collect our outstanding Newsletter receivables.

**Membership:** Robert Burden, absent no report.

**Roads and Trails:** Maps of proposed trails and changes were presented to the Board for review and comment after the meeting.

President Asbury reported that he met with Mr. John Flynn of Champion. Mr. Fynn said he would attempt to convince his management to allow public access to the 80,000 acres of property, via some kind of permit program. He thought that the same rules and regulations which now exist for the

ROYAL BLUE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, would prevail on their property. Problems would be addressed as needed.

Lee called upon CORA to help make their program work, whatever it may be, by overseeing it whenever possible. He indicated that he understood the program was to begin in '96, go for 3 years and be reviewed.

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman called for the election of Officers and Board members for 1997.

The election results are covered under a separate report.

New member Bob Foster, took the floor and expressed his appreciation for what CORA has accomplished and looked forward to working with the organization to help further our goals.

President Asbury reported on his meeting with TCL. He questioned whether they wanted to be an Environmental Organization or one dedicated to the Sportsmen of TN. He felt that upon review of where their contributions came from, it would be difficult for them to represent the Sportsmen. He indicated that he had spoken with others in the organization who felt the same way.

He also commented that the ANTI's are well represented in the contribution column and in personal representation. The income from these organizations have a definite effect on their anti-hunting thinking, said Asbury.

Asbury suggested we align ourselves with an organization who believes in the causes and programs we do. No comment was made at this time as to who this organization might be.

A question was brought up regarding the HUBERT property, which consists of some 90,000 acres. Lee said we cannot address the use of this property until HUBERT decides to get together and discuss it.

A discussion of the prospective Rifle Range was opened. Since no one knows for sure where it's to be built, it was suggested that we might suggest a site. Tabled for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank LaGreca

# Bowhunting Past and Future

by: Frank H. Scott  
Director, Fred Bear Museum

In the early days of Bowhunting in this country, because we were few in number and because we were pioneering a new yet very old method of hunting—that is with the bow and arrow—the bowhunters were often highly visible. Because of what we were doing some of this visibility was pure curiosity, at other times it was down right hostility. Much of this hostility was on the part of the gun hunting fraternity who felt the bowhunter was being given special privileges with the longer, earlier hunting seasons, and in some states being allowed to take deer of either sex. Some of these same gun hunters did not understand the bow and arrow and often considered our equipment to be ineffective resulting in a high percentage of wounded deer. We all know this is not the case but we had to prove our equipment was effective. We did this in many ways. Much of it being done by our early bowhunting pioneers by means of demonstrations for sportsman's clubs, gun clubs, etc. Breaking balloons, shooting blunt arrows through boards and frying pans, shooting broadheaded arrows through 100 pound bags of sand. We did anything we could to prove the bow and arrow was indeed a lethal weapon capable of taking the largest of North American big game animals. Bit by bit many gun hunters were won over. They came to realize that the longer and earlier bow seasons were not for a privileged few, but bow seasons were open to anyone willing to buy an archery deer license and make a modest investment in equipment. Many of these gun hunters were spurred on by Fred Bear's "Be a two season hunter—hunt with both gun and bow" theme. Besides the bonus recreation time in the woods, these new bowhunters soon found out that hunting with the bow sharpened their woodsmanship skills and fine tuned their senses resulting in a better hunter during the gun season.

It would seem that another area of high visibility was our personal code of conduct. Because bowhunting was new, the bowhunter had to sell himself, as

well as the idea of bowhunting. The bow hunters had to prove themselves to be ladies and gentlemen with a code of hunting ethics that was above reproach. In saying this I don't mean to imply that all of these pioneers made a concerted effort to radiate a positive image for bowhunting. Once again hunting in general and bowhunting in particular are in a high profile. This time it is all hostility. We are under hostile attack by the animal rights people and the anti-hunting groups. Make no mistake about it, these emotionally misguided people are out to stop all hunting in this country with bowhunting their first target.

In view of these attacks, I think we, the hunters of this great land of ours, are at a critical crossroads. I think we must reexamine our personal code of hunting ethics. We can never change the anti-hunter's mind, but by conducting ourselves in a manner above reproach, we can soften the impact that the anti-hunter's false claims may have on the non-hunting general public.

The animal rights groups and the anti-hunting people are great players on words. They ask questions and then twist the answers by a play on words that best suits their purpose.

I have hunted for over 60 years. I have often asked myself why. Most of this time I have been a bowhunter. I have also asked myself why I bow hunt. My answers to these questions have been varied from time to time, but I don't think I have ever answered these questions to my complete satisfaction. I think we should all ask ourselves why we hunt.

**Do we hunt to kill and for fun?** The anti-hunter think so. They think we enjoy killing things. Let's use words like take or harvest, stressing the philosophy that we go hunting to hunt and to have had the hunting experience and the harvesting of an animal is an anti-climax allowing us to share this bonus, in the form of food with others.

**Do we hunt for sport?** The anti-hunter asks what sport is there in killing? Let's

avoid words like sport hunting.

**Do we hunt for trophies?** These anti-hunters think we kill animals to hang their heads on the wall. Let's avoid the words trophy hunting.

**Do we hunt for food?** The anti-hunter will say in this land of plenty, hunting for food is unnecessary and meat is cheaper at the super market. They conveniently ignore that fact that the meat in the supermarket was once a living creature.

**Do we hunt to get our names in the record books?** The anti-hunter thinks so. They think our hunting is one giant ego trip. Is it? This is a difficult question to answer.

**Do we hunt and kill for peer recognition?** The anti-hunter will say there are far better ways to gain the respect of our friends and neighbors. Let's down play the role killing has in hunting.

**Do we hunt for any gold medals we may receive for the taking of animals?** The anti-hunters call them badges of shame. Is the display of such medals a mirror image of our egos?

**Do we hunt in answer to a primeval urge that we don't understand or can't in our own minds define?** Is our hunting an unconscious desire to return to the cave from which we came?

**Do we hunt as a game management tool?** The anti-hunter will say we manage and raise animals so we will have animals to kill. They don't realize that an unmanaged deer herd will breed and eat itself out of a house and home, and if left unmanaged such a herd will cease to exist, with starvation and disease the final manager.

The point I want to make is that there are no right answers to these questions in the eyes of the anti-hunters. They will twist our answers to suit their purpose. It seems these anti-hunters live by double standards. They condemn us for hunting, but will buy five pounds of hamburger with no more emotion than purchasing a sack of carrots. I guess the plastic the meat is wrapped in shelters

Please see Bowhunting, page 11



# "The Future of Bowhunting"

Executive Director's Report  
by: Bob Anderson

We talk a lot about the future of bowhunting, and at the NBEF we take the future very seriously. I think most of us recognize that we face unprecedented challenges to our bowhunting heritage these days. But perhaps the best way to get a handle on what's happening now, and what will happen in the future, is to look deep into the past to bowhunting's roots.

The bow and arrow have been called the third invention. Some say it was the bow and arrow that allowed our species to survive through the ages. Most all agree that before mankind could measure the passage of time and days, he was hunting with a bow and arrow. More than many sportsmen, we have a direct link into our past. When we put our hand to the grip of a bow and arrow, whether that bow be a compound or longbow, we are emulating thousands of generations of our ancestors. We are doing something ancient and honorable.

But as old as bowhunting is, you know, bowhunter education is not far behind. When a hunter first learned to put stick and string together, and realized its potential, he hurried to his village, or tribe, and began showing others the way. They taught each other as the primitive archery skills were mastered. And then they taught the next generation. As bowhunter education instructors, we carry both of these traditions very close. We are bowhunters first, and take to the field as bowhunters have done through the ages. But we carry also the tradition, the responsibility, of passing the bow to the hands of those who will carry on when we are gone.

When people ask me (and they do) why people volunteer to put their time into bowhunter education, I think of these traditions. Why do people drive three hours to teach a course to ten bowhunters? Why do they put their own money into equipment and teaching materials? Why will they cross state lines if it will help other instructors and bowhunters? I think it is because they

feel the call, the pull, not only of the bow, but the other as well. The responsibility, the importance of passing the torch, as hunters have done, huddled over campfires, since time began.

They remember the one, or ones, who got them started, and the need to pass it on in turn. Bowhunter education instructors recognize the link with our past, those who have gone before. They look at the challenges we face today and think, "what if it ended with us?" And they drive those miles, teach the

classes, because, in a very real sense, they know the future of bowhunting is in our hands. And they continue to make a difference.

Yes, bowhunting faces many challenges today. But in bowhunter education we have a tool that will meet those challenges and face them down. Just as it always has.

For us its hunting and bowhunter education. What a team we make. Good driving! Hope this year's hunting is enjoyable...and you are successful. too,

## Recipe

Contributed by Margaret Kitchel  
Tennessee Valley Publishing

### Indian Corn Bread

- 1 cup self rising corn meal
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 small can corn
- ½ cup oil
- ¾ cup milk
- 2 Jalapeño peppers, minced
- 2 eggs
- ½ lb. cheddar cheese, grated

Mix the above ingredients. Pour into an ungreased pan. Bake at 400° for 20 to 30 minutes. *Real good with pinto beans. Yum Yum!*



### Two Hunters Lost

Taken from: *Midwest Outdoors*

Once two hunters got lost in the forest. The first hunter said, "Now we must be calm." The second hunter agree. "You're right. I once read that if you get lost, you should shoot three times into the air and someone will come and rescue you."

So they did this, but nothing happened. They did it again, but still no help came. They repeated this several times without results. Finally the first hunter said, "What are you going to do now? We're almost out of arrows!"

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# Muzzleloader Safety

Reprint: *Hunter Education News*

It appears that we have a particular problem which has cropped up in muzzleloaders. There have been two accidents reported which occurred because someone was hunting with the hammer down on a percussion cap. A blow to the gun or a bit of brush catching the hammer can fire the cap, and, of course, the load. We should emphasize in the classroom that no one should carry a muzzleloader with the hammer down on a cap. One leading "authority" advises leaving the nipple uncapped until the game is sighted, but that doesn't seem productive in cover where the sighting is often very brief. Of course, muzzleloaders should be left uncapped until the hunt begins and then should be carried at "half-cock" if that position in the lock is safe and solid. Another possibility is to carry a small piece of leather between the hammer and the nipple which can be discarded instantly when the game comes into view. In any case, be advised that carrying the hammer down on a live cap is inviting an accidental discharge. When that discharge occurs, not everyone has their muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Remember that our official advice is to disable a muzzleloader when crossing a stream or obstacle or when boarding a vehicle to change hunting locations. This is done by removing the cap and placing a piece of leather between the hammer and the bare nipple. With a flintlock, open the frizzen, brush the

powder from the pan and plug the vent. At the end of the day, the gun should be fired and thoroughly cleaned before being put away for the night. Always store it muzzle down. Before the next use, the barrel should be wiped clean of preservative with a clean, dry patch prior to being loaded. Insure that air can be heard to hiss from the vent during the wiping process. Then load in the normal manner and proceed with the hunt. The key success here is the removal of all oil or like substances from the area where the flash proceeds to the powder.

The most prevalent problem with muzzleloaders is that of misfires. Remember that a seeming misfire can be a hangfire, possibly with disastrous

results. If a misfire does occur, leave the firearm pointed in a safe direction and make another attempt, then more tries until the gun either fires or it is evident that it will not. The best way to unload a muzzleloader which refuses to fire is with one of the CO2 devices which propels the contents of the barrel out of the muzzle. The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association no longer recommends the "pulling" of bullets with a ball screw or other like device. I have always had good results by introducing some powder into the rear of the barrel through the nipple recess, the drum, clean out screw or the vent of a flintlock. Then fire it in the normal manner and it will usually result in clearing the barrel.

## Did You Know That There Are Two Sizes of Beagles?

*Taken from Midwest Outdoors*

That's right. There's the thirteen inch model and the fifteen inch model. Bench shows and field trials recognize this, and judge the two as different classes. As you might have guessed, there's a good reason.

Down south, where there's little snow on the ground, a thirteen inch Beagle is very popular. And he does a very fine job of running rabbits. However, where the snow has been known to pile up somewhat, that little one isn't able to do what's expected of him. Thus, through selective breeding, the fifteen inch Beagle came about. Those longer legs have made all the difference in "snow" country.

## Muzzle Watch

Hunter Education News

*Taken from: Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Summer 1996*

### YES IT WILL BLOW UP!

*The following from Oklahoma's newsletter;*

A 35-year-old man blew up his muzzle loading rifle using smokeless pistol powder and suffered injuries to his head, ear, and hand. His 34-year-old brother, who had also loaded his muzzle loader with pistol powder, suspected that his rifle might also explode. So when he set it off, he was not surprised to find that it did, blowing into 20 pieces and injuring his thumb and hand.

### C.O.R.A. Meeting

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them from the guilt. They completely divorce themselves from the death of an animal by paying the butcher to do what the hunter does himself.

To counter the anti-hunters and animal rights groups there are things, as hunters, we must do and there are things we must not do.

**We must**, at all cost, avoid controversy. This radiates an image of disorganization and makes us an easy target for attacks. The anti-hunter will say these hunters can't agree with each other therefore our cause is right and theirs is wrong.

**We must** curtail our exuberance. Sometimes we get so carried away we are unwilling to admit we missed a deer. Instead we claim hits but couldn't find the deer. The anti-hunters enlarge greatly upon such stories. Say it the way it is. It's no sin to miss.

**We must** cooperate with other organizations with the same goals. One such organization deserving of our support is the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America. Let's get behind an organization that is supporting us. We should join the "Sportsmen Against Hunger" program sponsored by the Safari Club International. Let's share our wild game with the needy through the Salvation Army. We will be supporting a worthy cause and will reap good public relations in the process.

**We must** set aside our individual differences relative to equipment and hunting methods. When we debate the advantages or disadvantages of certain pieces of equipment and hunting techniques, we reflect an image of disunity of which our adversaries will take full advantage. Such debates only add fuel to the fire of misinformation dispensed by the anti-hunter.

**We should** not get into a finger pointing contest with any of our hunting fraternity brothers and sisters or personalities whose viewpoints and statements are contrary to our own, and at times, seemingly not in the best interest of hunting.

**We should** offer our sincere advice and willing assistance to anyone in a position to influence public opinion in order to enhance hunting's image.

We have a tough job ahead of us, but working together we will win this anti-hunting struggle because right is on our side. However, if we take our hunting heritage lightly and do nothing to preserve it, our freedom to hunt will cease to exist. When our civilization no longer cares about our freedom, our wildlife, our natural resources, and our environment, they also will cease to exist.

On our next venture into nature's wonderland, let's always remember we

are walking on the surface of mother earth, the only earth we have. Let us treat her with total respect. Let us return from the hunt, even if empty handed, refreshed in mind, body and spirit, knowing ourselves a little better and with a better appreciation of God's creative genius. When the hunter is in a tree stand with high moral values and with the proper hunting ethics and richer for the experience, that hunter is 20 feet closer to God.

### **Tips from "The Old Bowhunter" How To Practice**

- Any target, straw, or fabric or sand, sawdust, or Styrofoam which will stop yet protect broadheads is fine. Fine grain sand bank is ideal as it stops broadheads well, and an outline of game animal can be drawn on it for a target.
- Place target in wooded area where possible.
- Use the same arrows and broadheads with which you intend to hunt if target is suitable. Otherwise, use comparable weight blunts or field points.
- Always use an unmarked outline of a deer as your target. Very lightly sketch in the lung and heart area by using the drawing in this book.
- Shoot for one spot on the deer, not at a deer.
- Once you can hit the target at 30 yards and less, make it a rule not to take more than one practice shot from one spot. It is the first shot that counts. You probably won't get the second.
- Shoot from behind trees and shrubs, down on one knee and both knees, with bow canted left and right, and standing on your tiptoes to shoot over a limb.
- Wear the clothes and equipment you'll be hunting in when you practice.
- Set up a tree stand and using a shooting safety line shoot in every possible direction and at every possible angle. Mark the distances from the tree stand to your target if this is your normal practice.
- Set up a target near a low building and shoot at it from different places on the roof.
- Practice year-round, if you can, by bowfishing, varmint hunting, and stump shooting.
- Practice in the early morning and late evening light and in all weather conditions.
- Set up an action archery course using plastic jugs and rubber blunts. This is easily done in a limited space and gives a variety of shots.
- If you use a sight, zero it in at a given distance (I use 20 yards). When you get good, you can figure how much lower or higher you hold that same sight to shoot at 12 yards or at 30 yards.

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## Norris Striped Bass Study Team Selected

Senate Environment and Conservation Committee Chairman Bud Gilbert and House Conservation Committee Chairman J.B. Napier have announced the selection of the research team to do the striped bass impact study on Norris Reservoir. They have selected the proposal submitted by Dr. Steve Miranda and Mike Allen of Mississippi State University. The two chairmen selected Dr. Miranda and Hall primarily because the eight proposals submitted were similar and the one from Mississippi was the lowest bid.

The study is scheduled to begin July 1, 1996, if the financial paperwork process can be completed in time. The data collection portion should begin in August, 1996 and run through December, 1997. The analysis of data and preparation of the report should be completed by July 1, 1998.

TWRA will not stock any striped bass fingerlings in Norris for three years

beginning with the 1996 season. Since the study calls for determining the food habits of younger age striped bass as well as adults, some of the data will be collected from Watts Bar Reservoir.

The objectives of the study are:

- To determine if striped bass are eating enough black bass or crappies to impact their populations.
- To determine if striped bass are

eating enough forage species to reduce growth or numbers of black bass or crappies in Norris.

- To compare the diet of striped bass in a fertile, productive reservoir (Watts Bar) to that in a relatively infertile system (Norris).

The results of this study will determine the future of striped bass management in Norris Reservoir.

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