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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As I write this, it's only two weeks till opening day of deer season. Never mind the temperature is in the 90's with a heat index of almost 100, there are feeders to fill, cameras to check, and shooting lanes to trim. With all the priorities, it's hard to focus on future TBoT requirements, but now is the time to start the process by just giving it some thought.

The club Newsletter is going through a change in leadership and could use everyone's help. Any club member can help by sending a photo of a past traditional activity, bowhunting, bowfishing, target shooting, or having fun with young shooters. Every year I hear of outstanding trophies but seldom see a picture. There's a story in every bow hunt; it doesn't have to end with a kill. Near misses make some of the most satisfying reading. So contribute whenever you can. I assure you, others will enjoy it. (See From Your Editor, page 10.)

New officers took office last month as specified in the TBoT constitution so the next Newsletter will have nomination request forms for the following year. All the officers and half the representatives are elected each year and with only four Newsletters per year, elections are prominent in at least three. TBoT needs your help. Officers that served meritoriously for extended terms have elected to pass the torch. If there is no one to take it up, it goes out and TBoT with it. We need help in most areas. So, don't wait to be asked. Please contact the secretary, me, or any officer or representative to volunteer.

Now I can get to the feeder filling and such with a clearer conscience knowing you are all are giving it some thought as the sweat drips off your nose while sitting in that stand you thought would be in the afternoon shade but wasn't.

Thanks for your time.

Take a kid with you and you'll have even more fun.

Morris

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Summer is ending and thus hunting begins. My thoughts are of Jim Hickman who recently passed away. Jim was a Life TBoT member with whom my husband and I had the pleasure of hunting. I first hunted with Jim at the Bug Shuffle Ranch at which time I had my first traditional harvest. He shared my accomplishments with praise and encouragement. My husband Bryant had the pleasure to hunt with Jim again at First Point Bowhunting where he harvested his first Pope and Young whitetail, again creating memories which will not be forgotten. We send his wife our condolences as I know he will be missed by all.

We are already working diligently on the 15th Annual Hill Country Shootout. The officers have a few important announcements to make. We have created some committees responsible for certain aspects of the shoot. Bud Murphy will act as our "Youth Program" chairman. Anyone with questions, donations, etc., for the youth program should direct them to Bud. Scott Sagebiel is our newly appointed South Texas Representative (David Oakes will still remain active and assist) and will chair the raffle committee. Lester Walding, our East Texas Representative, will oversee the vendor committee. I will assume responsibility of an overall chairperson for the Shootout. Please note that the phone numbers for these chairpersons are listed under the TBoT Officers on page 10.

We will be proposing changes to our current constitution/bylaws. Please watch for the proposed changes in the next Newsletter, and they will be available at the Hill Country Shootout as well. We plan to hold a general meeting at the Hill Country shoot prior to awards, at which time we will take a popular vote to finalize the changes.

Anyone can donate raffle items. You don't have to be a vendor or a business member to share your handiwork or just an item you like. If you have something in mind, "shoot" Scott an email letting him know.

Brenda Stein

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MISSING HILL COUNTRY INFORMATION

In answer to the editor's request for some of the missing information from the Hill Country Shootout, Jerry Bischoffberger emailed the following information: Steve Shedd won the deer hunt with Mesquite Outfitters, and Jerry won a two-day axis doe hunt at the Bug Scuffle Ranch. Thanks, Jerry!

NEW LIFE MEMBER

TBoT's newest life member is Donald Rowan of Dallas. Welcome, Donald, and thanks for making the commitment.



*Bud and Dustyn Murphy with Dustyn's pig taken at Brushy Hill Ranch
Way to go, Dustyn!*

WE'LL MISS THEM

TBoT has lost more members and friends. We'll miss them all and send our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

As Brenda wrote in her article on the first page, Jim Hickman, longtime TBoT member has passed from this life.

Rod Ham of Bryan also recently passed on. Here's an excerpt from his obituary: Rod was an avid bow hunter and craftsman who made exquisite handmade bows and arrows. He was a member of the Brazos County Archery Club. He enjoyed woodworking, cooking for friends, as well as reading a good book. Rod worked at Texas A&M University for the past 15 years, and his last post was as the Director of Health Informatics with the Department of Health and Kinesiology.

And finally, Connor Phillips, 12 years old, of Montgomery, has succumbed to his battle with cancer. Connor's father Ronnie passed away about a year ago. Connor is survived by his mother, Lou Phillips; brother Ryan; and sister-in-law Brooks. TBoT has raised money for the family in the past, and many members have followed his story for many years.

Editor's Note: Any time our readers have news of serious illness or death of TBoT members, please advise the secretary so TBoT can send flowers or a notice can be sent by email to those who have email addresses. Thank you.

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YOUTH PROGRAM

Hello from north central Texas. This year has had its ups and downs. It has also brought new light to some things—things that we at TBoT have given our word to the membership that we would do. The most important is to start and maintain a youth program. This coming year at the Hill Country Shootout we will be conducting a clinic for our youngest members. We are looking for donations: gloves, tabs, arm guards, arrows, and quivers. We need anything that will help our newest program. Also, we want to have door prizes for our most valuable members. We hope you can help! Earmark these items for TBoT G2, The Next Generation, The Future of America. It was suggested that we put more emphasis on our youth. It was agreed that our ten-target night shoot would double as a day time kids' course. Ron and Teresa Foley have volunteered to supply four youth bows to TBoT for this event. Arvin and Debra Weaver, owners of The Hay Loft, volunteered to supply four little bows with suction cups and two older youth bows, along with arrows.

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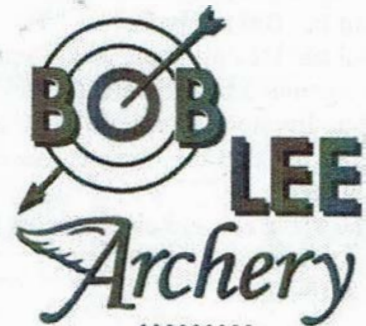
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The Legislative Column, September 2007

The purpose of this column is to provide information on hunting legislation in general and archery regulations in particular.

Six hundred and fifty four bills went into effect September 4, 2007.

Following up on pending legislation from the June newsletter:

1. Following up on pending crossbow legislation: H.B. 1334.

This bill amends current legislation by deleting the requirement of upper limb disability for crossbow use. HB 1334 has not made it out of committee.

2. H.B. 2543 SB 911. HB 2543 is working its way through the legislative system.

This bill relates to the continuation and operation of the Texas Animal Health Commission; providing penalties. It has the potential to drastically alter the hog hunting industry.

Excerpts from the Bill analysis:

The Texas Animal Health Commission (commission) is subject to the Sunset Act and will be abolished on September 1, 2007, unless continued by the legislature. The commission's mission is to prevent, control, and eradicate disease in Texas livestock, exotic livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl. The Sunset review found that the state has a continuing need for the commission, but that the commission needs better tools, flexibility, and clear authority to adapt to a changing animal health environment.

H.B. 2543 enacts the recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission regarding the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Excerpts from the bill:

SECTION 12. Subchapter C, Chapter 161, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Sections 161.0412 and 161.0416 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0412. REGULATION AND REGISTRATION OF FERAL SWINE HOLDING FACILITIES. (a) The commission may, for disease control purposes, require the registration of feral swine holding facilities.

(b) To prevent the spread of disease, the commission may require a person to register with the commission if the person confines feral swine in a holding facility for slaughter, sale, exhibition, hunting, or any other purpose specified by commission rule.

(c) Rules adopted under this section shall include registration requirements, provisions for the issuance, revocation, and renewal of a registration, disease testing, inspections, recordkeeping, construction standards, location limitations, and provisions relating to the treatment of swine in and movement of swine to or from a feral swine holding facility.

(d) Rules authorized by this section may be adopted only for disease-control purposes.

Sec. 161.054. REGULATION OF MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS; EXCEPTION. (a) As a control measure, the commission by rule may regulate the movement of animals, including feral swine. The commission may restrict the intrastate movement of animals, including feral swine, even though the movement of the animals is unrestricted in interstate or international commerce. The commission may require testing, vaccination, or another epidemiologically sound procedure before or after animals are moved.

(e) In connection with the regulation of the movement of feral swine, the commission by rule may require disease testing before movement of a feral swine from one location to another, and establish the conditions under which feral swine may be transported.

(f) The commission's authority to regulate the movement of feral swine may not interfere with the authority of the Parks and Wildlife Department to regulate the hunting or trapping of feral swine.

ONE MORE SHOOT—DURING HUNTING SEASON

There's one more traditional shoot scheduled this year. It's at Denton County Bowhunters on November 11 and is a charity shoot. Contact Arthur Pettijohn (940)321-4673 for more information.

3. H.B. 3844

Relating to the discharge of certain weapons in or on the beds or banks of navigable rivers or streams in certain counties; providing a criminal penalty. This bill amends the Parks and Wildlife code.

This bill would restrict or ban bow fishing in a navigable river or stream located wholly or partly in Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Irion, Kenedy, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, or Zavala County. This action is being taken due to safety issues involving other recreational activities such as boaters, campers, and fishermen.

A substitute bill has been introduced that would permit bow fishing in Dimmit, Uvalde, and Zavala counties. The substitute bill adds Irion, Kimble, and Mason counties to the list of counties in which bow fishing in navigable streams will be restricted.

New Legislation

1. Senate Bill S.B. 775

This bill charges the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to conduct a study on the licensing system. We will keep an eye on this one.

2. H.B. 1815 While not directly related to hunting, this amendment to Section 46.02 of the Penal Code relating to the prosecution of certain offenses that involve carrying weapons on a person's property or in a person's vehicle will be of interest to those of us that may wish to have a handgun in our vehicle. This amendment would allow a person to carry a handgun weapon in their vehicle. ***If you are considering carrying a handgun in your vehicle read the entire bill first.***

To find your representatives enter <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/> and follow the instructions.

Until next time, good luck and good shooting.

Chuck Menton

Please note my new mobile phone number (903) 818-4672.

SHOOT RESULTS

Midsummer Meltdown (San Angelo) 7/14-15

Men's Longbow—Wood

1st — Johnny Burkhalter	311
2nd — Bruce Heare	220
3rd — Ken VanDeman	203

Men's Longbow—Open

1st — Johnny Burkhalter	336
2nd — Danny Porter	332
3rd — Matt Kuykendall	302

Men's Recurve—Wood

1st — Carl Pennington	314
2nd — Pat Handley	244
3rd — Mark Barta	240

Men's Recurve—Open

1st — Danny Porter	344
2nd — Jason Bracken	283
3rd — Carl Pennington	270

Selfbow

1st — Bill Norman	201
2nd — David Adams	188
3rd — Ron McCoy	156

Seniors

1st — Carl Pennington	269
2nd — Jim Shannon	253
3rd — Ken VanDeman	235

Ladies' Longbow—Wood

1st — Lisa Freeman	315
2nd — Sheryl Kanaga	292
3rd — Marcile McCoy	104

Ladies' Recurve—Wood

1st — Sheryl Kanaga	287
2nd — Laura Burkhalter	256
3rd — Marie Robinson	180

Ladies' Recurve—Open

1st — Lisa Freeman	296
2nd — Laura Burkhalter	250
3rd — Marie Robinson	193

Youth

1st — Daniel Heare	176
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Cubs

1st — Austin Bell	232
2nd — Blue McCoy	53

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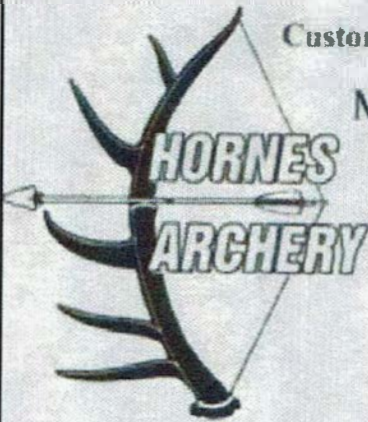
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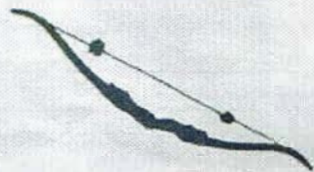
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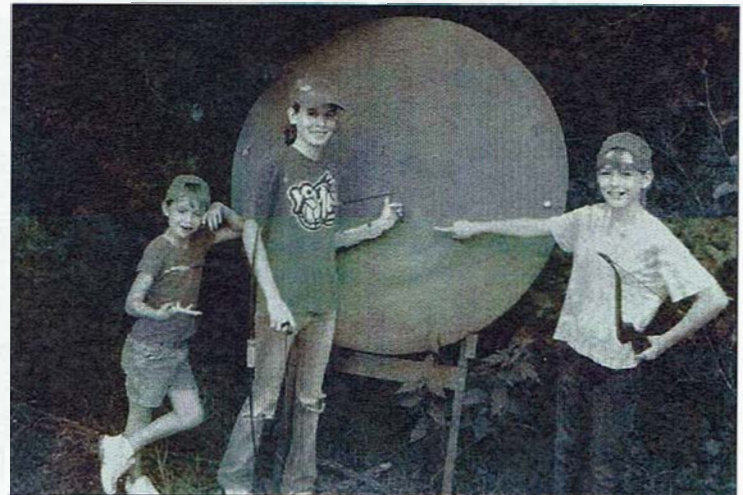
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and email, see list
of officers (South
Texas Representa-
tive) on page 8.*



Sarah, Emily, and Erin Williams, granddaughters of our president, proudly represent TBoT at a 3-D shoot in Kansas. (Those are pink TBoT hats they are wearing.) On the right, Sarah is happy with her shot, Emily points to where her arrow bounced out, and Erin is wondering how her arrow went astray.



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Members who submit articles that are published will receive a TBoT hat or t-shirt. Please include your choice with your article or photos, and tell us your t-shirt size, if that is your choice.

I still need to be relieved of this position because of family responsibilities. PLEASE consider volunteering yourself (or some other member). Ishi (my dear hubby) wants me to quit, too. My personal time is very precious now. Send me an email (address above).

Your Editor, Carol Lockhart (Pink Feathers)

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WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTERS OF TEXAS?

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

Traditional Bowhunters of Texas is a statewide organization of people who 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 spring. This event is a leisurely weekend of hog and exotic hunting and 3-D shooting. TBoT also holds shoots across the state to offer the membership the opportunity to participate without traveling great distances. TBoT members pay a reduced entry fee at TBoT shoots. 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 contains information about activities within the organization, news of other traditional events across Texas, hunting and tournament photos, and stories—both factual and fictitious—submitted by members. There is a free classified ad section for use by the membership. 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.

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