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The way I see it



Quivers on bows

Dr Adrian de Villiers, one of South Africa's most experienced bow hunters and game-farm owners, gives his views on some things he sees happening in the bow hunting industry.

Quivers on bows? I see the rationale behind *not* having a quiver on a stick bow! I do *not* see the rationale behind not having readily available arrows on your compound bow, or not having enough arrows for a whole hunt with you. I do not see the rationale behind trying to carry arrows in the back of your pants (Jacques Visser et al), carrying a quiver in your hand (John Gibson et al), or following up on a wounded animal with one arrow on your bow string (Warren Flood et al)!

How many arrows in your quiver is enough? One was not enough for Warren Flood and at another time five was not enough for a hunter – I rest my case!

If you are going on a long walk-and-stalk, as you should be, take a *lot* of arrows. Don't confine yourself to one shot in four hours. That way you will *never* master your sport. Take at least six arrows, and spare broadheads in your pocket. If you can shoot a bird or a mushroom growing on an anthill at 60 yards, you will become proficient at your sport.

Who told you *not* to attach your quiver to your bow? Most good new bows have holes in the top and bottom of the riser for just that... a quiver! Use it, and carry at least six arrows. Shoot at small targets while you are out stalking. You will be happily surprised at how good you will get. Attach the quiver close to the bow so that it does *not* torque the bow as you shoot. Tie a piece of camo material around the front arrow fletch so that when you hold it up to shoot, the animals can *not* see the close fletch.

Don't walk around with loose arrows in your hand or your pants. One day you will get one of your own arrows up your own ass and it may be fatal.

Product Showcase

Bowlegs Bipod by Pole Mountain Outdoors

By Frank Berbuir

Bowlegs are a very useful accessory when hunting in a ground blind. You can put your bow down but still keep it off the ground so that you can lift it up very easily, quickly and quietly. Another advantage of these bowlegs from Pole Mountain Outdoors is that they are designed to stay on the bow without interfering with your shooting. Because they are made of durable lightweight aluminium, they weigh only 4 ounces (113 grammes). You will hardly notice them.

The bowlegs can be mounted in two different ways to hold the bow in a vertical or horizontal position.

Mounting does not require rocket science due to the universally adjustable and rotatable fit to any bow quiver hole or riser cutout. The bowlegs contain damping inserts so as to avoid sound or vibration, and if you need more reach there are leg extensions available. The bowlegs come in black or in Mossy Oak New Breakup camo pattern.

