

# Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

Even though I’m enjoying my days on the water, I’m also making plans for my time back in the woods. It seems preparation for the deer season is just as long as the season itself. At the top of my list right now is becoming proficient with my bow. Nothing would be worse than to travel for hours to hunt a nice buck and then miss it because I wasn’t comfortable with my bow. Those are the things sleepless nights are made of. I can remember when I first became interested in bow hunting. I went to a local archery shop that a friend of mine owned. I hinted to him about the uncertainty I had about my ability to hunt with such a complex piece of equipment. He assured me of my ability by setting up a bow for me and giving

me a few pointers. It took only a few minutes for me to know I could hit what I was aiming at. What I remember most was his admonition for me to “Let the bow do all the work.” He was letting me know that if a bow is tuned correctly, all I had to do was hold the pin (sight) on the target, slowly squeeze the trigger on my release, and the arrow would go where I aimed. If my bow was tuned right, my practice sessions would be geared toward holding the pin steadier on the target and judging the distance between me and my target. After that, just let the bow do all the work. This is also a great truth for us to know about the Christian life. It seems today, there is a great frustration among those of us who call our-

selves Christians. It comes from our inability to live the truths we hold dear. We want to do what’s right but it seems we keep failing and failing. This leaves us discouraged and doubtful. The problem is not our sinfulness; the Bible says we are all sinners. The problem is in our understanding of “tuning.” You see, when we focus on “doing” and “not” doing, we fail. But when we focus on staying “in tune,” we succeed. We must understand this truth. Jesus is our perfectly tuned tool for life. He will do the work for us. Jesus put it this way. “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.” Our job is not in the doing or not doing but in abiding. It is in letting Jesus live out His life through us. Today, make sure you’re in tune and then rest in His ability to make you into what He wants you to



## Insurance after diagnosis

Dear Dave,  
I started looking at life insurance policies after my wife and I had our daughter. During the screening process, I found out I had testicular cancer. I went through treatments, and the doctors have officially declared me to be in remission. Still, I can’t find a life insurance company that will work with me. I have a small policy through my employer, that is equal to double my salary. Do you have any suggestions for finding additional coverage?

Nate

Dear Nate,  
It’s great news that you’re in remission. I’m really happy for you, buddy. I know

your wife is thrilled, too.  
I would advise conducting a search of every “guaranteed issue” company and policy out there. The term, guaranteed issue, means they don’t do a medical check. The problem is these policies generally run 10 to 20 times more per thousand than those where you qualify medically. So, you’re not going to get a lot during this time.  
Check at work, and see if you can buy more and add it to the coverage they already provide. Some employers provide a double-up option if you’re willing to pay for the additional coverage. If you can, and the price is reasonable, do it. If you have a mortgage, call the mortgage company and get mortgage life insurance. It’s gimmick insurance — and something I don’t normally recommend — but many times you can get it without medical clearance.

Once you get past that three- to five-year window where many insurance companies will work with you again, try to find a good, level term life insurance policy with coverage that’s 10 to 12 times your income, and drop all this other stuff. In the meantime, pick up anything else you can find — even if it’s those little \$10,000 policies banks sometimes attach to your checking account for \$20. Pile up those little odds and ends, until you get as much coverage as you can within reason.  
God bless you and your family, Nate.

—Dave  
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1 Hula-Hoop balancers

5 Sharif of “The Tamarind Seed”

9 Live off the land

13 “Take \_\_\_ your leader”

17 Home turf

18 Transport

19 Margarine

20 Take \_\_\_ the chin

21 Have a hanker-ing for

22 Henry VI’s academic legacy

23 \_\_\_ Bator, Mongolia

24 Appellative

25 Upperclassman

27 Skinflint

30 Inferior subject in Houyhnhnm-land

32 Weekday: abbr.

33 Spot for a Titleist

34 Philosopher with a knack for dialogue

36 Like some sheets

38 Hit the brakes

43 Solitary

44 Banshee’s cry

45 Chicago team

46 A Pep Boy

47 Mo. for an opal

48 Vanessa’s sister

49 Moneypenny’s crush

50 Pueblo Indian

51 Finishes off

53 Clean off

54 Physicist and philosopher Mach

55 1941 Dunne-Grant film

59 Actor Leto (“My So-Called Life”)

62 Jots

63 Honked

67 “Baby Take \_\_\_” Cutter

69 Actor Reynolds

71 Notable period

72 Middle man-ager’s deg.

73 Soup ingredients

75 Groundbreaking tools

76 Later

77 Some Dhaka residents

79 Run into

80 Belorussian

4 Cloy

5 Spanish hillock

6 Piece of a French sentence

7 Surmounting

8 Lease leng-thener

9 Uncovered

10 Supporter

11 “\_\_\_ the Wild Wind”

12 Part of a Gateway package

13 Chopped finely

14 Arctic explora-tory base

15 “(You’re) Timeless \_\_\_” (“Hairspray” song)

16 Outstanding person

26 Exclamation

28 Clear, as profit

29 MSNBC spe-cialty

31 In the twinkling \_\_\_ eye

34 Lumber

35 Nuts, south of the border

37 Jeremy of the

NBA

38 Scatterbrain’s lack

39 Filled to the gills

40 Arabian sulta-nate

41 Romances

42 Cozy spot

44 Fashion designer Smith

45 Wild swine

48 Wove a web of fibs

49 Butter recipient

50 Sloth’s hangout

52 Gush

53 Kefauver of Tennessee

54 Blissful garden

56 Japanese born in America

57 Sunnyside-up “suns”

58 Arab garments

59 Doorway side

60 French church-man

61 Animal with a sprinkled coat

64 Beatles song

65 Love’s embodi-ment

66 Like a movie

dungeon

69 “Sheila” singer Tommy

70 Sasquatch’s kin

73 “The \_\_\_ Emperor”

74 Great joy

75 Magician Doug

76 Plane wing part

78 Visitors

79 What boys become

80 “Sextette” star West

82 Affirmative votes

84 Brings forward, with “out”

85 Weapon, in Roma

86 Peep out

87 Auditioner’s desire

88 Eastern form of exercise

89 Fruit’s edible part

90 WWI battle site river

92 Actress Gabor et al.

93 Relaxing rooms

97 Company, pro-verbially

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