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## Monthly Features



## Article of the Month

### Bowhunting Turkeys

Chris McNeal is an avid Turkey Hunter and has been known to put it on that long beard with bow and arrow. He shares some years of tested tips on helping you call in that big “Tom” this year.

## Archery Tech Tip - Draw length

**D**raw Length and Anchor Point may be a few of the most important things for you to consider when you are setting up your bow. Some Archers or Bowhunters like an Overdraw set up and others have a more Traditional set up where they measure to determine draw length. There is NOT a silver bullet for every person. Although, there are some factors that you need to consider to ensure you are a consistent shooter.



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You may like to lock your thumb behind your neck or your may like to have several touch points as you go

through your sequence to prepare for the shot. In the below video you will hear Steve Pitman from 12 Pt. Archery Pro Shop talk about some issues that can arise if you are do not have the correct Draw Length for your skill level.

Check out this [Archery Tech Tip Video](#) from an Archery Pro Shop. Consistency is the key to shooting. rand



## Video of the Month

### Draw Length

Steve Pitman from 12 Point Archery shares a few Pro Shop Archery Tech Tips around Draw length and Anchor Points.

## Product of the Month

### New NAP Broadheads

NAP has come out with some AWESOME broadheads for 2010. The new Thunderhead and Blood Runners are must haves for this year. Visit [Archery Blog Gear Box](#) for more details.

# Bowhunting Turkeys - How to get it down with a Bow & Arrow

## by Chris McNeal

**G** When hunting for turkeys with a bow, your setup is critical. I often get the question regarding which is better, hunting from a blind or from the ground? In my opinion, both are effective options, the real question is what type of "turkey chaser" are you and what is the situation. Before I discuss the actual setup itself, if you are bow hunting turkeys for the first time, the first thing you will learn is truly how impressive the wild turkey is at picking up movement. I have killed a lot of turkeys with a shotgun, but it was not until I started toting a bow in the turkey woods that I really began to appreciate the eyesight of a turkey. The first spring I tried to hunt turkeys with a bow, I probably spooked no less than 8-10 gobblers within just a few weeks. It takes practice getting your setup right on a turkey with a bow. To me, it is different than with a gun. With a gun, I can find the smallest amount of cover and drop down and know that if that bird walks within 55 yards, my trusty Mossberg 835 with #6 Heavy Shot will do the trick. With a bow, I need them within 20-30 yards to feel



Chris McNeal with a number of Long Beards from a hunt in Texas. Chris is an expert at calling in Turkeys not matter what part of the country he is hunting in.

confident on such a small target. Therefore, your setup is everything.



Blind versus ground... it depends. I have used both. For me, if I know

where a gobbler likes to hang out and strut and have the ability to setup a blind without him seeing me, than this is a great option. What is interesting about turkeys and blinds, is in my opinion turkeys are not as "forgiving" as whitetail deer.

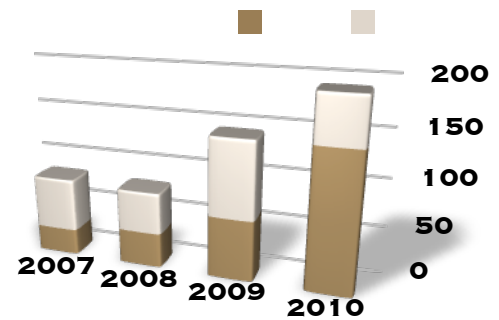
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The **New NAP Broadheads** are a must have for 2010 season. NAP has redesigned these broadheads for bone crushing and massive blood trails. Visit the following link for video review and closer look at these broadheads for 2010.

## Testimonials - What do visitors think about us?

We wanted to thank you for all the support of StickemArchery.com. We continue to work to improve what we are doing and how we deliver quality products, information and resources to you. The feedback has been very positive and we encourage you to visit our testimonials page on the website to share your thoughts on what you like we are doing and what we can improve upon. The traffic to our site continues to increase month after month from 2008 to 2010. We are pumped up about some of the new things we will be doing over the next 6 months to significantly increase the number of visits to site.



# Bowhunting Turkeys Cont'd



A turkey will notice just about anything out of place and are easily spooked. It is important to get your blind tucked into brush so that it blends in with the terrain around you. The challenge to me with blinds are two-fold: 1) They are heavy and bulky and not the easiest accessory to carry into the woods. 2) Due to #1, this almost forces you to know where you want to setup and go setup there... with limited mobility. I am the type of turkey hunter that likes to "run and gun"... sitting for long periods in a ground blind is not my idea of fun. Every person is different, and for me, I enjoy walking the woods and trying to strike a "hot" bird. Therefore, I prefer the ground setup mainly because of my style of turkey hunting. Again though, if I have a bird roosted, and I know where he likes to strut, I would jump at the opportunity to be sitting in a blind at daylight in hope he would come to my calling and decoys 15 yards in front of my blind.



Hunting from the ground, as I have already mentioned, is very difficult for many reasons. You need the bird to get within that 20-30 yard range, and you really cannot draw your bow until they do. This requires attention to detail on your camouflage, your setup, and your decision on when to actually draw. What I have found works best for me, is to setup on my knees with my left shoulder facing towards the direction I think the bird is going to come. I try to find a bush or tree that will allow

me to have good visibility in front of me, but be completely blocked on my sides and back. If coming to full draw on a tom is not hard enough, add a few hens or a subordinate or two, and the challenge has just increased dramatically. Finding the right time to draw, as it is with hunting any animal with a bow, will be the toughest challenge when hunting without a blind. If you love bowhunting, you will love bowhunting for turkeys.



The most common mistake that bowhunters make is not being patient and learning the softer calls that are necessary to get that bird those final 10-20 yards. I will be the first to admit that I would put myself on the list of more aggressive callers. I cannot help it. I love the interaction. Something runs through my body every time I hear a bird respond to me calling. There is just something about hearing a tom gobble that keeps me coming back again and again. Now with this being stated, cuts, cackles, kee kees, excited yelps, they are all great and can really get a bird fired up in the right situation, but it is the soft clucks, purrs, and whines that will bring that bird in those last few critical yards that are needed with a bow. There are obviously tons of books and articles that have been written on calling techniques, so I will not go into too much detail around understanding how hot your bird is and knowing when and how much to call, but what I will say is hunting with a bow does require a turkey hunter to be more patient than

your typical run and gun shotgun hunter i.e., me. It requires you to shut up and let the bird come and once spotted, coax him in with purrs, whines, and clucks.



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