



NEWSLETTER



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ELECTIONS

A very important time is at hand for all members of TBoT and the future growth of TBoT.

In this issue there is a ballot and a short biography on each nominee. Please take the time and vote. All ballots must be postmarked August 15, 1999 so the new officers can take office in September.

SHOOTOUT RESULTS

As promised in the last issue, here are the winners in this year's Hill Country Shootout. All winners are listed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Mini Cubs: Forest Red 189, Tal Erickson 172, Haley Holder 261. Cubs: Will Watson 360, Shane Rice 359, Sam Mitchell 322. Boy's Longbow 12-14: Dustin Murphey 298, Shane Rice 271, Matt Monsaratt 253. Boy's Longbow 15-17: Clayton Conrad 311, Curtis Duncan 233, Keith Walding 200. Boy's Recurve 12-14: Dustin Murphy 304, Matt Monsarrat 261. Boy's Recurve 15-17: Clayton Conrad 299, Curtis Duncan 205, Keith Walding 204. Girls 12-14: Connie Balusek 181, Brittney Cordon 175, Heather Horne 110. Girls 15-17: Codi Leek 159, Shelly Sharp 59. Lady's Longbow: Anette Walding 317, Donna Van Horne 244, Sharon O'Neill 239. Lady's Recurve: Anette Walding 299, Donna Van horne 268, Connie Peveto 246. Men's Recurve: Bud Murphy 348, Jeff Schulz 340, Stan Gouger 340. Men's Longbow: Mark Holman 349, WQ Sears 343, Roy Hall 330. Men's Primitive: JT Richard 281, Judd Gibson 273, Cal Breeden 272. Lady's overall winner was Anette Walding and the men's overall winner was Bud Murphy.

LAST SHOOT OF THE YEAR

The last TBoT sponsored shoot of the year will be held August 14, 1999 at the Buffalo Field Archery Range in Houston. There is a map in this newsletter. There will be a shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. For more information call Steve Hawkins at 281-353-1991.

APOLOGIES

In the last issue of the TBoT newsletter, a picture of Allen Schuler with a couple of nice animals was mistakenly listed as being taken at the Bug Scuffle Ranch in Vanderpool, TX. It was actually taken on the Chambers' Ranch in Sabinal, TX. The picture came in to me only with Allen's name on the back and I assumed they were taken on the Bug Scuffle Ranch. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to Bryan and Debbie at the Bug Scuffle Ranch, Maurice and Jamie at the Chambers' Ranch and to Allen Schuler.

A LONG AND BUMPY ROAD

When the next newsletter comes out, there will be a new President, and a new Editor. After almost 10 years, I have had enough and will be stepping down from everything. I would like to take this opportunity to tell a little about TBoT and myself.

In 1990, Loren Berhens, Roland Jenkins, Billy Moreton and myself decided to start a traditional only club to have shoots for the growing number of traditional shooters around the East Texas area. We talked to the guys at the Piney Woods Archery Club in Trinity about using their range and we were in business.

In February, 1991, we put out the word about our monthly traditional only shoots. I took \$275.00 of my own money and bought trophies, and we went to the range and hoped enough people came to at least get my money back. It went better than expected. I got my money back. We paid Piney Woods their cut and put about \$200.00 in the bank. We were off and running and never looked back.

We held monthly shoots through September and started selling some T-shirts to get our name and logo out on the streets. We sold T-shirts for the first 2 years at cost to get them out there for folks to see. That year we held our first big shoot, the Deer Season Kickoff and held a raffle to raise a little extra money. I also started sending out a very basic newsletter that simply let folks know what was coming up.

In 1994, we decided to try something new and the 1st Texas Hill Country Shootout was held at the South Hills Ranch. It was a success and has been growing ever since with almost \$30,000.00 worth of prizes being given away in the last 3 years.

In 1996, we held our first elections at the Hill Country Shootout in Vaderpool, and Bubba Schmidt was elected TBoT's first President and Wyatt Birkner was elected Vice President. Steve Hawkins was elected Range Captain, Ron McGee was elected Secretary, and I was elected Treasurer and Editor.

During the time TBoT was started and our first elections, there was a group of us that were serving as directors with no real officers. As time went on, most sort of drifted on and a couple of us just plugged along watching the club grow. When the club had money, we bought targets, gave away prizes and built up the newsletter. Several times, when the club would be low on funds, I would kick in some out of my pocket and when things got better, I would get it back again.

Over the years, several things were decided that still stands today. All kids under 12 shoot free whether their folks are members or not. If you help set up the range, you also shoot for free.

We tried several class combinations at the shoots and finally settled on the ones we use today along with our equipment rules which are simply recurve or longbow. Bring it and have fun.

We've had some javelina hunts with Jeff Massie, hog hunts at the Bug Scuffle Ranch and 3-D shoots all over Texas. I made a lot of decisions by myself over the years and I always tried to do what I thought the membership would like. As far as events go, they have always seemed to be the right ones.

The last 10 years have been fun, exasperating, trying, and enjoyable. There are few out there that have gotten a gut full of me, but, there are a lot of you that always shake my hand and swap a couple of stories. That is what has made this as enjoyable as it has been and I thank you.

A friend of mine once told me that when it's not fun anymore, it's time to move on. It's not fun anymore. It is a lot of work and takes a lot of time and I don't have the time I used to. My kids are older and into a lot of new things and we are going to do some things they like for a while (which luckily seem to include hunting) and raise a few show goats. So, I would like to thank all of you that have supported me and supported TBoT. Hopefully, I'll see you around, but right now, Zach and I are going huntin'.

May all your arrows fly true and if your bowstring breaks, give me a call, 'cause I do still make 'em.

Bobby Buff

DAVID BAILEY-PRESIDENT

Dear TBoT members,

The past year has gone by extremely quick for me. As vice-president, a number of my goals were accomplished through hard work from the board members, area representatives, and you the members. My goals were to see TBoT grow both financially and in membership. Both of these things happened. But a special goal was to see more youth involved in TBoT.

This was the greatest accomplishment TBoT achieved this past year with a record number of youngsters participating at the Hill Country Shootout in their own championship. This was great.

As president, utilizing my past year's experience with the operation of TBoT and 3 years experience as a board member and vice-president of the Brazos Co. Archery Club, I will strive to continue the growth of TBoT in all areas. TBoT is yours, the members club, and the responsibilities of a board member is to listen to it's members and implement suggestions or ideas that are beneficial to the club as a whole. This club is getting stronger every year in all areas, shoot participation, membership growth and financially. These are things that we as a club need to see grow and continue to grow. I have enjoyed this past year, and will enjoy the next year working to see these things happen for TBoT. As president, my phone line, e-mail and club meetings will always be open to suggestions, ideas and criticisms at all times..

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your vote will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

ANETTE WALDING-PRESIDENT

Dear TBoT members,

Anette Walding: married to Lester Walding. We have three children, Elina 23 in the Navy, Shane 20 and Keith 16 (still at home). We are members of Blanchard Baptist Church and have lived in Livingston for the past 18 years.

I was introduced to bowhunting in '93 by my husband. We shoot 3-D and hunt as a family. We are members of Polk County Bowhunters, LSBA, LTB, and life members of TBoT. I am currently serving as secretary/treasurer of Polk County Bowhunters.

I would like to see TBoT continue to promote and support our youth in this great sport of bowhunting.

BILLY MORETON-VICE-PRESIDENT

Dear TBoT members,

My name is Billy Moreton. I have been bowhunting for 24 years, the last 11 with traditional equipment. I started with a recurve, I shoot a custom "East Texas Hunter" longbow made by my good friend Roland Jenkins of Huntsville.

I have two sons in their 20's that bowhunt and a seven year old granddaughter that shoots a little longbow also made by Roland. Denise, my wife of 24 years, doesn't hunt but is very supportive.

Bowhunting is a way of life for me, from making arrows, quivers and even bows with Roland. I eat breath and sleep bowhunting.

I have been a member of LSBA since 1986 and a member of TBoT from the very start. As one of the founders of TBoT, I have seen TBoT grow from an idea in the heads of 4 guys to one of the largest bowhunting organizations in Texas.

What makes TBoT so great is the kind of people that make up the membership. I have never met a finer class of bowhunters. People I'm proud to call friends and family

As a member of TBoT it would be my honor to serve as your vice-president.

STEVE HAWKINS-VICE-PRESIDENT

Dear TBoT members,

My name is Steve Hakens, I'm running for vice president. I have been range captain for the last 4 years and really enjoyed setting up and running the shoots (with a lot of help from other friends of TBoT). I would like to do what I can for the club because traditional bowhunters are the most fun and down home people to "fling arrows with"! So thanks for the vote of confidence. Well, until later, put a big enough feather on them to make them fly straight, good huntin'.

DEBBIE KEELING-SECRETARY

I am currently proudly serving as your secretary and would be honored to continue representing you and our great sport of archery.

I was born December of 1962, in the town of Odessa, TX. In 1990 my husband and I accepted a position in Vanderpool, TX managing a full time bowhunting ranch. I am a life member of TBoT and a member of LSBA. I am active in the sport of archery hunting as well as 3-D tournaments. I have been blessed with a family in which archery is a consistent part of our lives.

I believe the sport of archery extends beyond the limiting bounds of hunting and tournaments. The continuation of our sport relies and depends upon not only new members but also new generation. In our sport a family environment is often developed in which the entire family participates.

I will continue to provide time and effort helping and assuring that the younger generation has the opportunity to experience this great sport as I have.

This may be as simple as helping string a bow but many encompass standing up and being heard as a voice in the political realms of our government.

In closing, I need your vote to accomplish the above goals for our sport. We the Traditional Bowhunters of Texas will stand united insuring the great sport of bow hunting for generations to come.

DARLA DAVIES-TREASURER

I have been involved in archery for 5 years. My husband Mark convinced me it would be fun. That was an understatement. Mark and I have been married for 7 years. I have two children, both grown and gone. I am a member and secretary of the Irving Bowhunters. I look forward to serving TBoT and helping in it's continued growth. My profession is a Corporate Travel Consultant which I have been doing for eight years.

PAT HANDLEY-RANGE CAPTAIN

My name is Pat Handley and I've accepted a nomination for the position of range captain.

I'm married and have two children and have been hunting since I was twelve. I laid down my rifle and took up bowhunting nine years ago and haven't looked back. I shoot recurve, enjoy crafting my own arrows and grab ever hunting opportunity that I can.

I've been a TBoT member since the first Hill Country Shootout and am currently the representative for South Texas. I know the range captain position involves a lot of time and effort, but the shoots we all enjoy can't happen without the people willing to make it happen. If I am elected, I'll do my best to serve the club to the best of my ability.

MARK DAVIES-NORTH TEXAS REP

I am 32 years old and married to Darla with whom I enjoy archery. I have been involved in traditional archery for 5 years. I shoot both recurves and longbows and enjoy hunting with both. I am dedicated to preserving and helping traditional archery grow. I currently serve on the board of the Irving Bowhunters as well as an associate member of the professional Bowhunters Society. I believe in TBoT an will do all I can to help and see that it continues to grow as a representative.

BUTCH GLEGHORN-WEST TEXAS REP

I am Gary Gleghorn (most people call me Butch). I am wanting to be TBoT's West Texas Representative. I am 50 years old and started bowhunting in 1976. In 1982 I put away my guns and in 1984 switched to full traditional. I am a life member of LSBA, TBoT, PBS, Fred Bear Sports Club and Concho Valley Archery. I bowhunt and shoot 3-D. I lean more toward hunting. If elected I will do my best to serve you.

MIKE KILPATRICK-WEST TEXAS REP

I'm Mike Kilpatrick-48 years old, married for 27 years with 2 girls ages 22 and 19. I've been in archery since 1966 as an instructor, pro shop owner, hunter and target shooter. I have been teaching math for 9 years and have operated Kilpatrick Enterprises as a general contractor/carpenter for the last 14 years.

I am a member of the Abilene Bowhunters Association. I shoot a Mark Horne take down longbow and a Bob Lee Recurve. I work at Terry's Archery in Abilene on Saturdays selling, building and tuning/repairing both traditional and wheelbow equipment.

THANK YOU FOR CONNOR

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the Connor Phillips Raffle. From the people that donated to the ones that bought and sold tickets. I thank you.

With all your help, we raised \$7800.00 to help Connor. Connor will have treatments through the end of July.

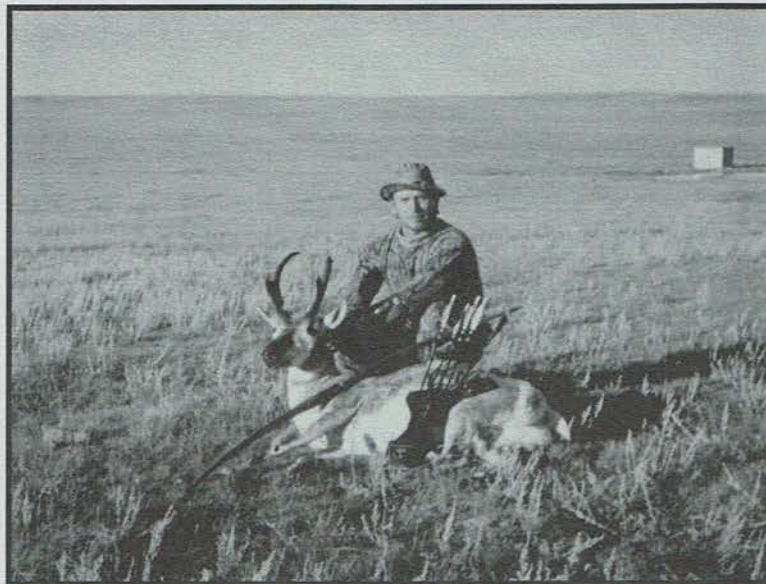
After that time he will go in every 4 to 6 weeks to be checked out. At this time the doctors are saying the cancer is stable.

I hope everyone got to meet Connor at the Chester Shoot. He still talks about the bow shoot and is ready to go to another.

Again, I want to thank all of you, my friends, for your help and support.

Billy Moreton

Bobby Kemp won the custom marble tables in the Connor Phillips raffle. Mr. Kemp wants to sell them. Anyone wanting to make an offer can call Mr. Kemp at 915-453-2909 or Billy Moreton at 409-291-6514.



Mike O'Neill with his P&Y Antelope was killed in Cheyenne, Wy. with a Grey goose Longbow & homemade arrows.

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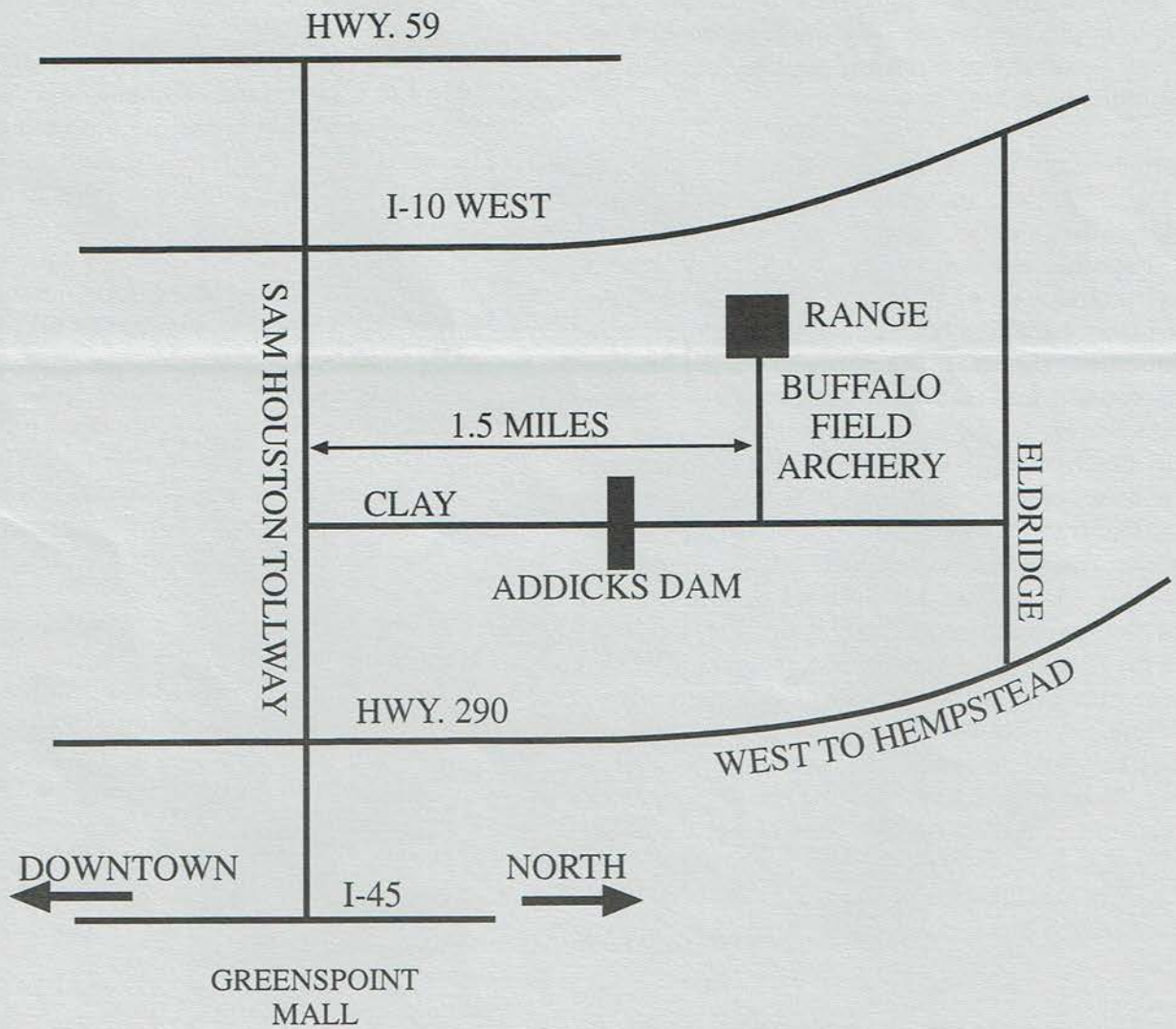
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EL NINO BUCK

By Wayne Tarpley

As the sun sunk lower in the afternoon sky, I wondered if the 65 degree temperatures in late November would possibly prevent deer movement before dark. It had been unseasonably warm so far in 1998 in North Texas and there were no acorns due to the drought conditions brought on by El Nino earlier in the year.

The positives were that I was setup in an area with good buck sign in the late rut and there was enough of a South wind to keep the mosquitoes blown off of me at the 10-11 foot level of my tree stand.

After being on stand for only two hours, a nice 130-140 class buck trotted up to within 80 yards of my tree and then turned & walked back to where he came from. I hoped that before dark the buck might work his way nearer my position and possibly offer a shot. I wouldn't have long to wait.

Continuing my vigil for only another 10 minutes or so, I again noticed movement in the area where the buck had disappeared. Approximately 125-130 yards out, I spotted a doe slowly walking in my general direction followed by two bucks. The first buck was a real whopper & the buck that I had seen previously rounded out the trio. The three deer continued to walk toward my area until the doe got to within approximately 80 yards. At this point, she broke into a run directly toward me with both bucks following!

In a matter of seconds, the doe ran past my position on a faint trail no more than 10 yards from my tree.

During the next few moments, time seemed to standstill. As the big buck closed to within 15-20 yards following the same path as the doe, I grunted with my mouth in an attempt to stop him or slow him down. However, with every step, he was emitting a "tending grunt" of his own and either he didn't hear me or he chose to ignore me and he never slowed down. As he passed 10 yards from my tree, I focused on his chest and drew my Bill Stewart recurve in one fluid motion, releasing a 2-bladed Zwickey tipped 2018 Classic shaft. Seeing the arrow strike the buck, I was shocked that it did not pass all the way through him.

As the buck raced along the same path taken by the doe, I could see about 12 inches of arrow protruding up from the rear chest area of the buck.

Meanwhile, the second buck following right along in the same path as the previous two deer. As the trio disappeared from sight, I noted that it was only 3:15 PM and now I had to deal with a large dose of adrenaline!

After 25 minutes, I could stand it no longer and I climbed down to take up the trail. Immediately I had good blood and after trailing for a little over 150 yards, I saw the buck laying in front of me. My arrow had stuck the off-side leg preventing a complete pass through of the 520 grain arrow. The buck had apparently expired in only moments after passing out of sight. I knelt admiring the buck and gave thanks to the Lord for allowing me to harvest such a magnificent animal. The feelings were a mixture of both happiness with the harvest and sadness over the fact that such a beautiful animal was now gone.

The buck field dressed 155 lbs. and he was aged at only 4 & 1/2 years old. Thinking that the buck would gross in the 170's, I was quite pleasantly surprised the next day when we measured him. However, several days later an official Pope & Young scorer "green scored" the 13 point buck as 188 & 7/8 Gross Non-Typical, netting 182 & 7/8 Non-Typical. The deer achieved this score with two points broken off his left brow tine and one broken off the right brow tine. His inside spread was only 18 inches: however his G2 tines were 13 inches & 16 inches long. Regardless of the score, I am thankful for the buck and I'll never forget the vision of the buck with his double white throat patch running toward my tree in the late afternoon November sunlight! El Nino had finally resulted in something positive.

The buck was harvested November 27, 1998 at Hagerman Wildlife Refuge on the shores of Lake in North Texas. This was the 3rd hunt segment of 1998 consisting of 65 hunters. Out of 65 hunters, only 6 deer were harvested during this segment. Out of a total of 197 hunters hunting all 3 segments, 19 deer were harvested.

1999 BALLOT

Please mark one person in each office and return to the TBoT Secretary, HC01, Box 102, Vanderpool, TX 78885. Ballots must be postmarked by August 20, 1999.

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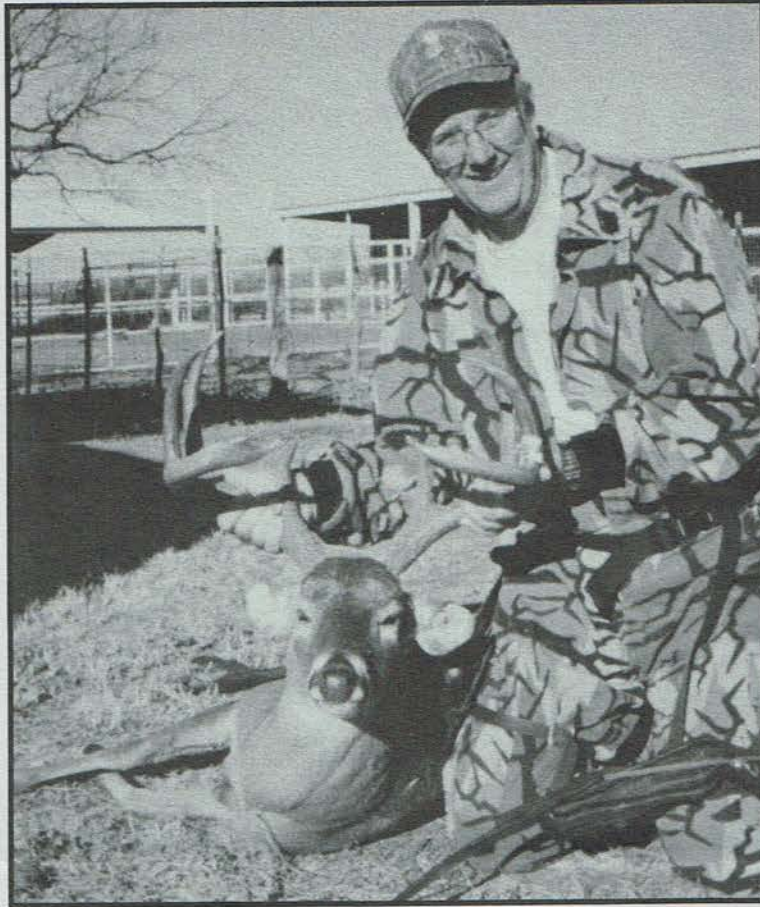
Wayne Tarpley with his "El Nino" buck.



These are the hogs that Beaux Hunter and myself killed on the hunt Beaux won at the TBoT Shootout last year. Thank you Bill & Jolene for donating. We had a great time!

Danny Mitchum

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Gary O'Neill killed this buck with his Palmer Recurve in San Angelo, Texas.



Howard Roe (on the left) killed this hog with his Palmer Classic using a Grizzly broadhead.



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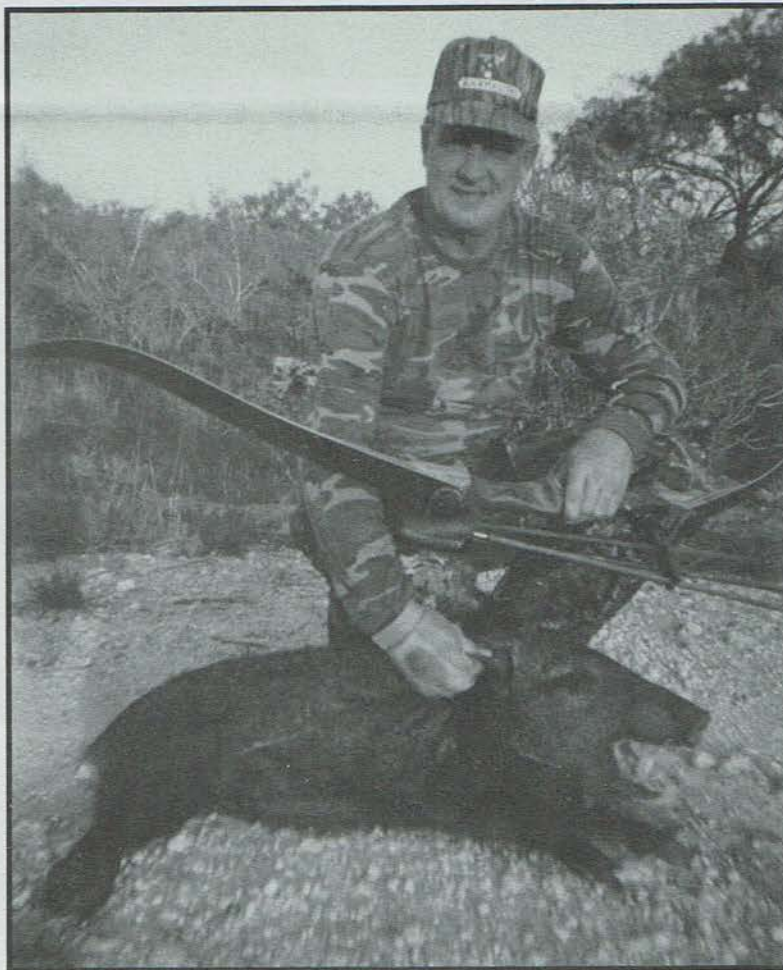
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Steve Hawkins killed this javelina with his Redwolf recurve at the King Ranch.



Andy Cobb with a 1st traditional "Javey" from Franklin, LA.

WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTER OF TEXAS?

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?

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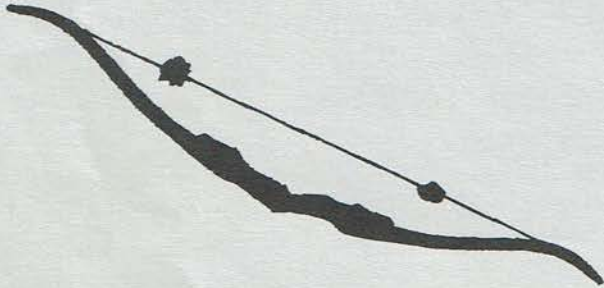
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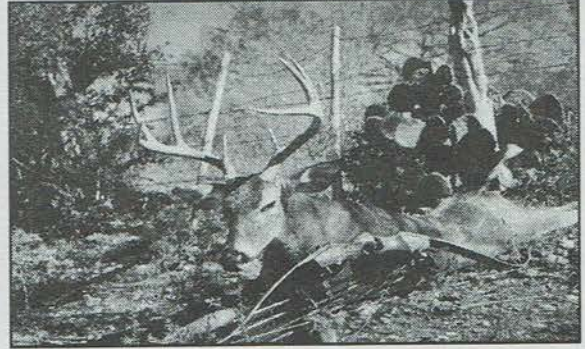
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