

ABOUT US

I would like to thank you for taking the time to visit my website! I am sure that since you are reading this you too have a deep passion for the sport of traditional archery shooting and/or hunting. I believe that traditional archery takes one back to the time where one's instincts directly influenced survival.

As a small child growing up in the northern Midwest, my world revolved around the outdoors, hunting and fishing. I remember reading Indian books in school trying to find out just how to make my own bow and arrow. I wanted one so badly that I could hardly stand it. At that time the only thing I had to hunt with was a homemade slingshot made from a stick and some large rubber bands.

At age 8, I received a wrist rocket slingshot for Christmas. I remember asking my father as soon as the presents had been opened, which weren't many, if I could go hunting. My father with a grin said, "Sure, be back before dark." I dressed warmly, grabbed my new slingshot and a bag of marbles, and ran out the door. By the end of the day I had bagged my first rabbit with the slingshot. I was so excited that I ran nearly ½ mile back to the house, yelling the entire way, "Dad, Dad, Dad..." The expression on my father's face was priceless to say the least. The very next Saturday morning my father drove me to a used resale shop. On the way, he told me that he was going to buy me a bow. He said, "If you can kill a rabbit with a slingshot, I can't imagine what you can do with a bow!" We arrived at the resale shop and I was given my first fiberglass recurve bow.

Growing older I began shooting compound bows and have shot compound for many years. My wife even began shooting bow and hunted deer and boar with me; however, she eventually gave it up. I noticed that the thrill of the hunt seemed to dwindle slightly but could not figure out why. I would frequently visit a local archery shop and would talk with the owner, Ralph, for hours about archery. Ralph began speaking to me about primitive shooting and about the feeling of hunting with a bow which I could make. Soon I was making my own hickory bows. The farm I grew up on had many hickory trees so my wood supply was plentiful. I began getting back that thrill and the fulfillment of hunting.

A close childhood friend and fellow hunter began making his first fiberglass longbow which led me into the fiberglass world once again. I built my first fiberglass bow and have not looked back since. I have found my true passion and now am passing that onto my two sons and others. As a father and husband there is nothing more enjoyable than spending time in the outdoors shooting traditional bows with my family. I am extremely proud of my wife and sons!

I handcraft my bows one at a time with that same passion and pride. Each bow has its own personality and characteristics. Nature's grains and colors in woods never cease to amaze me. No bow will leave my shop unless I would be personally satisfied to have it as my own! Thank you for your time and good luck in your hunting and shooting endeavors.

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