



WHAT IS NCBA? WHAT IS "NCBA" DOING FOR ME? **And, "WHAT DO I GET WHEN I JOIN NCBA?"**

These are the most common questions asked by bowhunters when we invite them to join our association. Below is a "brief" description of "WHAT" NCBA is, what NCBA is "DOING" for you, and **WHAT YOU GET** for your \$30 annual membership fee ! You won't find a better bargain for \$30 bucks a year.. **ANYWHERE!** (Members spouse may join under our family membership plan for \$15; TOTAL \$45 for both.) Disabled military vets may also join for \$15 a year, and NCBA membership is "FREE" to military personnel deployed overseas.

YOU are a BOWHUNTER. You love the challenge of hunting game with bow and arrow. It is WHO you are! It is what you do. It is your right and your children's right to bowhunt. You are passionate about hunting and the exciting adventures found in the outdoors! IF this is what you feel and what you believe, then become a member of an organization that honors, respects and works very hard to promote the awesome sport of hunting with bow and arrow... Be recognized as a bowhunter who is proud of this time honored heritage and tradition by becoming a member of the North Carolina Bowhunters Association.. JOIN us NOW!

JOIN "TEAM NCBA" TODAY AND BECOME A PART OF BOWHUNTING IN N.C.

The North Carolina Bowhunters Association, Inc., is a fraternal, non-profit organization of bowhunters. Its main purpose is to help combat anti-hunting groups in an effort to preserve YOUR bowhunting privileges and heritage; to assist the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, and in general, to help the cause of bowhunters in North Carolina.

What is NCBA "DOING" for ME and for Bowhunting in North Carolina???

- Legislative Action: We work and communicate directly with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, NC Legislators and other organizations such as the NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation; The P&Y Club; The U.S. Sportsman's Association; Professional Bowhunters Society, NRA, North Carolina Wildlife Federation, National Shooting Sports Foundation, and many more hunting/outdoor organizations. We attend each and every NC Wildlife Commission meeting, representing **YOU**, the bowhunters of North Carolina.

- Records System: NCBA has the **ONLY** full-time Records System in North Carolina that keeps track of bowkilled big and small game animals and fish. Animals (and fish) meeting minimum trophy class requirements are recorded and entered into the NCBA "All-Time Records" listings.

- NCBA Trophy Class Certificates are provided to members "Free" of charge in following categories: (Certificates cost \$5 to non-members) Check our website for copies of scoresheets and "All-Time Records Listings." Goto: **www.ncbowhunter.com**

- Bowhunting Categories with minimum score requirements: (*Denotes Unofficial Categories)

BIG GAME:

Typical Whitetail Deer	100 (Antler Measurements to nearest 1/8 th inch)
Non-Typical Whitetail Deer	110 (Antler Measurements to nearest 1/8 th inch)
Typical Velvet Whitetail Deer	110 (Antler Measurements to nearest 1/8 th inch)
Non-Typical Velvet Whitetail Deer	120 (Antler Measurements to nearest 1/8 th inch)
Whitetail DOE Deer	14 (Skull Measurements to nearest 1/16 th inch)
Black Bear	16 (Skull Measurements to nearest 1/16 th inch)
Wild Turkey (Typical & Non-Typical)	No Minimum (Beard and Spur measurements to nearest 1/16 th inch)
Wild Boar	No Minimum (Skull Measurements to nearest 1/16 th inch)

SPECIAL ANIMALS: (No Minimum Score Requirements)

Bobcat - Beaver - Coyote - Feral Hog-Groundhog - Raccoon - Grey Fox - Red Fox - (Skull Measurements-nearest 1/16th inch)

Tundra Swan ; Canada Goose; Crow* .. (Use Length and Wingspan measurements to nearest 1/8th inch)

BOWFISHING: (Uses weight to nearest ounce; plus length & girth measurements to nearest 1/8th inch)

Bowfin	5 pound minimum weight
Grass Carp	20 pound minimum weight
Common Carp	12 pound minimum weight
Longnose Gar	10 pound minimum weight

- Annual Convention / Banquet: An annual weekend event is held for members to meet to discuss bowhunting and enjoy a day and evening of camaraderie. Annual awards are presented. Hunts and other prizes are raffled/auctioned off to members attending the events.

- Magazine: Members receive a quarterly magazine from NCBA. All members are encouraged to submit photos and articles to the magazine.

- Website: NCBA maintains a website to better inform members of current events and activities concerning bowhunting in N.C. The website is: **www.ncbowhunter.com** NCBA can also be contacted at this email address: **president@ncbowhunter.com.**

- "E-News Bulletins": Members who subscribe to our email "E-News Bulletins" will receive them about once a month, or when necessary to provide our members with news of ongoing and upcoming activities, legislative issues, etc.

- Insurance: Club liability insurance is available through NCBA at very reasonable rates for Local Chapter Clubs. Extended Bowhunter liability insurance is provided through the BCRS program that covers NCBA-BCRS members "ANYWHERE", and NCBA provides \$100,000 **hunting (Bow & Gun), and fishing** liability insurance for all individual NCBA members "FREE" of charge. (**NOTE:** Spouses and children are **NOT** covered by this individual policy.)

- Youth Program: NCBA sponsors youth bowhunter education programs across the state on a year around basis. NCBA Youth Outdoor Education Day is usually held in mid-August. "Archery Alley" is held throughout the year across the state to help introduce young and old alike to the sport of archery. Donations to the NCBA "Youth Education Fund" from all sources help sponsor our youth activities, such as the National Archery in the Schools Program. (NASP)

- Local Chapter Club Program: NCBA has 28 bowhunting clubs that are affiliated with it across the state as of 5/3/2012.

- Anti-Poacher Program: NCBA has discontinued this program. We are working to get legislation passed that will provide this service thru the courts with the support of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. This is where this type program should originate and be supported.

- Master Bowhunter Award: Presented to NCBA members who accomplish the NCBA "Grand Slam." All four big game animals found in N.C. must be "taken in N.C." with bow and arrow, and must meet minimum scoring requirements for NCBA trophy class animals. These four animals are: Whitetail Deer (Antlered); Black Bear; Wild Boar and Wild Turkey.

- Record Books and CD's: NCBA periodically publishes the "Bowhunting Records of North Carolina." 1st & 2nd editions are currently available.

- Official Measurers: NCBA maintains a roster of trained and certified official measurers. Contact the Records Chairman if interested.

- BCRS Program: This is a new program for bowhunters in N.C. BCRS stands for: "**B**owhunter **C**ertification and **R**eferral **S**ervice." This program will provide individual bowhunter liability insurance at dirt cheap rates for all NCBA members who choose to qualify for the program. It will also provide a referral service for municipalities, corporations, and landowners that need the services of qualified and certified bowhunters to help maintain control of deer herd and other nuisance wildlife populations on specific lands. (Enacted: July 1, 2005)

"Becoming a Bowhunter in N.C." program founded: Jan. 27, 2013. Will work in conjunction w/ NCWRC to administer the program.

-NCBA Land Acquisition Fund: A minimum of one fund-raiser will be held each year for the purpose of raising money to go into a special account to be used ONLY for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining property that will serve as a "base of operations" for the NCBA annual hunt and other activities. It will also be available to NCBA members for individual use as a camping facility. This fund was established in November, 2005.

-NCBA Memorial Endowment Fund & JR Wright Memorial Endowment Fund: Donations that are designated for these funds cannot be used for any purpose. ONLY the interest on these fund can be utilized. Interest from the JR Wright Mem. End. Fund can be used ONLY for Youth Education projects and activities. The NCBA Mem. Endowment Fund interest can be utilized as approved by the NCBA Executive Council. Donations to this fund can be made in anyone's name with credits posted on the website, with consent of family members.

- Annual Contests: NCBA members and their spouses and children (under 18) are eligible to enter trophies into the annual contests for all big game, small game and bowfishing categories. Plaques or certificates are awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each category every year. Awards are also given to individuals who have excelled in the sport of bowhunting. These awards are for Bowhunter of the Year (male & female); Youth Bowhunter of the Year (male & female); etc.

-Annual Hunt & Picnic: NCBA holds an annual bowhunt and picnic each year. NCBA provides for primitive camping for the hunt in late October, usually in the Butner area, and a BBQ meal on Friday night. We also have an annual family picnic, usually held the first part of August.

-Deer Donation Registry: NCBA maintains a "registry" of people who need (or want) venison and will accept donations of venison from hunters. This is a "Free" public service of NCBA that affords all hunters the opportunity to distribute excess or unwanted venison to the general public or to charities that are in need of it. Goto: www.ncbowhunter.com and click on the "Deer Donation Registry" link. (11/29/2008)

- Co-Sponsor: Youth Conservation Days at various locations each year. Volunteers present program on "tree-stand safety" and Archery Alley.

- Co-Sponsor: Helped fund and provided volunteer workers to Caswell Wildlife Game Management Refuge to plant food plots for Turkey & Deer.

- Contributor: United States Sportsman's Alliance (USSA); Hunters for the Hungry;

-Support: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; Pope & Young Club; Professional Bowhunters Society; National Shooting Sports Foundation; National Rifle Association; North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

-Legislative Agenda: NCBA maintains and publishes a list of legislative agenda items approved by the NCBA Executive Council. Council members review and strive to satisfy the needs and wants of the majority of our members in this respect.

- Proposed the change in the regulation that controls minimum bow draw weights in N.C. The minimum is now 35 pound draw for compound bows (2002), and 40 pounds for traditional bows (2007). These revisions allows for more youths, women and physically challenged bowhunters to participate in the sport.

-Proposed G.S. § 113-294.1-Wildlife Poacher Reward Fund; Signed into law, July 29, 2013 by Gov. McCrory; Violators pay own rewards per this law.

-Proposed change in regulations to allow bowhunting during muzzle-loader seasons. (Approved: 3/7/2007; Effective: Sept. 8, 2007)

-Proposed the change in regulations that now allows for the use of some mechanical broadheads when bowhunting.

-Proposed the change in regulations that allowed for foxes to be harvested with bow and arrow.

-Proposed change to allow taking Grass Carp with bow and arrow; (1 per day approved as of 7/1/2010 in selected lakes and reservoirs.)

-Proposed change to allow Beaver to be harvested with bow and arrow. (Approved: July 2007, Effective: Oct. 1, 2007)

-Support regulations that will allow hunting coyote and feral hogs at night with use of electronic game callers and bait when approved.

-Proposed and Support law that allows use of dog on leash and lights to retrieve dead/wounded game. (Enacted 2011 Legislative Session)

- Supported the change in P&Y Rules that now allows for animals taken with compound bows having higher than 65% letoff to be admitted into the P&Y and NCBA records listings.

- Opposes the "blanket" legalization of crossbows for use during bowhunting only seasons in N.C. (Do NOT oppose use by legitimate, qualified "permanently" physically handicapped individuals.)

- Opposes changing the standard (current) opening / closing dates of bow and muzzle loader seasons in N.C. NCBA feels that it would serve no purpose to open gun seasons any earlier in various parts of the state. And, it would greatly penalize the bowhunters and the sport itself if more dates were lost to the gun season in any part of the state, especially in the eastern deer season areas. Opening any gun seasons earlier would also have a negative impact on the buck population.

- Proposed that an archery only black bear season be established in eastern North Carolina that would run concurrent with the last week of archery deer season in mid-October.

- Assists the NCWRC with issues dealing with wildlife conservation and management; such as: the CWD issue; maintaining control of wildlife regulatory issues by the NCWRC; special hunts in places like Biltmore Forrest with urban deer removal and control.
