



# TBoT Newsletter



1st Quarter

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2011



Red Deer Taken By Keith Williams

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Wise County, Texas

Horne Custom Bow, Wood Arrow, 125gr Two Blade Delta Snuffer

From Da Prez,

Welcome new, old, and indifferent:

As we start into a new tournament season, the first several shoots have been a huge success.

The first few shoots we have sold nearly 500 cards for sales of approximately \$2500.00. With the hardships of jobs, money and cost of fuel, it is good to see. Traditional Archery is showing an increase. I would like to thank our most hospitable host clubs and the ranch (Bartush) for the work they have done.

We have had some problems with our newsletter, but with Bisch on board, we will get back on track.

Hope to see ya at Hill Country Shootout held on the beautiful Bugscuffle Ranch during the most georgous season of the year in the Texas Hill Country.

Shoot Straight,

Wm. H. (Bud) Murphy  
President

P.S. Tell your officers how much you appreciate their volunteered time.



24" Blackbuck taken by Bud Murphy and Carbon Express arrows with with his Horn 54# Traditionalist Longbow 140 grain Zephyr broadhead.

A Message from your Secretary,

Apologies for the lapse in our newsletter. We have kept the website current with our schedules and all the pictures you've submitted. Let's extend a special thank you to Jerry Bischoffberger for taking over this endeavor.

Our schedule is busy this year and attendance at most shoots has been good. We hope to still add more shoots to the schedule. We have decided to drop the TBoT forum due to lack of use by our members. This is okay, it seems most are just using the more popular chat rooms.

I would also like to personally thank Martha Hunt for formatting our shoot scores for the website.

Please be sure to let me know if your personal information has changed, address, telephone number and email. Submit your new information to [brenda.stein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brenda.stein@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 713-628-0121.

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#### EDITORS NOTES:

This is my first attempt at producing this newsletter. I am using software I am unfamiliar with and having to learn as I go. Please bear with me and I think I will get better at it as I get more experience.

Also, the newsletter is for you, the members. I need content. Please send any traditional archery related photos and stories to me for inclusion in future newsletters. You can e-mail any pictures or stories to: [jbisch@suddenlink.net](mailto:jbisch@suddenlink.net).

Again, I am looking forward to being able to put a newsletter out there that all of you want to read and see when it shows up in your mail box.

Jerry Bischoffberger

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## 2011 SHOOT SCHEDULE

**April 9 & 10, 2011 - 18th Annual Texas Hill Country Shootout.** 13th Annual Texas Youth Traditional Championship. Door prizes, novelty shoots, Bowyers & vendors. For more information call Bud Murphy 972-742-4594, Pat Handley 830-876-5324, or Brenda Stein 713-628-0121, **TBot Shoot** Some lodging in the area: **Foxfire Log Cabins** 830-966-2200, **A Piece of Heaven** 830-966-5198, **Hide-away Cabins** 830-966-3527, **Lodges at Lost Maples** 830-966-5178

**April 16 & 17, 2011 - Cinnamon Creek Ranch, Mary Bone 817-439-8998** or [www.cinnamoncreekranch.com](http://www.cinnamoncreekranch.com) TBoT shoot


**April 30th - May 1st** Rolling Plains Sportsmens Club, Memphis - All traditional 2 day TBoT shoot with 2 courses, one being a challenger course, contact David Tarrant 806-204-0184 and Mike Godfrey 806-930-7061 Score card drawing for prizes, lots of fun.

**May 14-15, 2011 - 25th Annual Glenn Parker Stick Bow Round Up in Chester TX.** Vendors and dealers welcome. For information, lodging, etc., contact Bill Decker at 409-722-0177 or [bdecker@nederland.k12.tx.us](mailto:bdecker@nederland.k12.tx.us). **NON TBot Shoot**

**June 4 & 5 - Collin county bowhunters,** Charles Alexander 469 450 2130, [collincountybowhunters.org](http://collincountybowhunters.org), TBot Shoot

**June 4 & 5 - Abilene Bowhunters Assn.** [www.abilenebowhunters.org](http://www.abilenebowhunters.org) TBoT Shoot

**June 25-26, 2011 - Texas Recurve Championship** June 25-26 Door prizes and Novelty shoot. Recurve classes for men and women . Overall award for Men and Women best Open and wood round combined. Wood class must be



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## Brazoria County Bowmen TBoT Shoot February 19, 2011

MENS Recurve OPEN		MENS Recurve WOOD		MENS Longbow OPEN		MENS Longbow WOOD	
Bryant Stein	255	Kevin Ragsdale	207	Todd Bolding	212	Paul Savoie	250
Rusty Horn	250	Randy James	164	Doyle Mitchell	204	Rick Trevathan	217
Pete Pieper	248	LADIES Recurve WOOD		Brad Scott	166	Kevin Ragsdale	211
Tim Harvey	224	Beth Savoie	108	Steve Efrid	147	Jack Lee	100
Bill Decker	223	GIRLS Recurve 12-14		Seniors		MENS Primitive	
Dennis Mitchell	223	Ashlyn Bolting	192	C E Stiebing	209	Rick Travathan	189
John Reyna	213	LADIES Recurve OPEN		Larry Walt	137	Jack Lee	156
Don G Sims	170	Brenda Stein	196				
Chris Furlow	165	Kim Summerall	110				
Russell Dans	138	Rebecca James	109				
Mark Pittman	131						
Mike Furlow	129						
Course: 30 Targets							
Scoring: 0-5-8-10-12							

## Holliday Creek TBoT March 12 and 13, 2011

MENS Recurve OPEN		MENS Recurve WOOD		MENS Longbow OPEN		MENS Longbow WOOD		MENS Selfbow	
Josh Isbell	348	Dusty Hundt	337	Lewis Vaden	327	Todd Smith	347	Gene Bohannon	335
Todd Pool	318	Robert Lutkenhaus	325	Glenn Bryant	317	Frank Porter	333	Larry Brown	306
Wayne Meuir	313	Frank Porter	301	Gary Addison	314	Robert Lutkenhaus	329	Lewis Vaden	295
Dusty Hundt	305	Jim Powers	285	Todd Smith	287	Gene Bohannon	322	Todd Pool	268
Dano Williams	265	Jeff Murray	283	Darrell Woolley	266	Larry Brown	312	Steve Thomas	261
Kenny Jones	258	Ken Arterbury	267	David Tarrant	243	Lewis Vaden	311	Gary Addison	255
Frank Singer	204	Charles Edenfield	258	Dano Williams	215	Tommy Little	295	Lonnie Dye	255
Greg Holmes	199	Chad McRoy	232	Frank Singer	180	Glenn Bryant	294	Chad McRoy	215
LADIES Recurve OPEN		Kenny Jones	231	LADIES Longbow OPEN		Lonnie Dye	291	Scott Lathan	211
Anna Jones	261	Creig Towery	202	Donna Powell	242	Wayne Meuir	286	David Tarrant	201
Youth Recurve		LADIES Recurve WOOD		SENIORS 55+		Jeff Murray	282	Larry McRoy	200
Michael Smith	222	Tanya Bohannon	298	Tommy Little	338	Gary Addison	262	Jim Powers	198
Gus Arterbury	187	Anna Jones	278	Charles Edenfield	309	Steve Thomas	255	Johnnie Carpenter	182
Josh Freedman	182	Anita Murray	214	Larry Hartmangruber	290	Ken Arterbury	248	Creig Towery	173
Youth Longbow		Cubs		Dusty Hundt	289	Scott Lathan	229		
Michael Smith	248	Mary Smith	211	Don Van Fossan	284	Johnnie Carpenter	193		
Gus Arterbury	213	Mini Cubs		James Collier	258	Larry McRoy	191		
Josh Freedman	172	Keegan Cannon	246	Lewis Via	251	LADIES Longbow WOOD			
				Carroll Woolley	250	Tanya Bohannon	260	40 Targets	
				Jim Hoedbeck	239	Carol Lockhart	255	Scoring: 0-5-8-10	
				Curtis White	231	Anita Murray	246		
				Frank Singer	148	Donna Powell	230		
						Anna Jones	220		



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## Jim Hickman Memorial

### MENS Recurve OPEN

Dennis Mitchell	241
Tim Harvey	235
John Reyna	220
Todd Bolting	200
Rusty Horn	166
Russell Davis	118
Don Sims	108

### MENS Recurve WOOD

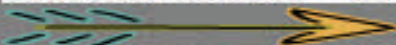
Randy James	184
<b>Seniors</b>	
JT Richard	203
CE Stiebing	191
Charles Reid	188

### MENS Longbow OPEN

Rusty Horn	217
John Reyna	216
Toby Richard	212
Doyle Mitchell	146
Brad Scott	146
Steve Efird	144

### GIRLS Recurve 12-14

Chloe Dannenfesler	136
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Course: 30 Targets  
Scoring: 0-5-8-10-12



### Cubs

Emma Dannenfesler	205
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### Mini Cubs

Jack Dannenfesler	142
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# Hilltop Lakes TBoT Shoot March 27, 2011

### MENS Recurve OPEN

Rusty Horn	273
Bryant Stein	268
Tim Harvey	251
Steve Kelly	236
Tommy Middleton	231

### LADIES Recurve OPEN

Holly Middleton	237
Brenda Stein	193
Kim Summerall	127

### NAVASOT ARCHERY CLUB



### MENS Longbow OPEN

Rusty Horn	243
Tod Middleton	238

### Seniors

C E Stiebing	233
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Course: 30 Targets  
Scoring: 0-5-8-10-12

## TBoT Equipment Guidelines

“Traditional Archery” as defined by this organization, incorporates forms, styles, and preferences from the primitive archers’ use of natural materials to those utilizing the latest of manmade products however, the resulting encounterment must meet the following criteria:

1. No moving parts. When assembled, the working bow is to be one solid piece.
2. No Sights. This includes markings on the bow or string.
3. Arrows are to be no less than 6 inches shorter than the draw length of the archer using the bow. (e.g., to allow Turkish, siper-type over draws but disallow vertical crossbows)
4. Release shall be accomplished with the digits of the drawing hand.

In the event a participant is unable to meet the guidelines as specified but it is felt the style meets the intent and purpose of this organization, they can submit appeal for acceptance to the Executive Council (EC). The EC shall then decide the issue.



It's Election Time! The deadline for casting votes is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 but please vote right away so you don't forget. One vote per member, except for Family Memberships which are entitled two votes. You may copy this form.

The following methods are available to cast your vote:

1. By telephone, call TBoT Secretary Brenda Stein at 713-628-0121.
2. By email to [brenda.stein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brenda.stein@sbcglobal.net)
3. By mail using this form to TBoT Secretary, 3419 Roaring Creek St., Spring, TX 77380

## Election Ballot Spring of 2011

Just write in the name of the person you wish to vote for. You may also add a "write in candidate".

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West Texas Representative, Butch Gleghorn

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Several years ago my daughter Sarah and I decided to make the trek to Vanderpool for the TBOT Hillcountry shoot. She and I loaded up all the essential clothing items and set off. I often have to fly by the seat of my pants due to working around the schedules of active kids and a wife that works odd hours and days. Being what it was Sarah and I had no clue where we were going to lodge or if it was to be available. A typical situation for she and I to be in so no worries as Dad always came through somehow.

We arrived on Saturday morning and started to make the rounds visiting with friends, clients, vendors and fellow archers. I managed to keep my money in my pocket until Sarah stumbled upon Neeta Fran and Bill Ward's concession of jewelry.

That girl negotiated like a Egyptian slave trader and ultimately got what she wanted out of me and the Wards. 😊 Something about blond haired girls with big pretty eyes I guess.

I finally got to shoot the course and did so with Ron Foley, a good friend and client of many years. Now Sarah has never been bitten by the archery bug as I had hoped she might but she always indulged me on these trips in hopes of gaining something she liked. To tell the truth Sarah liked all the trinkets that I bought her along the way. She did however have her own motive for going other than spending time with Dad. It seems that Sarah loved swiping all the bars of soap, shampoo

and any other toiletries that were furnished with our stays. (She is going to kill me for that one) 🤢. That young lady had a put together a collection that would make Paris Hilton jealous.

I shot one round on Saturday as intended and all went well. After that Sarah and I made the rounds visiting with all our old friends and ended up having dinner in Utopia with Ron and Teresa Foley. After that she and I set off to Leakey where we had managed to reserve a room earlier that day by cell phone. Upon arriving Sarah was shocked to find out that the place

we were staying at was an old style Inn and not a motel which meant limited goodies for her and no television. 😞

The next morning we made it back to the shoot only to be greeted by some cold wet weather. I was determined to get that second round in but Sarah wasn't as game as I. She decided that she was going to stay behind and visit with Ron and Teresa. If I remember correctly, (and I do) I had given her some money and she had began working on a negotiation strategy for more jewelry. I went on to work my way through the soggy course only to return cold and soaked to the bone. I was greeted by Sarah and the Foley's and noticed Sarah was snug and warm in an afghan that Ron and Teresa had so kindly offered her.

After awards were handed out we got in my 1995 GMC Yukon to make the wet and miserable trip home. Being cool and rainy the windows inside the truck began to fog up and so I managed to turn on the defroster but to no avail. It turns out the control unit that changes your system from a/c to heat and defrost etc. had somehow quit working. Sarah and I were forced to constantly wipe the windows off and drive a bit. We repeated that process numerous times and made slow and dangerous progress.

Things went better when we would hit an area between downpours as I could roll the windows down and keep the fog off the windows. A rare occasion on this trip. We made our way to Sabinal and on to hwy 90 when the bottom began to fall out. It was an all out frog choking rain and the radio weather station indicated no end in sight.

We slowly made our way toward San Antonio when we suddenly hit a patch of water and skidded blindly out of control and into the ditch. After the truck stopped and came to rest in running water up to the floor I shifted into 4 wheel drive and worked on getting us out of a bad situation.

I finally managed to get us safely onto the shoulder of the hwy and just sat there. Knowing Sarah had to be back for volleyball practice I could feel the noose tightening around my neck and my wife was doing the tightening. This was turning out to be another one of my nightmare trips my wife had always talked about.

I could see the fear in my daughters eyes where before there was none. I couldn't do it, I could not continue this trip and put my daughters life in danger.

Now I am sure some of you may be thinking what an idiot, all he had to do was.... Well trust me, I tried everything to keep the windows from fogging up and with zero success. We sat there for a while wondering what we were going to do and what we were going to tell Mom. Then it happened.. I had an epiphany... I knew what to do...

I crawled over the front seat into the back and retrieved my duffel bag from the cargo area. If I remembered right I had a travel size can of Barbasol shave cream and so I rifled through my belongings. I found my shave kit and found that unmistakable red and white can. All I could think was "God please let it be full." A little shake and I knew my prayers had been answered.

Some of you may be thinking has Terry lost his mind? What does shaving cream have to do with foggy windows? Lay off the meds, right...

Well, allot of you may not know that I am a licensed master barber/instructor and have been a PADI, NAUI and YMCA master scuba diver for many years and there is a little trick I had learned long ago associated with these two endeavors.

I took the can of shave cream and smeared it all over the inside of windows. Once applied, Sarah and I began to remove it with whatever dry articles of clothing we had in our bags. There is something magical in that white foamy goodness that prevents windows, glass and mirrors from fogging up. Barbers use it on mirrors and scuba divers use it on their masks.

Sarah and I found immediate relief from the fogged up windows and saw crystal clear all the way home. Safe and sound.

**And that is how shaving cream saved our lives..**

# Pheasants and Flu-Flus



The Lone Star Bowhunters' Assn hosted the first annual Pheasants and Flu-Flus hunt on March 5th, 2011. The hunt was held at Prairies End Hunt Club just outside of Gainesville Texas. There were five hunters, and, as it turned out, all were traditional hunters. From left to right in the above group photo are: Mark Johnson, Jerry Bischoffberger, Gene Bohannon, Derrick Edwards , and Brian Landrum. The set-up was for all but one hunter to use their bow while one of us mopped up with a scatter gun after everyone else missed. There were two birds shot out of the air with bows. Jerry Bischofberger was luck enough to get one out of the air and so was Gene Bohannon (see pics below). This hunt was a total blast and I can't wait for next year to try it again.





Camp Ta-Ku-La  
Presents  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Stick Bow  
Round Up  
May 14 and 15, 2011  
Camp Ta-Ku-La, Chester Texas

The 2011 Stick Bow Round Up continues its tradition with an innovative and challenging 40 animal target shoot. Archery supplies, leather goods and knives will be on display throughout the weekend tournament.

“California start” tournament allows shooters the freedom to shop, visit and participate in the competition.

Registration is open from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM Saturday and 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM on Sunday. All scorecards must be turned in by 2:45 PM Sunday. Custom belt buckles will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> places during the 3:00 PM awards ceremony.

Participants may register and shoot in more than one division.  
Bring your flu-flu arrows aerial targets.

**Raffle benefitting Cancer Research to be held both Saturday and Sunday.**

**Save \$\$ by pre-registering early!**

**Class Definitions**

**Primitive – Longbow or Recurve**  
No fiberglass. Wood arrows only.

**Traditional – Longbow or Recurve**  
Any material. Wood arrows only. No add-on arrow rest.  
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Please write legibly

City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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\$10 Adults	(age 17 +)	\$15 Adults	Trad. Longbow	_____	Ladies Recurve	_____
\$ 7 Youth	(age 13-16)	\$10 Youth	Trad. Recurve	_____	Ladies Longbow	_____
\$ 2 Cubs	(age 7-12)	\$3 Cubs	Primitive	_____	Ladies Trad. Recurve	_____
\$ 0 Mini Cubs	(up to age 6)		Longbow	_____	Ladies Trad. Longbow	_____
			Recurve	_____	Youth Recurve	_____
			Youth Longbow	_____	Cubs	_____
			Old Farts (60+)	_____	Mini Cubs	_____

**No rains outs! No refunds! Scorecards will be waiting!**

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			Youth Longbow	_____	Cubs	_____
			Old Farts (60+)	_____	Mini Cubs	_____

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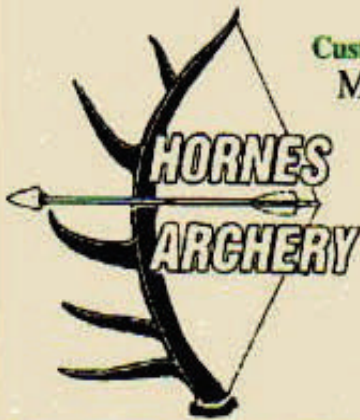
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Whitetail doe taken by Wesley "P-Nut" Adams on 12-17-10



9 Point Buck taken by Jerry Bischoffberger on 12/27/10  
Bob Sarrels Blueridge TD longbow 50#@29.5"



Bryant Stein, H Bar H Ranch, Bandera, Texas



Whitetail taken at 10 yds from a treestand on October 17, 2010. Howard Hill/ Big Five longbow, 2018 Legacy arrow with a Wensel Woodsman brohead. A thankful Sunday morning in the pineywoods of Texas.  
Longbows & Short Shots, Jeff Schulz

# NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE

By: Barbara Duncan

I began planning my first ever international bow hunting trip to New Zealand last summer. As the trip neared, my anticipation began to elevate and I just could not wait to get there and start a spot and stalk on an Arapawa ram. As I prepared for this hunt, my set up consisted of my Bob Sarrels Custom Ridgecat Recurve, 125 grain Muzzy Phantom broadheads, Vapor Blackhawk arrows with weighted inserts, Epic video camera, and my Texas Boar Bracket. I received a pleasant surprise when I arrived in New Zealand. My outfitter and owner, Scott Thomson of Southern Hunting Safaris of New Zealand had made arrangements for me to spot and stalk a red stag deer that he had scouted for me instead of the Arapawa ram. I was so excited and could not believe it but I had concerns. I asked Scott if he really thought he could get me within my comfort range for the shot at 12 yards and he said, "Sure, not a problem". He was confident he would get me within bow range and within my comfort zone. Scott told me that I would have my harvest within the first day and a half.

The first day found us covered in red stags roaring. On our first stalk, my guide, Grant Andrew roared in a massive red stag within sixty yards. My heart was racing and we shortly found ourselves covered up in the red stags. They were roaring all around us. It sounded like being in a surround sound home theater. Grant worked hard and did a great job calling them in. Grant had them within twenty five to thirty yards and closer in the brush but I could not connect on a trophy red stag. We had lots of young ones and hinds sometimes as close as five yards. Day 2, Scott wanted to take a different strategy and for him to accompany Grant and I back to where the red stags were on the first day. We arrived and Grant positioned me along a creek while he scouted the area. As I was waiting for Grant to return, here comes a 5 X 5 walking down the creek bed and stops broadside for a picture perfect broadside shot five yards from me. The stag never saw me and was looking away from me. I had not seen this stag on the first day and was unsure if he was the one Scott had spotted for me.


All I could do is watch him and admire him while I waited for Grant to return. Scott had remained in a different area to scout. Within a few moments, I see what the stag is looking at. He is watching Grant on the other side of the creek. I was able to get Grant's attention and he gave me the thumbs up but the 5 x 5 had walked away at this point.

Grant worked his way back to where I was at along the high side of the creek and Scott joined us to help get us into position. Over the next several minutes, there were several cat and mouse moments where we were working our way down the creek bank trying to get in close for a lethal harvest. Scott remained on the other side of the creek to help scout for the red stag and move us into position. I turned my camera on and off several times during the cat and mouse moments. I was hoping to get the entire harvest on video but I had already used up all the batteries during the cat and mouse escapades.

Finally, Grant and Scott had me positioned in a great location further down the creek where the red stag had now moved to. We hunkered down as close to the edge of the creek that we could. I was hunched over on my knees and could only see the tips of his antler as he started moving along a trail that was parallel to the creek.

The stag was hesitant and he could sense something but he could not see us. I had a tree in between me and him as he approached. I had one small shooting lane straight up from where I was to the trail he was coming in on. I knew I would have to hold this position now and I would have to shoot from this position on my knees as well.


He finally started moving again but this time he is running along the trail coming at us from my right. I lost him for a second because there was an old tree down and I couldn't see him. Grant whispered to me, "He is coming, get ready". I drew back my bow and continued to hold while crouching over on my knees. I hear Grant say, "Take him" just as I see him emerge from behind the downed tree in a full run. I only had one up in front of me that was about twenty inches wide and five yards long. (Continued on facing page)



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I knew this was it. This was my chance to connect.

As quickly as I had him in my sights, I released and “thwack”, I see the arrow connect a little more forward than I would have liked but the Firenock lit up and blood started pouring as he bolted away. We could see him in the distance as he slowed to a walk and started getting a little wobbly. He continued walking and we lost sight of him. Scott kept him in his sights and watched him jump the fence into a different pasture.

Grant and I headed out to the area near the creek where Scott had seen him jump the fence. It was so thick you really couldn't track. We just moved about the thick brush and downed trees trying to spot him. We made a sweep but no luck so we returned to the fence line where he jumped the fence. Scott and Grant went back out again and positioned me near the fence line in case he circled back..

As I am setting there, there is a sick feeling in my stomach. Where did he go? Was the shot not as lethal as we thought?

Then within minutes, I see Scott coming at me from the brush with his thumb up in the air. I was so thankful that they had found him.

Within a few moments, we were headed back to the brush to recover my red stag. As I walked up to him and got a closer look, I was ecstatic with how beautiful and majestic he was. Scott measured him and he is 41 1/2 inches long, large mass, and wide.

One of the many highlights of the trip was introducing Grant Andrew to traditional archery. You see, Grant Andrew had never shot a traditional bow before but apparently he is a natural at it. Watching him draw back my Bob Sarrels Custom Ridgecat Recurve and experiencing the excitement when he repeatedly drilled the bulls eye at twenty yards was just as much enjoyment for me as it was for him. I have no doubt that Grant too will join the traditional community among us.

New Zealand was incredible with the beautiful black sand beaches, glaciers, Southern Alps, gorgeous postcard scenery, the Canterbury plains, majestic waterfalls, rainforest, and all the beautiful things to see and do.

I didn't get a chance to get a trophy picture with Scott but I owe a great deal of gratitude to him and Grant. They both worked really hard and delivered and put me within my comfort zone. Five yards was a dream distance that I really did not think I would get a chance at, especially twice. Well, I did and now I cannot wait to return to New Zealand with Scott for another great traditional hunt or to Colorado to do an Elk hunt with him. The entire experience was something that I will never forget. I am so glad that I found an outfitter that listened to me and my traditional needs and delivered an awesome hunt that I will forever remember not just because it was the hunt of a lifetime but because it was my first traditional deer harvest.



The author with her very nice New Zealand Red Stag

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