



NEWSLETTER



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APOLOGIES

I would like to apologize to some people for leaving them off of the list of donors in the last newsletters. Every donation, large or small, is equally important to us.

Jeff Massie/Massie Archery - youth longbow

Tom Morriss/Tomcat Bows - youth longbow

Carlos Chavana - osage stave.

To each of you, thanks and my apologies.

ELECTION

The election is over. Thank you to those that thought it was serious enough to vote. The area representative for West Texas will be announced as soon as possible.

The Officers for the next 2 years are; President - Bobby Buff, Vice President - David Bailey, Treasurer - Tina Zimmerman, Secretary - Debbie Keeling, Range Captain - Steve Hawkins, Legislative Chairman - Mack Freeman, North Texas Rep. - Mark Davies, South Texas Rep. - Pat Handley, East Texas Rep. - Mike O'Neill, Representative at large - Bryan Keeling. I will be keeping the Editor's position due to popular demand. It was popular with all those that didn't want the job. Every one's phone number and address is listed in the newsletter. If you have any comments or complaints, feel free to contact any one of them.

BIG NEWS FOR YOUNGSTERS

The Traditional Bowhunters of Texas would like to thank 13 year old Clint Holden of Marble Falls for brainstorming this idea. On the second day of Texas Traditional Championship in Austin, Clint and his dad, Weldon, presented this idea of a youth traditional championship.

Several of us kicked the idea around, parents with kids at home that shoot, a scout master, Chris Brown who is now 19 but offered advice as to what he would like to have seen when he was still shooting as a youth and a couple of guys that knew of friends that had kids that shoot and this is what we came up with.

On April 17 and 18, in conjunction with the 6th Annual Texas Hill Country Shootout, will be the 1st ANNUAL TEXAS YOUTH TRADITIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. The classes will be as follows; ages 0-7, Mini Cubs, 8-11, Cubs. These classes will be co-ed. Ages 12-14 and 15-17 will be our youth classes. These classes will be boys and girls classes. If there is enough input, we will have both recurve and longbow classes in the youth classes, so, if you have a youngster and are interested, please let us know now.

Even though the 2 shoots will be held the same weekend, the Youth Championship will have it's own awards and presentation complete with buckles and prizes. If anyone has something to donate for our youth, a bow, some arrows, or perhaps a hunt for just one of our youngsters, please let us know. We are working on the prize list now and all help is appreciated.

6th ANNUAL TEXAS HILL COUNTRY SHOOTOUT

Which brings us to this subject. The 6th annual shootout will be held at the Bug Scuffle Ranch in Vanderpool, TX on April 17 and 18, 1999. We feel we made great improvements this past shoot and we would like to make it better. Please feel free to offer input on the shoot, awards, port-a-cans or any other subject you would like to talk about. One note, we were told we could not top this year's range and we took that as a personal challenge. The range is being plotted at this moment and I can assure you that it will be more fun and challenging than 1998. Among other novelties, TBoT will be sponsoring a McMahan Eagle Eye qualifier this year.

Blane Richard has agreed to cook for us again, so if you missed his gumbo this year, you will get another chance. Also, we will be getting together a list of places to stay in the area and if you need one, give us a call and we will send it right out.

If you preregister by April 1, 1999, you will receive a free T-shirt. Prices for this year's shoot will be \$15 per class or 2 classes for \$25. If you preregister in 2 classes, you will receive 2 T-shirts or a shirt and a cap. This is in addition to having your name in for the special preregistration prize drawings.

3rd ANNUAL JAVELINA HUNT

The dates for the 3rd annual javelina hunt with Jeff Massie will be March 1st through the 6th, 1999. The hunt days have changed this year and run Monday through Saturday. There is a 2 day minimum and you can hunt 2, 3, 4, or 5 days at any time during the week.

The price will be \$60 per day. If you would like to go on this hunt, please send a \$60.00 deposit to TBoT, HC01 Box 102, Vanderpool, Texas 78885. The deadline for registration is January 5, 1999. We can take 50 hunters on this hunt and if we do not fill all slots, we will turn it over to Jeff to finish filling. I know there are at least 50 of you that want to go, so, please send in your deposits as soon as possible.

One other note about the javelina hunt. Jeff allows your children, 15 and younger to hunt with you for free. Last year we had about 8 or 9 kids there and Jeff was tickled to see them. If at all possible, take them with you for a couple of days. Carol and I took ours with us last year and we all had a blast.

HAVE A GOOD SEASON

This will be the last newsletter until after the 1st of the year. We hope you all have a successful season.

And if you do, take some extra pictures and send them in to be put in the newsletter, and while you are at it, write a short story to go with the pictures, I can promise it won't hurt you and it will give the rest of the TBoT members a chance to brag on you or cuss you as the circumstances dictate. Anyway, all pictures and articles are appreciated.

While we are on the subject, if the chance arises, take a kid hunting this fall. If you don't have one of your own, take a niece or nephew or go borrow the neighbor's. I promise you won't regret it.

HELP A CHILD

Connor Phillips, 3 year old nephew of TBoT founder, Billy Moreton has a very severe form of cancer and is undergoing extensive chemotherapy. Medication and treatments cost approximately \$15,000 per month in addition to hospital stays and this will be on going for the next 16 months. Connor's dad was laid off prior to his diagnosis and the family has no insurance.

Billy is in the process of putting together a package to be raffled off to help a little with these expenses.

If all goes well, there will be a custom recurve, a handmade knife, custom arrows, quiver and whatever else he can come up with for a prize.

If you are interested in purchasing some tickets or donating a prize, give Billy a call at 409-291-6514 nights.

Once again, this is an ongoing project that will probably get larger as time goes on and is for a very good cause.

DEER BLOOD, SWEAT AND CHEER

by Dennis Mulder



**DENNIS MULDER, BO DEREK AND HIS
"PERFECT 10"**

Hello fellow TBoT friends,
Well deer season is in full swing and I hope everyone is having a great season. For me it's been great so far. I received my new Tomcat longbow just two weeks before opening day. Tom Morriss did a jam up job getting my bow in before season. Made of Rosewood and Curlymaple at 64 inches long and 55# @ 30 inches, it is sweet! I went out to Bug Scuffle Ranch to help the Keelings with their hunters. We had a full booking and we stayed busy.

But on Sunday evening I did have a chance to sneak out and do a little hunting. So me and my new bow headed out!

Well it happened just like we all dream about. Even though it was hot and sweat was rolling down my back. My love for the sport of bowhunting with traditional equipment, there was no way I was going to stay in camp!

My good friend Wyatt Birkner always said "You can't kill if you don't go and you'll never kill if you don't shoot!"

Well I'd been sitting for about an hour when they came into view. A nice ten pointer and a small eight point. When the ten pointer stepped into my shooting lane the Tomcat sent the arrow on the way. Well the end result is my new bows first deer was a perfect ten pointer. It was a rush that I won't soon forget.

I've been thinking of naming my new bow "Bo Derek" because it also is a perfect "10"!

Hope you have a great season and may your arrows fly true.

Dennis "Mullet" Mulder

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I'm sure a lot of you have received a renewal notice in the mail from our new secretary, Debbie Keeling. Debbie has worked hard and now has the roster in order. As the notice says, if you renew your membership by December 1st, your name will go in for a drawing for a McKenzie deer target. If your membership is current, you can extend it and be eligible for the drawing.

I know in the past renewal notices were rare and things were somewhat disorganized, but we feel that has been taken care of and TBoT is moving forward. We have close to 500 members on the roster, with about 200 being expired. We hope all of you will take the time to renew and we can work towards 1000 members by the year 2000.

SHOOT SCHEDULE

The shoot schedule for 1999 has been started and shoots that have been scheduled are Polk County Bowhunters, Livingston, TX. February 6, 1999. Contact Steve Hawkins at 281-353-1991 or Anette Walding at 409-646-5987 for more information. There is a shoot planned at Arrowhead Archery in Cleveland, TX late January or February. The date will be announced as soon as possible.

Note that this year, there will be a 3-D target raffled off at each shoot TBoT sponsors.

WELCOME

TBoT would like to welcome Chris Crocker as a new Life member.

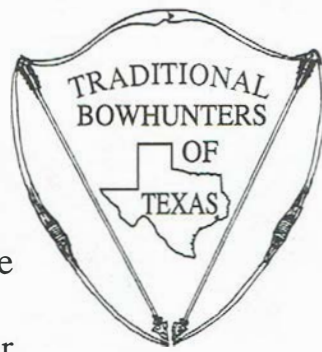


Bryan Keeling killed this aoudad on the Bug Scuffle ranch with his Tomcat longbow. Bug Scuffle Ranch will be hosting the 6th Annual Texas Hill Country Shootout this year.

April 17 & 18, 1999

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Girls (12-14)

Boys Longbow (12-14)

Girls (15-17)

Boys Recurve (15-17)

Boys Recurve (12-14)

Boys Longbow (15-17)

- The Traditional Bowhunters of Texas have given away over \$20,000 in prizes the last 2 years. This year promises to be the biggest & best yet.
- There will be score card drawings and raffles for bows, hunts, stands, camo, accessories and much much more.
- The Youth Championship will have it's own awards and prizes.
- Camping will be available on the ranch. Lodging is available nearby in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

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April 17 & 18, 1999

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O'Neill Family Affair

from Sharon O'Neill

MIKE O'NEILL'S WHITE BOAR WAS KILLED WITH A GREY GOOSE LONGBOW.



I have always traveled to 3D shoots to watch my husband compete but it was not until June of 1997 a good friend (Steve Hawkins) asked if I would like to use a spare bow of his to practice and see if I was interested. I gladly accepted. I practiced and eventually got a Grey Goose Longbow by Jim Nech. We now shoot 3D together and the opportunity to go to the King Ranch on the TBoT hunt came up in March. As soon as we got there, we anxiously set up camp and left out to go hunting. We had only been hunting for 20 minutes and I killed my first animal. It was a Javelina with big teeth. We cornered the Sendero's and before you knew it a group of Javelina's (3) came to the road chomping away. I was sitting on my knees because I was either going to shoot from my knees or have to raise up. Mike (my husband) is whispering to me the whole time telling me to get ready. I came to a full draw and the javelina paused behind some brush. As I let down, my arrow fell off my string. The big one jumped in my shooting hole, I tried to renock my arrow and in the process the Javelina spotted us.



SHARON O'NEILL KILLED THIS JAVALINA WITH HER GREY GOOSE LONGBOW.

It came around the brush and looked at us. He could not figure out what we were. It spooked and ran off behind us as it snorted to warn the others. But they did not listen. Mike asked "Can you stand up and shoot this one to the right?" (I was shooting facing the left on my knees). Without thinking I answered "Yes". Then I thought "My legs are asleep, how will I be able to stand?" Finally, it was broad side at 15 yards, Mike said to go ahead. I stood, drew, released, and off my arrow went. I do not remember feeling nervous until I released. I suddenly had this huge rush of adrenaline. It all happened so fast I could not tell where I hit him, so I asked Mike "Did I hit him?" and he said "Yes!". I was so excited! The Javelina took off running in a circle - it went about 30 yards away, came back and died 10 yards from where I shot him. I could not have accomplished this without the help of my husband. Thank you.

Overnight Success

by Brett McCown

There we stood. After an hour and a half of searching, we were able to come up with only five drops of blood and a bloodied arrow. The blood trail led us 150 yards from the site of the shot, and sign was nonexistent. My uncle Butch Gleghorn, Joy Davis, Jimmy the Wonder-Dachsund, and I were facing the horrible truth: we would have to return in the morning to continue the search.

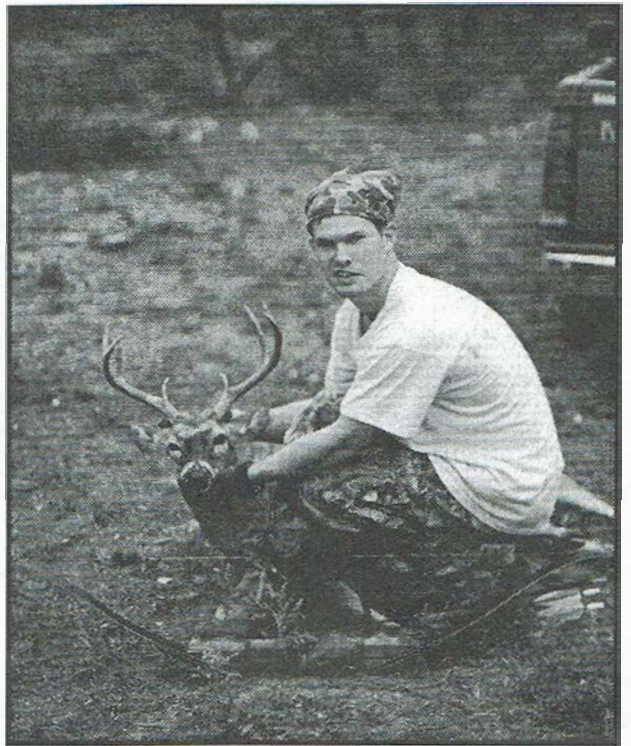
After looking at the ground for over an hour, we were "a bit" disoriented when we decided to head back to the truck. We attempted to walk right back to my blind, but we ended up meeting the fence row 100 yards from our intended mark. The woods had confused us in the darkness of the night.

Most bowhunters know that sleep doesn't come easily when a hunter has to leave a blood trail until the morning. Tonight was no different. I tossed and turned in the bed, replaying the shot over and over in my mind. The buck was only nine yards away when I released the arrow. I had seen the yellow feathers disappear into his ribs. The arrow was covered with blood, but where was the deer?

The following morning broke dark and cloudy, and the wind was whipping at about 25 miles per hour. We returned to the spot where we thought the arrow would be, but it took us over twenty minutes to find it. Like I said, the darkness of night had fooled us.

We decided to "grid" the area by walking straight lines about 20 yards apart and 150 yards long. We headed South from the arrow, the direction the buck was headed. Butch said, "Let's head to that oak thicket about 150 yards away". I agreed, and we set out in our first two lines. We passed a dead doe skeleton about 75 yards from the arrow, and Butch said that he had seen that skeleton the night before.

We continued on for fifty more yards, and I could see the buck piled up at the edge of the oak thicket.



**BRETT McCOWN WITH AN 8 PT. TAKEN
NEAR SAN ANGELO, OCTOBER 17, 1998.
WEIGHT 108 LBS.**

"There he is!", I said. The buck was a fat 8 pointer but his headgear was not gigantic. I did not care.

He ran almost three hundred yards despite being hit through both lungs. Was he just a very strong animal? Had he gotten an adrenaline rush to keep him going? Did he just run with the other deer when they scampered off? Whatever the reason, I felt he had gone a little too far.

I try to learn something from every blood trail I follow, and persistence was the lesson here. I had confidence that the deer had expired quickly. All we needed was a little daylight to find him. Darkness is not a friend to flashlight-toting hunters. We had walked within 25 yards of the buck the night before, but the darkness kept him hidden. Don't give up on skimpy blood trails. An animal hit well with a sharp broadhead should die quickly. And remember, daylight is your friend!

TBoT PHOTO ALBUM

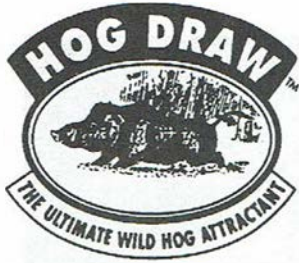


Wyatt Birkner killed this Axis buck 11-15-98 and his Aoudad on 11-7-98 on the Murphy Ranch in Vanderpool with a Palmer Custom Carbon bow 53lbs. @ 29" using a AFC 2300 Carbon arrow with a 140grain Journeyman broadhead



Sharon O'Neill killed this wild boar weighing in at 168lbs. with a Grey Goose Longbow.

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If you are reading this, chances are you are a Traditional Bowhunter of Texas.

Traditional Bowhunters of Texas is a state wide organization of people that prefer to use recurves, longbows, and selfbows as their primary choice of archery equipment. TBoT provides the opportunity for these people to get together and compare equipment, techniques, and hunting philosophies.

TBoT does this by sponsoring gatherings and shoots during the year and through the quarterly newsletter that is sent to all members. TBoT sponsors the Texas Hill Country Shootout each June. This event is a leisurely weekend of Hog, Exotic Hunting and 3-D Shooting. TBoT also tries to hold satellite shoots across the country to offer the membership the opportunity to participate without traveling great distances. At all 3-D type events, children 12 and under shoot free, even if their parents are not members.

Also, all children receive trophies, medals or some other type of award for participation.

The quarterly newsletter is sent to all members. It contains information about activities within the organization, news of other traditional events across Texas, stories, both factual and fictitious written by members. There is a free classified ad section for use by the membership and if a member has a question about equipment or hunting situations, there are a number of bowyers, arrow crafters, and outfitters in the membership to answer questions.

So, if you are still wondering who or what the Traditional Bowhunters of Texas is, chances are, you are one. Why not take time and join today?

TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTER OF TEXAS

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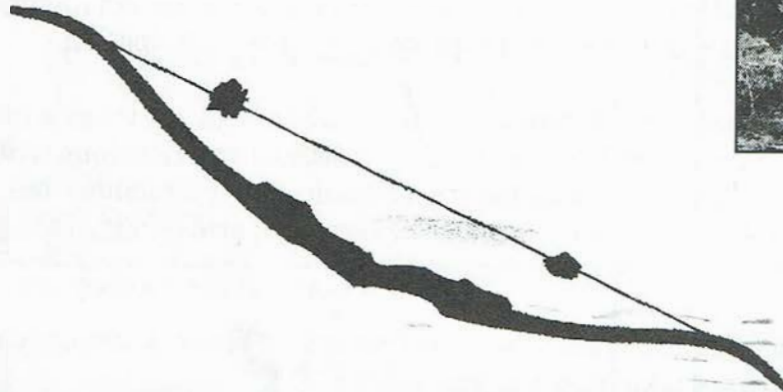
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