



May 13, 2007

SCBA President's Message

In the last president's message, I spoke of crossbows being placed gently into the archery season with 62 year olds being able to use them. Now, our S. C. Senate, Fish, Game and Forestry Committee, with the help of our Wildlife Department, Director John Frampton has placed Senate bill 691 to redefine archery equipment to include crossbows. For over fifty years I have been led to believe this is a democracy. Columbia politicians decided to place crossbows in your archery season. Even after your SCBA representative went to the committee meeting saying you did not want this. SCBA represents 40,000 bowhunters in South Carolina. Have you weighed in on this issue? Have you called Mr. Frampton, chairperson Gregory, a committee member, a representative of the House? Do you know how? If you are not sure who your state senator or representative you can find them at: <http://www.scstatehouse.net/cgi-bin/zipcodesearch.exe>

There are more items to legislate, like allowing archers to have a license. The bowhunters we have been in contact with wish for a license. There are more items for DNR to take care of than pushing crossbows. Place that energy in law enforcement.

Get involved with SCBA.

Make a Day for SCBA is still going on.

Opportunities to volunteer are:

The Bowhunter Education courses need to be coordinated through Butch Rosser (843)537-2650. Catch the dates for classes on the web "scbowhunters.org".

Pee Dee Deer Classic in Florence

National Hunting and Fishing Day September 2007. 8:00- 11:00 AM Contact Ira Parnell (803)781-1920.

Annual Rabbit Hunt in Eutawville 1st Saturday in February 2008. Contact Dewey Jones (843)553-7838.

Gold Volunteer SCBA pocketed "T"shirts are available for those that contact the coordinators and volunteer for these events.

The SCBA Rendezvous took place the first weekend in May. Lake Marion Archery Club, TAB, and Sleytown Bowhunters placed targets on the ranges for 101 3-D shooters to enjoy. Twenty-four bowfishing enthusiasts fought off the elements to compete for big fish and most fish categories. We thank the Lowcountry Bowfishing Club for their participation and advertisement of the tournament.

Keep those comments coming,
Dewey Jones

Following is an article from the North American Bowhunting Coalition:

For those in attendance at this year's North American Bowhunters Coalition summit you know that the Michigan Bow Hunters Association discussed crossbows in the regular archery season. We had a resolution going to the NRC that would allow the use of crossbows in the regular archery season for persons over 65 years of age, and a requested change from current 80% disability to 60%. I am pleased to report that we were again successful in our efforts to maintain our current policy of crossbows for handicapped with disability of a minimum of 80%. The only minor change is the permit will only require the signature of the Physical Therapist. The Commission is also going to re-institute the committee for crossbows to review current misuse, concerns with current system and increase the use of adaptive equipment permits. We were pleased with the outcome of this meeting but understand the need to continue our efforts of working with governing bodies to preserve and protect our heritage.

> In closing I will again say, "Together We Are Strong as a Trophy Buck
Divided we are as Weak as a Hungered Fawn".

> Lou Leavens

> Past President NABC Rep. MBH

Hello I hope that you turkey hunters had a good season. Nothing like the sound of a gobbler early in the morning. Especially when it is a chilly morning, like some were this year. . Please send turkey photos and we will post them at the website and/or in the newsletter. There are many changes on the table with our state government. Number of game zones to change, and hopefully the issue with crossbows will stay the same. As Dewey's above message states the biggest problem we face is the Crossbows being considered as regular archery equipment for all to be used in all archery seasons and hunts.

At the May 5th SCBA Annual meeting the Owen Jeffery bow was presented to longtime SCBA member Kenny Kearse. Kenny will use this bow for one year before it is passed on to another deserving SCBA member. Members are nominated by other SCBA members to receive this prestigious award. At the end of the year they are required to tell of how the bow was used and hunted during the year. Noted bowyer and hunter Owen Jeffery made this bow. The 82 year old Mr. Jeffery has been making bows for many at his Columbia SC shop. In the past he was a noted bowyer/designer for the Bear archery company. Fred Bear as you are aware is the father of modern bowhunting. Mr. Jeffery is still a very active bowhunter. Check the Jeffery Archery

website for photo of his latest monster hog. I hope that if I live to 82 I am still able to bowhunt, let alone from a tree stand.



Kenny Kearse being congratulated by Mr. Owen Jeffery



Owen presenting the bow.

Following is an article by Doug Williams Game Zone 4 Representative:

On Saturday, April 14th, GZ4 members participated in a Rock Hill Area YMCA Sports Awareness Program, which was conducted as part of Rock Hill's annual "Come-See-Me" Festival. The event gave Rock Hill area middle school students a chance to find out more about available sports opportunities. There were several groups present with information and demonstrations for various sports ranging from the traditional "ball" sports, Frisbee golf, gymnastics and, yes, archery (Thanks to the SCBA)! I was extremely please that our booth, with all sorts of archery equipment displayed, was the most popular booth there. While we were not able to let the children shoot, many questions were answered and a lot of promotional information was distributed. One thing we did, and hopefully will continue doing at similar events and that I would hope will have an impact in our community, was to give out form letters promoting the National Archery in the Schools Program. The form letters simple read "*Dear Principal _____, I would like to have archery included in the PE program at our school. Signed _____.*" All the student needs to do is to fill in the blanks and give it to his/her Principal. On the bottom of the letter was contact information for NASP, SCBA and local retailers who can provide more information on the NASP. About 200 of the form letters were distributed, hopefully, over the next few weeks, a few will end up on the desks of Principals in our local schools.

GZ4 also is looking forward to 2 special events during June:

First, we will be working with Lakeview Archery Club to present the **Game Zone 4 Top 3D Shooter Awards**. The SCBA will be offering special awards at the June 10th LAC 3D Tournament at Chester State Park in Chester. All SCBA members participating in the tournament in the Open, Hunter or Traditional classes will be eligible for the Game Zone 4 SCBA 3D Shooter Award. These will be awarded in addition to the normal tournament trophies offered by LAC with SCBA members being eligible for both based on their score for the day. One plaque will be

presented in each class with men and women scored together. The primary purpose for this event is to recruit new members by offering them an opportunity to join the SCBA and be eligible for these awards. Additionally, we want this to be an opportunity to bring existing SCBA members together in game Zone 4. So...**we want all SCBA members to plan to be with us in Chester on Jun 10th**. Don't forget to bring your SCBA membership card! To find out more about the event, visit the SCBA web page or you can call or e-mail me.

Also, we're happy to be able to bring a South Carolina Bowhunters Education class to GZ4 for the first time in almost 10 years. The class will be held at Nichols Store in Rock Hill on Saturday, June 16th. For more information you can visit the SCBA web page, www.nicholsstore.com or, you can contact me.