

TBoT Newsletter



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Message from the President

Hello to everyone, hope all had a nice holiday season and is ready to get back to the grind of the New Year.

Well our hunting season is now over in the Hill Country and was the slowest hunting season I can remember. I think it was due to the drought this past summer. I was not able to hunt at all this past season due to 4 bulging disc's in my neck and am hoping to get back in the swing of things this year. I have to give all the ladies some competition, or at least have fun trying.

At the last officer's meeting we discussed putting all the older t-shirts on sale for \$5.00 to move them so we can get new ones in. So bring extra money to get your deals on the older t-shirts.

Bryan and I are going to be new Grandparents again in July and are very excited about having a new hunter in our midst. Keep Codi in your prayers for a healthy baby.

Our next Hill Country Shoot is coming up fast and is scheduled for the second weekend of April. So everyone get your pre-registration form in early. It looks to be as great as ever. Hopefully everyone will bring a raffle item to be donated to the shoot and let's make it a great raffle again this year.

Hopefully Bryan, Chloe and I will get to make it to more shoots this year than we did last year.

I look forward to seeing everyone in April. Keep safe and best wishes for the New Year!

Debbie Keeling

A note from your secretary,

With white tail hunting season nearing an end, I'm looking forward to Spring and our Annual Hill Country Shoot in Vanderpool. Preparations are already underway. The date is set for April 10th and 11th and the preregistration form is included in this newsletter. As in the past, we have free t-shirts to those that pre-register. Be sure to send your registration form directly to me at the address listed on the bottom of the form. My address is also on line and in the newsletter under officers. Any questions, give me a call at 713-628-0121.

Brenda



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Unfortunately we have many expired memberships and it is very costly to send out our newsletters. Please check the expiration date on your address label. If your membership has expired, you will no longer continue to receive newsletters.

Thank you.

ON THE COVER

Roland Guerra buck taken at the Green Branch Ranch (free range) McMullen Co.

Dwyer Defiant longbow 51#@28" 60" Dwyer quiver FireFly cedar arrows from Ron LaClair 145gr. STOS

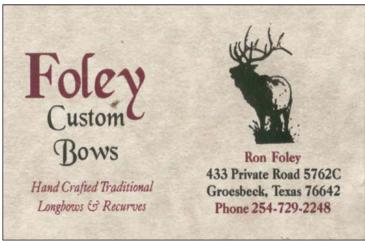


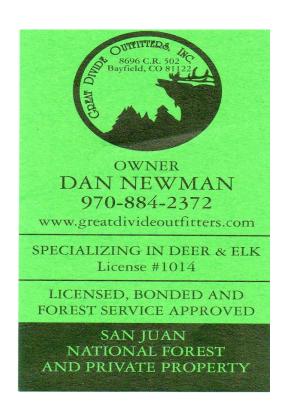


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Youth Championship Classes

Mini Cubs (0-7) • Cubs (8-11)

Girls (12-14) • Boys' Longbow (12-14) • Boys' Recurve (12-14)

Girls (15-17) • Boys' Longbow (15-17) • Boys' Recurve (15-17)

- There will be score card drawings and raffles for bows, hunts, stands, camo accessories and much, much, more.
 - The Youth Championship will have its own awards and prizes.
 - Camping will be available on the ranch.
 - Lodging is available nearby in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.
 - Pre-register by March 15, 2009 and receive a free T-shirt.
 - 50+ McKenzie and Longhom targets.

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Jeff Schulz 53# Alaska Peninsula Longbow Grizzlystick Alaskan arrow, Woodsman elite 160gr 17 yard shot

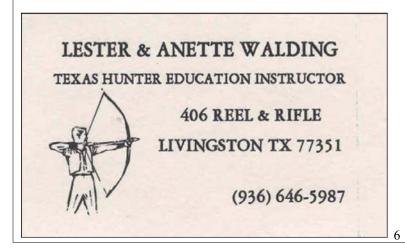




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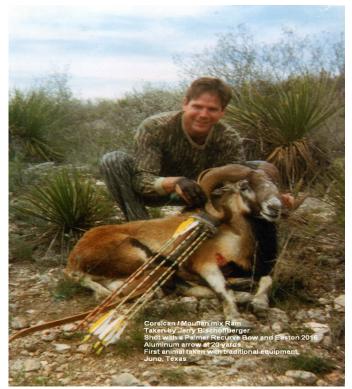


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Nomination Ballot

It is again time to nominate officers and area representatives for the upcoming year. The offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, Representative at Large, East and South Representatives and Range Captain are re-elected in even years. Legislative Representative, West and North Representatives are elected in odd years. All positions are for two years.

You may submit your nomination via mail or email as shown below or by phone. Deadline for nominations is February 15, 2010.

Current Officer Nominees:	
President, Debbie Keeling	
Vice-President, Bryant Stein	
Secretary, Brenda Stein	
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South Texas Representative, Scott Sagebiel	
East Texas Representative, Parker Mullins	
Range Captain, Pat Handley	

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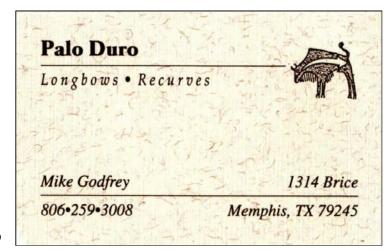
Jeff Schultz

I took this wild boar on November 3, 2009 from a treestand right at dusk. He came in with many other hogs and presented an opportunity for a shot at 15 yrds. Recovery distance was about 70 yrds. Equipment used: MR Hamilton/Scorpion longbow built in 1989, ELITE cedar arrow, Woodsman Elite Broadhead and woody weight (100 gr.), High Noon Hunter Quiver. I was sick with a cold, but I am glad I went hunting in spite of it.

Steve Kelley 936-291-1274

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Jim Hickman

By Mike Brown

I was asked to write a short article about Jim Hickman. At first I felt like I was not the ideal person to do so because although I shot and visited with him quite a bit over the years it was only at a shoot or two every year while several others spent much more time with him on the whole.

As I said I shot several tournaments with Jim. It was not because he loved my outgoing personality. The reason that we started pairing up at the shoots was because when my two sons were young he did not mind having kids in his group. Those of you who have shot with youngsters in your group know how enjoyable and also know how frustrating it can be. For most people it is enjoyable if the kids are theirs and frustrating if they are not, but Jim enjoyed watching the kids shoot. Anyone with children know if someone shows interest in them they hold a warm place in your heart and Jim found one in mine.

My youngest son Dustin found other interests growing up but my oldest son Chris kept on shooting through adulthood. Over the years they kept shooting together. Jim the die hard Longhorn and Chris the Aggie. If they were both at a shoot you could count on finding them in the same group and they even let me tag along.

Jim's knees went out on him and it was now Chris who had to wait on Jim to catch up and Chris who would be beating the bushes looking for arrows and doing the leg work. Jim eventually had both his knee's replaced. Jim was a tough old bird. He signed up for the Iron Man round at the Austin shoot. That is something that my 22 years younger and healthier body never wanted to try. He trudged up and down those hills and never wanted help from anyone. The man had grit.

Jim always had a cooler in the back of his truck with about every thing that you would want to drink. We spent a lot of time at his truck cooling off enjoying his generosity.

A couple of years before Jim died I went to the shoot in Chester looking for a long bow. Jim happened to have one for sale. A Jim and Buddy 21 st Century New Moon. I looked at it that morning and put a few arrows through it. I told him I would probably look at it again later in the day.

I saw him that afternoon and he asked if I liked the bow and I said "Yes how much you want for it?" He handed it to me and said "It is yours." I told him "Jim I can not take your bow. Let me buy it from you." He said "Look if I take your money it will just piss me off when I get home. It is a good bow and needs to be shot. I can not pull the weight any more so go and shoot an elk or something with it."

I just about did piss him off by declining a couple more times and finally I took it to keep him from putting a whupping on me. I really felt kinda guilty about taking it because even though I felt like we were friends I had never had anyone, not even family, be that generous to me before.

The bow turned out to be my best shooting long bow. I had it refinished and put a name on the bottom limb, Gentleman Jim. I did not kill anything with it that first year but the year that Jim died I killed my biggest buck to date with it. Taking the deer with that bow made it that much more special for me.

I invited Jim to my lease hog hunting his last summer but he just did not feel up to it. You could tell he was in pretty rough shape at Chester that year but the old man would not fess up to it.. I built a deer blind that I could drive up to and had really hoped to get him into it that last deer season but it was not to be.

Jim appeared to be gruff at times. But a most of that was a put on. Those that knew him know that he did a lot behind the scenes not wanting to draw any attention to himself. Didn't want to mar his crusty old man image. I have heard stories of him buying equipment for youngsters that needed it. I even know of a guy that Jim only shot with a few times a year that he gave one of his favorite bows to when he became unable to draw it instead of just letting it hang on the rack. So maybe I should have been the one to write this article.

I know that when I arrive a shoot these days it is easy to forget and glance around for the old fellow. I have spent a few hours on a church pew in my life but I still can not claim to be sure of what Heaven will be like. I do hope that somewhere in Heaven there will be a place where you can rejoin old buddies like Jim and sit and around a fire and God will forgive you for telling a lie or two.



Mike Brown with the buck taken with Jim Hickman's bow

Jim Hickman Memorial Shoot

March 13

Brazoria County Bowmen.

Calif. start 9:00am - 1:00pm

Contact person: Charlie Reed 979-248-0083 or Brad Scott 979-236-5015.



Bill Norman



Wesley Adams 09 doe

Hill Country Shootout Rules

- 1. No less than three (3) shooters in a group.
- 2. Score cards must have full name, class and two signatures at the bottom which arethe shooter and the score keeper.
- 3. No glassing from the stake
- 4. No driving in the vender, registration or practice range.
- 5. Cubs and Mini Cubs must be accompanied by an Adult on the practice range.

Classes with stake color

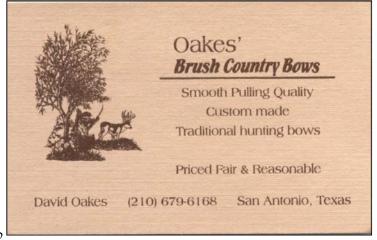
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- B. White Ladies and Youth 15-17
- C. Blue Youth 12-14
- D. Cubs / Mini Cubs anywhere



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Bug Scuffle Ranch, Vanderpool Texas
April 10th & 11th, 2010

*Pre-Registration Deadline March 15, 2010

Registration Form

Primary Shooter Na	ıme		T-shirt Size	
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Phone:		Amount	Enclosed:	
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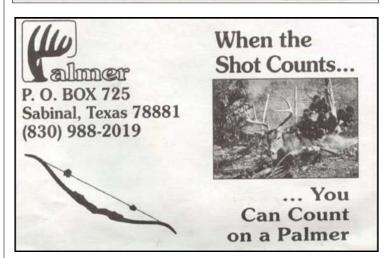
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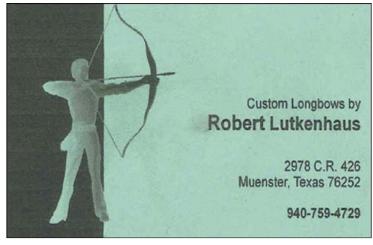
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SHOOT SCHEDULE

- February 13 & 14 Denton County Archers contact Lloyd Hensley e-mail shirleynell4@juno.com
- **February 21** Corpus Christi shoot Sunday, shotgun start beginning at nine. One day shoot. Check www.tejasbowmen.com for more information. Contact Robert Garcia 361 816 1026 or Pat Handley 830 876 8848.
- **February 27-28** Winter Traditional Shoot, Cowtown Bowmen, Ft. Worth Non-Tbot shoot
- **March 6** Canyon Lake shoot, Saturday, shotgun start beginning at nine. One day shoot. Check www.canyonlakearcheryclub.com for more information. Contact David Meckel 830 237 2615 or Pat Handley 830 876 8848
- **March 13** TBoT Jim Hickman Memorial Shoot, Brazoria County Bowmen. Calif. start 9:00am 1:00pm Contact person: Charlie Reed 979-248-0083 or Brad Scott 979-236-5015.
- March 6 & 7 Bowhunter Education Class, L & L Archery, Bastrop For Info call 512-695-6111
- March 13 & 14- Holiday Creek Tbot shoot For Info call Tommy Shackelford 490-569-3050 or 940-224-8495
- **April 10th & 11th** 17th Annual Texas Hill Country Shootout & 12th Annual Texas Youth Traditional Championship. Click here to download the registration form. You'll need Adobe's Acrobat Reader to view it.
- May 1 & 2 Memphis contact David Tarrant 806-204-0184 Tbot, survival, tin can and coon shoot courses. Bring Flu Flu arrows
- May 15th & 16th 24th Annual Glen Parker Stickbow Round up, Chester Non-Tbot shoot
- May 22 & 23 Abilene Bowhunters Assn. TBot Shoot. Contact Rick Barbe rickbarb@taylortel.net. http://www.abilenebowhunters.org , http://www.tradarcher.com , http://www.tradarchergazette.com
- **June 12** TBoT Shoot, Brazoria County Bowmen Calif. start 9:00am 12:00pm Contact person: Charlie Reed 979-248-0083 or Brad Scott 979-236-5015, Click here for a map.
- **June 26-27** Texas Recurve Championship. For info Todd Poof 817-228-8061, email huntinpool@msn.com Non -Tbot shoot

Shooting My Bow At The Range

By Andy Multer

On top of the hill, I string my bow and strap on my quiver,

Preparing for the hunt.

On the path I stumble upon my prey, a lion tiger and bear, oh my!

You charlatan sitting ducks, I'm not afraid of you,

I shoot and shoot

And kill and kill my phony foam foes.

Again I walk on this peaceful day, I soak up the sun

And fight off the heat, and there he is—the turkey.

How I hate you turkey, your mockery and teasing

Fills me with rage!

I swear you won't be laughing at me with your mocking war cry, humiliating me—again.

I shoot. I miss. Damn it! The laughs, Gobble Gobble, can be heard for miles.

I trudge through the thorny abyss of vines and trees in my defeat,

Oh no! I cannot find my arrow,

My pride is hurt and so is my wallet, for that arrow was eight dollars,

Eight dollars that I'll never see again.

Moving along I shoot more and more, some good shots and some bad.

My last target, I shoot and bulls eye, I hit the X.

As nonchalant as one can be, I reach for my arrow and oh my god

I'm staring death in the eyes as I see a ferocious spider make claim of my arrow.

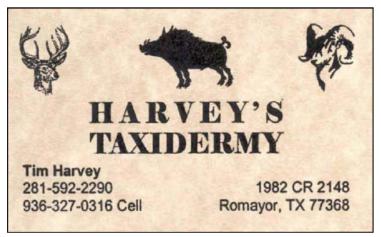
He can sense my fear as I swat at him with a five-foot stick in hand,

But lucky for me he retreats for backup.

In this brief moment I snatch my arrow and flee with my bow way ahead of me,

Back up the hill where I am safe and can bask in the glory of the game I have bagged.

Well I guess I have time for another round.







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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.

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

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