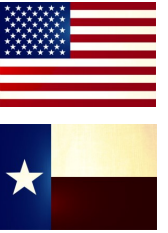




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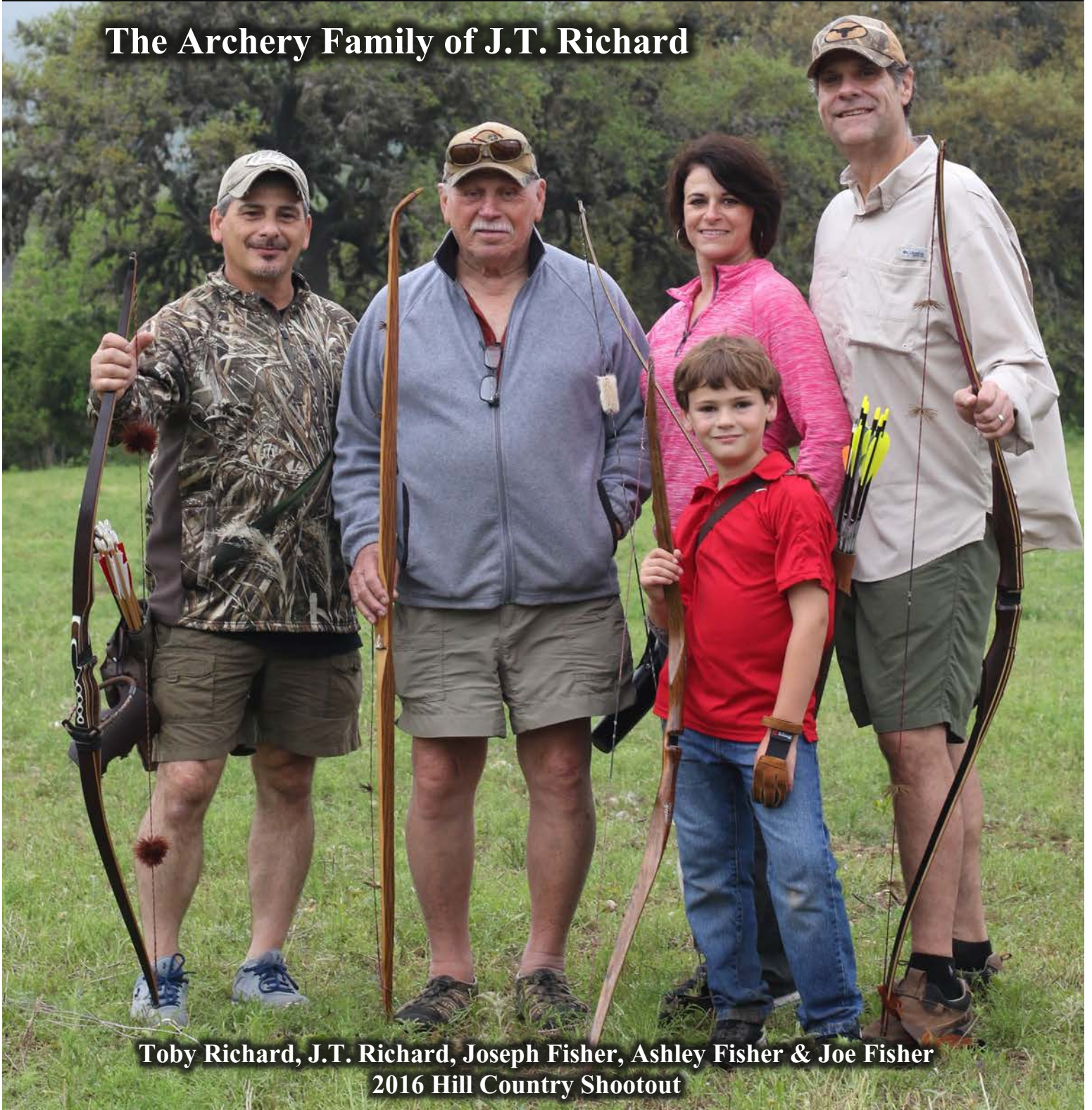


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2016 Hill Country Shootout**



## Melvin Erickson

*A message from your President*

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2017! Molly and I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and hope your hunting seasons were successful and memorable. Please pass on any traditional harvest picture(s) so we can celebrate with you; we will proudly posted the pictures to our TBoT website, Newsletter and Facebook page.

It's exciting that our 2017 TBoT 3D season will kick off within weeks. Check out the schedule on Pages 14-16. Please check often for the latest schedule at [www.tbot.org](http://www.tbot.org) for newly added shoot dates.

Don't miss out! 2017 Hill Country Shootout registration received by March 10, 2017 will receive a FREE t-shirt.

Volunteers needed to assist the reps. for the Host Club/TBoT shoots and the Hill Country Shootout. And we would like to add a Merchandise Coordinator to help spread the work load. Please contact me if your interested.

TBoT greatly appreciates your ongoing support to our traditional archery club and we look forward to seeing you and your family out on the range.

Melvin 936-522-7143  
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## Larry Wentrcek

*A message from your Vice President*

Hello! As the deer season comes to an end many of you are planning spring hunts for turkey, hogs, javelina and other small game and others are unstringing there bows until next deer season. Thanks to TBoT there is no reason to unstring those bows even if you have no hunts planned. TBoT has a full schedule of traditional 3D shoots planned across the state of Texas and we would encourage all of you to make as many as you can. Some of you are seasoned TBoT shooters and some have never experienced one of our shoots. This year check the schedule grab a friend or family member and lets make this one of the best years in TBoT history. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones until then shoot em straight and keep your feathers dry.

Larry 254-718-5326  
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## Wesley Adams

*A message from your new West Texas Rep.*

I have been a trad only shooter since 1986. Life member of the TBoT family. I was editor of the newsletter for 3 years. Traditional archery is the most fun thing I've ever done and the people are, and I quote " the best of the best". I do have some big shoes to fill and look forward to serving.

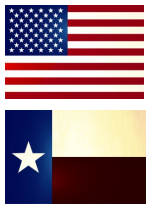
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# My Amazing Dad

## J.T. Richard

### 1940 - 2016

By Ashley Fisher

When diagnosed with pancreatic cancer 13 months ago, he looked at me and said "Whatever you do, don't cry for me. I've done everything I ever wanted to do." That's one thing that I truly admire about my Dad was that he truly lived each day. My father certainly didn't lack friends - whether through his work at Dupont Sabine River Works, bow hunting, guiding hunters on King Ranch or in Africa, bow

shoots around Texas, or singing at the Circle Club or Big Oaks, he always cherished those friendships from all the many different avenues of his life. My brothers and I feel truly blessed to have had such an example as to how to make the most of the time you have - he truly LIVED.

I will never forget the first time me, my Dad and my son, Joseph, attended the Hill Country Shoot in 2015. We all placed - three generations all shooting bows which Dad had built. He was just so proud and it's a moment I'll always cherish.

And he was so patient with us all in teaching us to hunt and fish. Whenever I felt discouraged, he would say "That's why they call it hunting and fishing, not killing and catching." He was always full of witty, sound advice, which made you laugh and get over it.

As we were going through all my father's things - we counted 77 different awards (trophies, buckles, plaques) for different bowshoots over the years - 7 being state championships in Louisiana. It's quite amazing all that he accomplished...

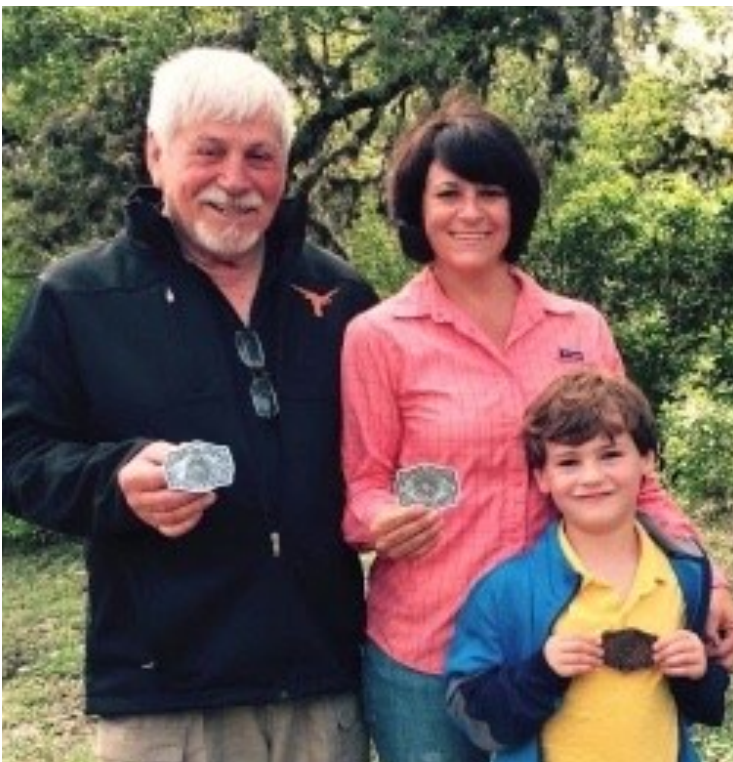
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(3 generations all placed with J.T.'s handmade longbows)

J.T. Richards Men's Selfbow 7th Place

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Ashley Fisher, Chad Richard,  
J.T. Richard and Toby Richard  
(J.T. and all his kids)



Joseph Fisher and J.T. Richard  
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# Maryann Heffley







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My initial start in archery was very discouraging.... Matter of fact it was downright hard! I began shooting traditional archery five years ago at a time when my brother was shooting really well. I was very intimidated by his scores and thought that I could never shoot as well as him. As discouraged as I was, I kept trying, practicing, and attending tournaments despite my scores and constantly having to look for arrows. The only consistency I had going for me was the incredible people of Traditional Bowhunters of Texas.

Traditional Bowhunters of Texas has a great tradition of encouraging people, sharing their vast knowledge of traditional archery, and supporting young archers like myself. People are always willing to help and offer advice no matter your situation. Being a person who has been influenced by Traditional Bowhunters of Texas, my life has been forever changed. Though the tradition of helping others excel in archery, I have become a more determined competitor. I am unafraid to ask questions and learn new techniques. As I gradually improved, I would set goals for myself. First, I wanted to score over 100 points on a 3d course. Then, I wanted to actually score enough points to place in the youth buckles. Next, I wanted to score higher than my brother! My most recent goal was to score higher than my mom. Although it is competitive and we all set goals, it is mostly in fun!

Growing up with Traditional Bowhunters of Texas has also taught me many other attributes. There is a strong network of people that treat you like family. People show a genuine concern for one another on the course and off the course. Honesty and respect, are other attributes of traditional archers. Not only is this important on the course with scoring while competing, but throughout life.

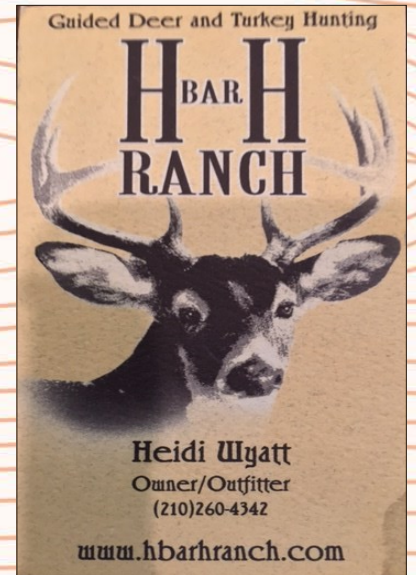
Having TBOT in my life has completely changed my outlook on the history and heritage of archery. I am very interested in researching the history of archery and learning as much as I can about how techniques have changed over the years. The organization has played a huge roll in my self-confidence. I have learned that practice and perseverance really is rewarding. Not only has growing up in TBOT taught me about archery, it has also given me an admiration for the outdoors! I have grown tremendously wise as an individual through this organization and hope to continue the traditions of archery and the love of the outdoors throughout my life.

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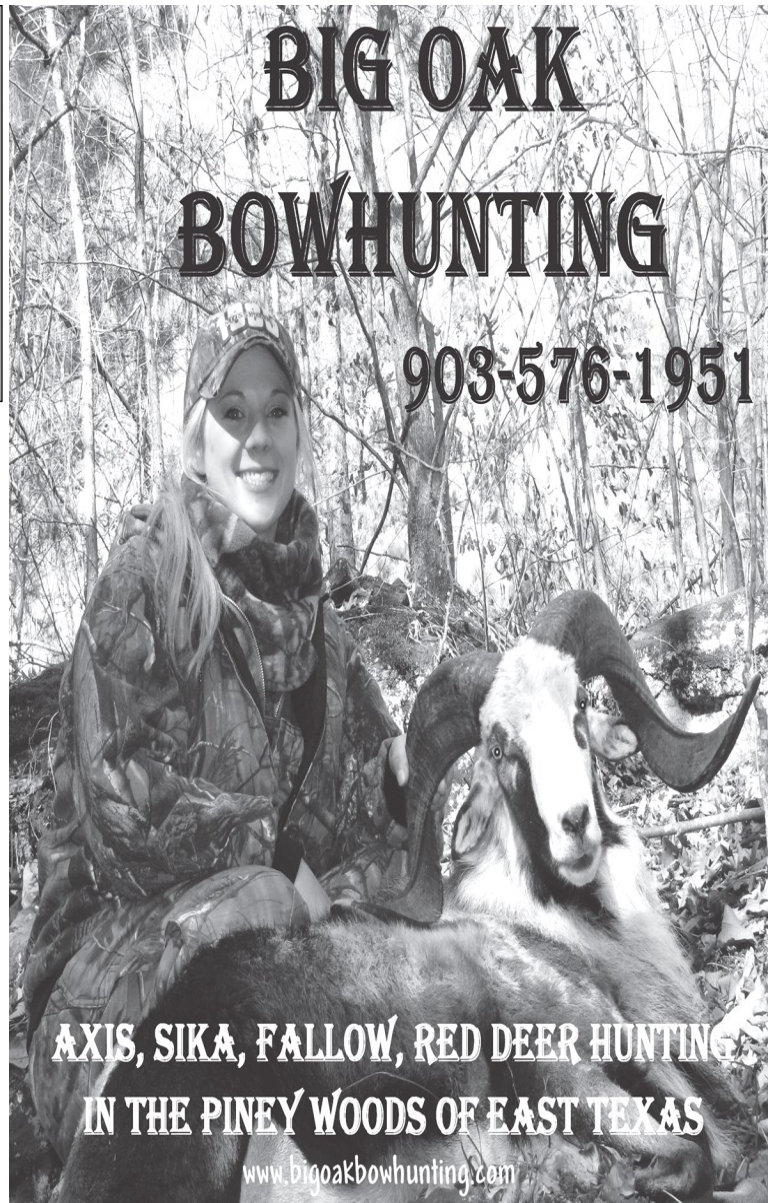
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# **Heart Shot!**

## **First & Only in 50 Years of Bowhunting**

by Bob Morrison

The mid-December weather had turned cold with rain and sleet on the Wagoner ranch, located about 30 miles north of Bracketville, TX, on Farm-to-market Road 641, by the time I had loaded a spike whitetail into the bed of my pick-up truck. I was in a rush to get on the way to Stephenville, TX; my wife and three sons had left the ranch an hour before daylight.

They had argued briefly that I should forget about a morning hunt and follow them home before the roads got icy. I assured them that I'd leave the tripod stand and be off the ranch by 9 a.m. They muttered a few unintelligible words and waved good-by.

The tripod was in a clump of cedars (junipers) approximately 25 yards from an automatic corn feeder. The feeder was set to "fire" three times a day: daylight, noon, and 30 minutes before dark. The owner had given the stand a real unique name: the tripod stand. Other colorful names for the stands were the canyon, the roadside, the home stand, and the cedar. According to him, the tripod was probably the best place for a morning set for a deer. "A helluva good place for a doe, if you don't have any qualms about shooting a doe." I didn't.

I climbed into the tripod, put on my headnet, arm guard, camo gloves, and shooting tab. I pulled out my navy watchcap from my jacket and pulled the wool cap down over my ears. I quietly pulled up my Red Wing Hunter, laid it across my lap, and removed a Bear broadhead from the bow quiver. I removed the quiver from the bow and hung the quiver on a nearby limb. I tested the wind; it was building from the north and blowing across my left side. Great. The deer, so said the rancher, came from the east, as I looked at the feeder. I checked the time ... a good 30 minutes before legal shooting time.

Just being able to silhouette the surrounding cedars, I could glimpse mourning doves landing at the feeder. A Bob-white quail whistled. I could barely hear an animal eating corn. Could be a deer, but probably a cottontail picking up broken corn kernels. "Good," I thought. "They're leaving their scent, and too, they'll be good sentinels to let me know if other animals are near the feeder.

The temperature dropped a few more degrees; the wind picked up. I hunched my shoulders, raised my left hand to check the time again. Not too long, and thought, "I hope a deer slips in at legal light, gives me a shot, and doesn't take me long to find it. I want to get off the ranch on the highway before the weather really turns nasty and dangerous.

The feeder "fired" a few minutes before legal shooting. The doves and rabbits flushed. Several minutes later, the rabbits emerged cautiously from the nearby thickets.

I nocked the arrow and laid the bow across my lap.

Directly to the east, I spied a deer walkin slowly through the brush toward the feeder. The deer stopped at the edge of the brush surrounding the feeder. A spike. He raised his head and sniffed the wind. He looked around slowly and took a few hesitant steps toward the feeder. He sniffed the ground and picked up several kernels of corn; looked up quickly and looked around; and then, lowered his head searching for more corn.

I picked out a large white limestone rock between him and the feeder. If, and when, he reaches that rock, I'll take the shot.

As all bowhunters know and have felt, it seems to take a deer ages to move into the target zone.

Overhead, the sky was dark and threatening. I looked to the north and listened - no rattle of hail, sleet rain beating the brush and trees. Maybe I'd get the deer before the the storm clouds vomited on me.


The spike passed between the rock and the feeder when I turned my attention back toward the deer. I drew slowly; felt everything was right; tensed my draw and released.

The arrow zipped to the kill zone. Whack! The deer jumped straight up and fell flat on the limestone rocks. He kicked a few times. He was dead in less than a minute. The arrow passed through the center of the heart. A first time happening for me. I had clipped the tip of the heart, and several times had cut through the large arteries and veins entering and leaving the heart.

I loaded up my gear and left the tripod immediately. Glancing to the north, I could hear the rain and small ice pellets pounding the pasture. I ran to the pickup parked about two hundred yards from the feeder. I jam-med the key into the ignition, shifted into low, gunned the motor, and shot off for the feeder.

Quickly, I drove to the deer and pulled just past it. I stopped, lowered the tailgate, and flopped the spike in the pick-up's bed. I raced to the front gate of the ranch, pulled onto the highway, stopped, and ran back to lock the gate.

The sky darkened and turned day into night, pellets into a curtain of sleet. I could hear the sleet peppering the pasture as I closed the pick-up door and headed north for Rocksprings and home.



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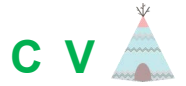
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Just saying howdy from the Rolling Plains Sportsman's Club, AKA Memphis, TX. Not that place in another state...

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As many of you know setting target ranges up can be a lot of hard work and time consuming so it's greatly appreciated for the help we get. A big THANKS.

David has always been a gracious host and puts on a super feed for those who help with setup and for any who show up on Friday. Believe me it's good.

Also, believe me if you show up too early I have a place where you can spend the day.. Familiarizing yourself with the lay of the land, with target placement, learning the art of placement of shooting stakes and...a free supper.

The shoot is scheduled for the 5th and 6th of May in 2017. Come prepared, it may snow, it may rain, it may freeze, it may be way hot. No hurricanes yet but it can be slightly breezy.

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I do need to say something about the groups of shooters on the range. We want everyone to have fun and be respectful of the other shooters. Everyone is there to have fun and a good time with friends and family. If you have a large group, or a family group, I know it's an inconvenience to let a small group of shooters play through, but that is what needs to be done. The large groups of family and friends are there to have fun in the fashion they want to, and the small groups are there to enjoy themselves as well. Many times the small groups of 3 or 4 shooters are there for the competition and are trying to get in four rounds to qualify for the overall. They do not mean to inconvenience anyone but it just happens. Typically, it doesn't take very long for them to play through anyway. Everyone has come to have fun in their own fashion.

I know the thing we want to do is to make up another silly rule as to group size, blah, blah, blah...  
Thanks and see you at the next shoot!

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Ladies Selfbow

Ladies Recurve Open

Ladies Longbow Open

Ladies Composite

Boy's Recurve (12-14)

Girl's Recurve (12-14)

Cubs Recurve or Longbow (9-11)

Boy's Recurve (15-17)

Girl's Recurve (15-17)

Mini Cubs Recurve or Longbow (8 & under)

Boy's Longbow (12-14)

Girl's Longbow (12-14)

Boy's Longbow (15-17)

Girl's Longbow (15-17)

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- Boy's Longbow (15-17) — any arrows
- Girls Recurve (15-17) — any arrows
- Girls Longbow (15-17) – any arrows
- Boy's Recurve (12-14) – any arrows
- Boy's Longbow (12-14) – any arrows
- Girls Recurve (12-14) – any arrows
- Girls Longbow (12-14) – any arrows
- Cubs (9-11) – Recurve or Longbow, any arrows
- Mini Cubs (8 and under) – Recurve or Longbow, any arrows

## TBOT Tournament Rules

1. Must shoot off the shelf. No Moving parts. When assembled, the working bow is to be one solid piece.
2. No sights or markings on the bow or string. Index finger must be touching the string and nock of the arrow at the same time to prohibit string walking.
3. **Arrows are to be no less than 6" shorter than the draw length of the archer using the bow, e.g. to allow for Turkish, siper-type overdraws** but to disallow vertical crossbows. Broadheads are not allowed.
4. Release shall be accomplished with the digits of the drawing hand.
5. Binoculars are allowed at all TBoT tournaments, but shall not be used once the shooter is at the shooting stake. No rangefinders allowed.
6. Minimum of Three (3) shooters/participants per group. If family members shoot together, there shall also be at least one shooter in the group that is NOT related to the family. No shooting alone.
7. Score keeper must be a shoot participant and be able to visually validate scores.
8. If an arrow bounces back from the target and is witnessed by the group, it shall be the decision of the group to score the arrow as agreed upon, however, this score shall not be higher than 10. Glancing blows (or ricochets) off the target score zero.
9. Some part of the body must be touching the stake. Cubs and mini cubs may shoot from where they feel comfortable.
10. One must shoot the class they signed up for unless approved at the registration desk prior to starting the round.
11. Fun rounds are welcomed but can only be shot after all scoring rounds are shot and score cards turned in.
12. Only one class may be shot per tournament round.
13. Children under 12 must be accompanied by adults on both the practice range and the tournament range
14. All dogs must be kept on a leash.
15. **Driving permitted only in designated areas. No driving ATV's on the tournament range without prior consent.**
16. Watch for signage indicating Burn Bans in effect.
17. No alcohol on the tournament ranges.

## TBOT Tournament Grievance Policy

1. All grievances must be filed at the shoot at which the alleged rules infraction occurs.
2. A grievance fee of \$20 must be paid at time grievance is filed and is non-refundable.
3. Two TBOT Officers shall recruit two TBOT Members who are in good standing, and are participants of the event to form a committee to hear the grievance.
4. A private session will be held, vote taken and decision made.
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# Hunting Cottontails Along The Llano River Between Castell and Llano, Texas

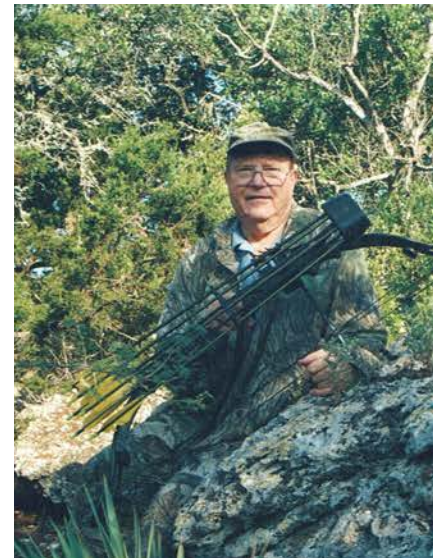


Texas Hill Country cottontail shot on the Llano River a few miles east of Castell, Texas  
(Photo by Bob Morrison)

By Bob Morrison

Fall Cottontails, Castell, TX -

During a water-break after checking a cotton field for insects, Knox Walker, A&M entomologist, asked me if I'd like to fish for Guadalupe spotted bass on the Llano River, between Llano and Castell, Texas. I looked up from taking a sip of water and answered quickly with a "Yes." He also mentioned I could take my bowhunting gear and hunt cottontails.



We'd camp on a friend's ranch between the river and Farm-to-Market (FM) 152. (I have long forgotten the rancher's name). Knox would furnish all the food and camping gear. All I had to take was cot, blanket, foot-wear, hunting/fishing gear, a change of clothes, and personal items.

We left College Station on a Friday evening and would return on Sunday. It was mid-September - hot and dry - when Knox pulled away from the curb in the graduate housing complex. I was a graduate student study-ing for a PhD in entomology and parasitology.

We arrived at the ranch late in the afternoon. Knox introduced me to the owner and his wife. After 20 or so minutes of chit-chat, we drove to the campsite on the river. By dark, we were settled and anxious to froth the clear cool Llano River water.

I thought daylight would never come. Just as I seemed to slip into a deep sleep, I heard Knox call, "Morrison, coffee is ready; eggs and bacon are cooking. By the time we eat, it'll be light enough to start fishing. If you want to hunt rabbits this morning, you can and fish this afternoon."

"Sounds good to me. I'd like a mess of Hill Country cottontails to take home," I answered. I remembered Knox talking with a friend about a trip they had taken to Castell and the fabulous cottontail hunting. If I could do half as well as Knox's friend, I should do O.K.

I strung my 45-lb. pull Bear Polar bow, filled the bow quiver, put on my arm guard, shooting tab, and waved to Knox, saying, "See you around noon."

When I reached the gravel road to the highway, I nocked an arrow and slowly walked south toward the highway, looking carefully among the cat-claw brush, mesquite trees, "Jumping" cactus (tasajilla species), and other thorny brush of which I didn't know the common names.



The weather was calm, with a few fluffy cumulus clouds drifting southeast toward Llano. Excellent weather for hunting the smallest whitetail. I was after the Eastern Cottontail, Sylvilagus floridanus, the most common and widely distributed of the three species of Texas cottontails. It ranges across the State. The Swamp Rabbit, Sylvilagus aquaticus, inhabits the eastern third; the Desert Cottontail, Sylvilagus audubonii survives in the western third. The rancher's told us if we cleaned the fish and rabbits that she would put them in their freezer until we were ready to leave. This sure would be better than trying to keep'em in ice-chest during the week-end.

As I mentioned, the brush along the road was thick. I'd spooked several rabbits before I had a chance to weave a wooden shaft tipped with Bodkin heads through the thickets.

The first shot didn't even come close to the rabbit. The arrow skipped off a mesquite into the wild blue yonder. "Bye, bye!" I wasn't going to fight my way through head-high cat-claw in hopes of finding the arrow.

The second arrow buried into the rocky ground just a few inches below the rabbit's chest. The rabbit bounced a couple feet skyward, landed running full speed in the dense underbrush. "At least, I got my arrow back, with a bent point. I can straighten and sharpen the Bodkin at camp." I mumbled.

But, the third shot was a beauty. The white-tail had stopped in a small clearing and started nibbling needle grass. I thought the rabbit was too far. "What the heck, I came to hunt."

I kinda judged the distance and prepared to shoot. I slowly, concentrating on the rabbit as I rose, drew, anchored, and released. The arrow zipped from the bow like a rocket, hit the ground, and ricocheted into the brush. "The only clear shot I've had, and I flubbed it," I grumbled.

Disgusted, I mentally marked the spot where I last saw the arrow drop into the brush and started to the spot for the arrow. What a surprise when I walked to the spot where the rabbit had been munching its salad. Less than five yards away lay the rabbit. I stepped off the distance. It was 35 yards. It was the longest shot I ever made on a rabbit - then and to the present. In fact, when I checked my hunting diary, the shot was one of the best of five shots I've made bowhunting.

Before Sunday, the rancher's wife put several more white-tails in the freezer.

Yes, the Guadalupe spotted bass fishing was excellent, also.



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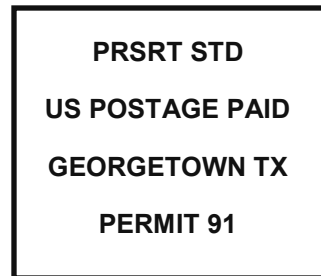
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