



TBoT Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Well, once again we have cleared the TBoT shoot calendar. We would like to thank all the host clubs and their members for all of your support! We would also like to thank our sponsors. The area Representatives have worked their bottoms off to make our tournament season a successful one. Even with the soft economy, we have had a good year. The most important element in all of this is the great following of our members and friends. We are a very large and diverse family.

I am already looking forward to the 2012 season.

TBoT Prez,

Wm H (Bud) Murphy

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

With another successful Hill Country Shootout under our belts (or should I say belt buckles!), and hopefully with an expedient end to this extreme heat, we can look forward to the fall. TBoT is growing in popularity and thus so is our Hill Country Shootout in Vanderpool. In as much as we are proud of this accomplishment, it brings new challenges to us as a club and to the officers. We have been working to keep up with the needs. We are refining our rules and guidelines, making provisions to implement them. The date has been set for the 2012 Hill Country Shootout, April 14th & 15th. Cabins are limited so we recommend that you book early if you want one. Thank you to our members and guests for attending our events and supporting TBoT. Best wishes to all for a rewarding fall season. Remember, send us your pictures and stories.

Take care,

Brenda



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EDITOR'S BLOG:

Well this hot summer is coming closer to an end (we hope) and deer season is just around the corner. I hope everyone has a fun and successful season. To those that happen to fare well; PLEASE SEND ME PICTURES OF YOUR ANIMALS AND STORIES ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURES AFIELD! Everyone wants to see your pics and read your stories. This newsletter exists for all our members to share our stories with each other.

Please e-mail pics and stories to: jbischoffberger@yahoo.com

Thank you,

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ON THE COVER:

Callie Moseley strolling along with her bow in hand at the Hill Country Shootout in Vanderpool. Callie and all the other kids are the future of bowhunting. Always remember to take a kid shooting whenever you get a chance.



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Tanya's Story

By: Gene Bohannon

On 8/13/11 Tanya and I had driven down to the Bugscuffle Ranch in Vanderpool, TX to visit with friends. We hadn't even taken our bows, arrows, broad heads or camo with us. We had only intended to visit not to hunt but we got there and realized how much fun everyone was having and we were disappointed we weren't prepared. This is where I believe the **TRAD FOLKS** are the best **FOLKS**; they talked us into staying and hunting (there was not much arm twisting involved). They loaned us bows, arrows, broad heads and camo. Tanya was a little nervous about hunting with someone else's bow but after a few practice shoots she felt better. She has wanted to harvest a ram since she got into hunting last October.

That evening we both set in a ground blind together in an area where the rams had been traveling. As we set there we had a group of black bucks come in followed by rams, a chocolate fallow, and an awesome axis buck. I really wanted her to take a shot at the axis but he never really presented a good opportunity. Tanya had picked out a nice Black Hawaiian Ram but by the time the axis left so did the rams. The chocolate fallow came back and was presenting what I thought was a good shot from my angle, so I told Tanya to get ready and try to harvest the fallow. She came to full draw with a solid anchor and released the arrow but by the time the arrow arrived, the fallow had turned inside out and was trying to set a new land speed record. The arrow was too far forward and had no penetration. Tanya was visibly shook up and so was I. I assured her that she did everything right and sometimes if you hunt long enough it will happen to everyone. I explained that all animals have a sense that is unmatched when it comes to living and that they can move 100 ways at once. I watched the fallow leave at mach 6 to live another day.

The next morning we got up extra early and got ready for a beautiful morning. We got back in the same stand around 5:30am and waited for the sun to come up. As soon as the sun started peeking over the Hill Country we had a host of blackbucks show up. We had a hard time not laughing as the blackbucks jumped and ran from every sound known to man. Around 8:15am we heard several animals approaching, several Texas Dalls, a Painted Desert and the Black Hawaiian Ram from the day before. Tanya got ready as the ram turned slightly quartering away at about 16yards but at that time a nice blackbuck stepped in the way. The buck walked away leaving the ram broadside, Tanya came to full draw, anchor and released a great arrow. The ram went about 50 yards and layed down, Tanya slipped out of the blind and dropped down into a creek bottom and stalked up to 12 yards and put the exclamation point on this ram. I was shaking like a leaf watching her harvest only her second ever animal and all with a recurve. She was very excited to have her ram.

A special Thank You goes out to Bryan and Debbie Keeling of the Bugscuffle Ranch. Thank You Debbie for the bow and arrows, Bryant and Brenda Stein for the broadheads, Todd Smith and Bud Murphy for the Camo. I can't express how much being part of the **TRAD COMMUNITY** means to me and my family. I am so**PROUD** of my bride and best friend for taking her first ram!



Tanya Bohannon with a nice Black Hawaiian Ram taken on The Bugscuffle Ranch on 8/14/11.

TBoT Executive Council Adopts New Class and Rules

The TBoT executive Council, at its' semi-annual meeting, discussed a variety of things, some of which included clarifying some classes and adopting a standing set of rules for ALL TBoT tournaments. There will no longer be a "Primitive" class. There will now be a Selfbow class and a Composite class to accommodate shooters with both types of bows. A Ladies Seniors class was also added, as was separate recurve and longbow classes for Girls (see class descriptions below). It was also discussed that our rules were somewhat vague and the EC adopted a new set of tournament rules and a tournament grievance policy that will be in effect starting in the 2012 tournament season and at all TBoT shoots statewide (see Tournament Rules and Grievance Policy on page 5).

TBoT Tournament Shooting Classes

Seniors—Over 55 – any bow, any arrows

Selfbow (a bow composed of one piece of wood from end to end allowing decorative backing of animal skin or sinew) – wood arrows only

Composite (all wood with no fiberglass) – wood arrows only

Men's Recurve Open — carbon, aluminum arrows, i.e. synthetic arrows (no wood arrows)

Men's Recurve Wood — wood arrows only

Men's Longbow Open — carbon, aluminum arrows, i.e. synthetic arrows (no wood arrows)

Men's Longbow Wood — wood arrows only

Ladies Seniors – Over 55 – any bow, any arrows

Ladies Recurve Open — carbon, aluminum, i.e. synthetic arrows (no wood arrows)

Ladies Recurve Wood — wood arrows only

Ladies Longbow Open – carbon, aluminum, i.e. synthetic arrows (no wood arrows)

Ladies Longbow Wood - wood arrows only

Boy's Recurve (15-17) — any arrows

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

TBoT has enacted a new grievance policy for instances where a rules infraction is witnessed at a tournament. This policy will be posted at all TBoT tournaments and is as follows:

1. All grievances must be filed at the shoot at which the alledged 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.
5. Decision of grievance committee will be final.

Texas Bowhunting & Bowfishing Coalition Formed

The Lone Star Bowhunters Association, Texas Bowfishing Association, and Traditional Bowhunters of Texas are pleased to announce the formation of the Texas Bowhunting & Bowfishing Coalition. The Coalition will help each association better serve the bowhunters and bowfishers of the State of Texas on important issues. Each association will remain a separate entity serving their members as they have done in the past.

Go to the following link to take a short bowfishing survey:

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Your opinion is very important to us and will help us better serve your needs. Any suggestions and/or ideas are appreciated. Please take time to join or renew your membership with the LSBA, TBA or TBoT. Your membership is your voice. Together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Dena Kana
President
Lone Star Bowhunters Association



Walter Blackburn
President
Texas Bowfishing Association



Bud Murphy
President
Traditional Bowhunters of Texas

31 # Recurve Smokes 36" Axis!



I wanted an Axis, but when I headed up the steep road to sit, I never envisioned what was about to happen. It was only a brief time after getting situated with my head net in place and my arrow knocked on my Recurve when I saw these tall antlers coming towards me over my shoulder. As my heart began to pound in my head, I began to talk to myself. Ok Brenda, you can do this, let him come in, he's doesn't know you're here, ok, wait till he puts that leg forward, aim low, he's close. My last thought was, it doesn't get any better than this... I let my arrow go.

It happened so fast, he dropped and twisted away from me bolting into the brush and my arrow ... drifted to the ground. He was gone. I could hear him move off down below me and then total silence. What just happened, my arrow is lying on the ground? It looks like it's broken but there's nothing around he could have broken it on. What now.... suddenly a whitetail doe comes cautiously walking in and so I sat, staring at my arrow, sitting still not to give away my position, for what seems like forever.

Finally, darkness came and I crawled down to inspect my arrow, was it whole and buried or really broken? It was broken. My heart began to race again, I remembered where I had heard him last. With my flash light, I found the blood trail. Being cautious not to disturb the scent, I backed off and waited.

Little did I know, he was only about another 30 yards in front of me. I was able to get one of my buds on my cell and explained my situation. Much to my surprise, I had a complete posse come to my rescue. It could not have been more rewarding than having great friends share my find. 31" inside spread and 36" main beams.

TBoT SHOOT RESULTS

Texas State Longbow Championship - May 29 & 30, 2011 - Ft. Worth

Denton County Archers Annual Longbow WARMUP Shoot May 22, 2011

MENS Longbow WOOD		LADIES Longbow WOOD	
Lewis Vaden	169	Rachel Fleming	143
Keith Williams	168	Anita Murray	128
Todd Smith	167	Shelia Webb	124
Jeff Murray	150	Brenda Crowder	117
Chuck Ezell	149		
Larry Brown	148	MENS Longbow OPEN	
Shawn Regan	147	Xavier Hernandez	113
Ron Kauffman	145	SELFBOW	
Lloyd Hensley	138	Larry Brown	154
Steve Thomas	136	Steve Thomas	124
Stan Gertz	135	Harvey Hensarling	115
Joe Wallis	132	Lonnie Dye	113
Truitt Roegers	130	Michael Griffin	55
Ed Alari	129	Ladies Primitive	
Lonnie Dye	129	Marianna Harris	99
Jeremy King	127	MENS Recurve OPEN	
Roger Crowder	122	Dusty Hundt	172
Glen Moore	116	Jeff Fleming	164
Wayne Ray	115	Peanut Adams	136
Mark Watts	113	Byron Neuse	133
Creig Towery	113	Jeff Fleming	164
Al James	106	Byron Neuse	133
Dennis Harkins	102	MENS Recurve WOOD	
Dano Williams	102	Byron Neuse	142
Jean Johnson	93	Dusty Hundt	136
Robert Spurgeon	93	Byron Neuse	142
Gordon McCarthy	88	LADIES Recurve OPEN	
Richard Crowder	82	Martha Hundt	141
TR Crowder	53	LADIES Recurve WOOD	
		Martha Hundt	139
YOUTH		SENIORS	
Ethan Hilliard	88	Freddie Crowder	157
Mini CUBS			
Connor Hilliard	116		
Austin Neece	~~		
Ashley Neece	~~		



40 Targets
Scoring: 0-2-5
(Matches State Longbow Championship Score protocol)

OPEN			
Archer	Day One	Day Two	Total
Shiloh Butts	221	235	456
Todd Smith	218	213	431
Robert Lutkenhaus	196	232	428
Spanky Brooks	212	215	427
Danny Jarman	207	216	423
John Reyna	201	211	412
Ryan Johnson	216	195	411
Mark Holman	201	209	410
Shawn Hensley	205	204	409
Howard Arterbury	201	205	406
Toby Richard	199	190	389
Bud Murphy	187	200	387
Freddie Crowder	185	201	386
Paul Savoie	194	191	385
Jeff Schulz	181	202	383
Frank Porter	185	197	382
Glenn Bryant	202	174	376
Lewis Vaden	189	187	376
Craig Baird	192	182	374
Mike Gunnlaugsson	180	194	374
Ron Kauffman	182	189	371
Kieth Williams	178	193	371
Jeff Murray	182	188	370
Joe Wallis	196	169	365
Mark A. Boyd	177	187	364
Pete Simpson	177	185	362
Johnny Burkhalter	172	190	362
Mark Horne	176	185	361
Steve Dollar	169	168	337
Jeremy King	176	158	334
Gordon Jabben	176	158	334
Shawn Regan	158	175	333
Ken Arterbury	175	155	330
Kevin Ragsdale	163	167	330
Noah Smith	169	160	329
Chad Ward	165	163	328
Butch Everett	156	171	327
Gary Addison	159	166	325
Roger Crowder	165	157	322
Jeff Bailey	155	160	315
Steven Baird	153	162	315
Don Conrad	152	161	313
Wyatt Webb	146	155	301
Jessie Guillory	145	156	301
Dennis Harkins	152	144	296
Louis Karns	153	137	290
Dan O Williams	163	121	284
Timothy E. Roberts	140	142	282
Creig Towery	134	146	280
John King	152	123	275
Jeff Griffith	139	131	270
Pete Rolan	133	134	267
Wayne Ray	124	143	267
Dan Darnell	117	143	260
Mark Watts	145	113	258
Glenn Thompson	128	130	258
Truitt Rogers	127	131	258
Gary Jarmon	137	119	256
Rick Sanchez	127	121	248
Sam Holder	108	115	223
Robert Filtz	107	114	221
Walter Johnson	109	111	220
Tyrell Murray	113	101	214
Danny Useton	94	119	213
Charles Kennedy	120	91	211
John H. Johnson	79	123	202
Thomas Crowder	78	68	146
Jim Prater	145	0	145
Chris Casady	137	0	137
Mark Barta	135	0	135
Robert Spurgeon	126	0	126
Wade Metzger	113	0	113

Scoring: 5 pts inside the eight ring, 2 pts outside the eight ring, 0 for miss. 50 Targets shot each of two days = 100 targets total.

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COMPOSITE			
Archer	Day One	Day Two	Total
Steve Maddox	160	164	324
Harvey Payne	158	158	316
Lonnie Dye	162	151	313
Enersto Rosales	112	148	260
L. Don Schoengarth	84	95	179

SELFBOW			
Archer	Day One	Day Two	Total
Gene Bohannon	196	190	386
Larry J Brown	188	183	371
J. T. Richard	179	168	347
Steven Thomas	178	155	333
Arvin Weaver	173	153	326
Johnny Lamb	132	125	257
Joey McKenzie	109	104	213
Lee Gilbert	104	106	210
Nicholas Martin	84	105	189
Mark E. Pittman	99	75	174

SENIORS			
Archer	Day One	Day Two	Total
Charles Edenfield	181	189	370
Bill Ward	176	174	350
Garry Staab	176	161	337
Gil Freeman	150	184	334
Danny Long	160	170	330
Harvey Hensarling	163	157	320
Glen Moore	153	164	317
Randy Hoedebeck	153	161	314
Mike Baker	152	155	307
Troy Fletcher	175	131	306
James Collier	141	162	303
Daniel Carey	157	145	302
Lynn German	154	143	297
Chuck Ezell	142	155	297
Stan R. Gertz	151	139	290
Michael Rayburn	129	144	273
Dave Watts	143	123	266
Mike Grogan	140	122	262
Lewis Via	114	148	262
Victor Snider	132	125	257
Jack Gardner	116	133	249
Gordon McCarthy	120	122	242
Jim Hoedebeck	104	131	235
Harry Brants	97	132	229
David Henderson	106	121	227
Richard Crowder	103	94	197
Gerald Lilley	79	116	195
Steve Hawkins	95	99	194
Tom Rahlfs	90	97	187
Steve Pannell	122	0	122
Buddy Townsend	108	0	108

LADIES			
Archer	Day One	Day Two	Total
Leisa Payne	220	183	403
Lisa Freeman	197	199	396
Sheryl Kanaga	215	180	395
Tanya Bohannon	199	161	360
Terri Smith	170	187	357
Anita Murray	158	162	320
Carol Lockhart	138	147	285
Laura Burkhalter	133	138	271
Lauri Jarman	125	143	268
Rebeka Dollar	121	139	260
Shelia Webb	137	118	255
Brenda Crowder	114	126	240
Marianna Harris	102	0	102

YOUTH			
Archer	Day One	Day Two	Total
Josh Freedman	169	179	348
Michael Smith	183	159	342
Ty Gunnlaugsson	161	179	340
Gus Arterbury	94	106	200
Cooper Baird	103	94	197
Colton Baird	57	92	149

Non-TBoT



Collin County Bowhunters Association TBoT June 4 & 5, 2011

MENS Longbow OPEN		MENS Longbow WOOD		MENS Recurve OPEN		MENS Recurve WOOD		SENIORS	
Jim Booth	222	Todd Smith	237	Gene Bohannon	284	Robert Lutkenhaus	238	Mark Holman	230
Charles Alexander	218	Chuck Menton	230	Charles Alexander	224	Rusty Horn	235	Rusty Horn	*215
Mark Holman	*216	Bud Murphy	225	Frank Porter	*210	Wayne Meuir	229	Freddie Crowder	215
Ryan Johnson	216	Ryan Johnson	216	Brandon Rogers	210	Chuck Menton	223	Dusty Hundt	206
Bud Murphy	206	Mark Holman	210	Ed Alari	199	Todd Smith	223	Ron Kauffman	200
Mike Godfrey	175	Wayne Meuir	203	Dusty Hundt	198	Freddie Crowder	221	Lloyd Hensley	192
Dennis Harkins	146	Jeff Murray	197	Freddie Crowder	198	Dusty Hundt	207	Nick Martin	183
Richard Schmidt	142	Freddie Crowder	195	Wayne Ray	196	Mark Holman	204	James Collier	182
Damin Pellizzari	133	Dennis Harkins	177	Chad Meuir	188	Robert Williams	203	Richard Schmidt	168
J. W. Wortham	110	Mark Watts	172	Jim Martin	178	Charles Alexander	201	Jim Hoedebeck	104
Selfbow		Chad Meuir	172	David Bradley	172	Jeff Murray	201	YOUTH Longbow	
Gene Bohannon	244	Jim Martin	147	Steve Seals	171	Frank Porter	188	Michael Smith	220
Glenn Bryant	205	Charles Kennedy	129	Greg Holmes	149	Eric Wortham	185	Josh Freedman	196
Creig Towery	195	Lewis Via	127	Nick Martin	147	Creig Towery	184	YOUTH Recurve	
Wayne Meuir	194	LADIES Longbow WOOD		Damin Pellizzari	124	Ken Arterbury	173	Mason Stapp	170
Bud Murphy	171	Anita Murray	181	LADIES Recurve WOOD		Brandon Rogers	169	Cubs	
David Tarrant	127	Martha Hundt	160	Tanya Bohannon	230	Mark Watts	163	Max Meuir	219
Jim Hoedebeck	123	Donna Powell	135	Martha Hundt	171	Byron Neuse	161	Mini Cubs	
		LADIES Recurve OPEN		Martha Hundt	105	Steve Seals	160	Scoring: 0-5-8-10-12	
		Tanya Bohannon	258			Wayne Ray	142	30 Targets	
		Kim Summerall	204			Over 100 cards sold for score		Ties indicated by asterisk * were decided by coin toss	
		Martha Hundt	154	plus many fun rounds					
Marianna Harris	123								

San Angelo Midsummer Meltdown TBoT Shoot July 9 and 10, 2011

MENS Recurve OPEN		MENS Recurve WOOD		MENS Longbow OPEN		MENS Longbow WOOD		SENIORS 55-61	
Ken VanDeman	189	Bill Norman	174	Tom Deputy	228	James Bell	161	Wesley Adams	211
Mark Barta	176	Mark Barta	171	Wesley Adams	212	Mark Watts	126	Randy Jones	207
Jim Shannon	168	Ken VanDeman	82	Glen Moore	191	Charles Kennedy	NC	Bert Bloodworth	142
Danny Porter	NC			Randy Jones	187	LADIES Longbow WOOD		Danny Porter	NC
Bruce Grubbs	NC			Louis Huckaby	167	Sheryl Kanaga	142	SUPER SENIORS 62+	
LADIES Recurve OPEN				Chas Kennedy	122	SELFBOW		Louis Huckaby	210
Lisa Freeman	219					David Adams	157	Eugene Purcell	206
30 Targets Scoring: 0-5-8-10-12				Glen Moore	135	Ken VanDeman	186		
						Bill Norman	185		
						Bob Caruthers	172		
						Jim Shannon	167		



Surprise!

by
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The doe wheeled violently and trotted toward the west fence separating our property from our neighbor.

Damn! I shot low again, just like I did at the spike on October 31, 2008. Both deer were standing in nearly the exact spot, a 17 or 18 yards from the ladder stand snuggled among a clump of cedars.

It was 3:45 p.m., December 27, 2008. Too early to leave the stand. I decided to stay in the stand, hoping that the doe or another deer would wander by before dark. I leaned against a cedar limb on my left and stewed and reshot the shot a dozen times, cussing myself each time. If only I hadn't flinched, had let down slowly, calmed my nerves, and then redrawn ... if ... if After much silent complaining, I settled down and scanned the cedars for movement. If I were lucky, another deer might meander by.

At 5:30 p.m., minutes before dark settled in, I left the stand to get my arrow and walked to where the doe had been standing. I found the spot where the arrow had ricocheted into the brush. I didn't see the green fluorescent vanes anywhere. I circled the cedars and back to where the doe had stood. I glanced in the direction where I had last seen the arrow. It was lodged head-high in a cedar.

"Hey! The arrow has blood on it!" I mumbled. "The whole length of the arrow!"

I put the arrow in the bow quiver, nocked another arrow, and walked slowly toward the west fence, looking for blood. Not a drop did I see in the fading light. Nor was there any indication that the deer was running. As I approached the fence, I stopped and looked across the clearing to the west. I saw the doe's white belly in the gently swaying grass.

Surprise! Surprise! Wow! In spite of my flinch, I hit'er.

She was my 100th. bow-killed deer. This was the goal I had set in August, 1959, when I started in archery at Texas A&M, while I was a graduate student studying for the PhD in entomology and parasitology. I had attended Knox Walker's archery class. Knox was a research entomologist at A&M.

My first bow was a Bear Polar, pulling 45 lbs. at 28 inches. Later, I bought a Bob Lee Redwing Hunter, pulling 50 lbs. I was shooting home-made wooden arrows tipped with 125 grain Bear razorheads. Shortly after killing my first whitetail on October 5, 1961, I developed a horrible case of "it." After struggling for five years to overcome this ingrained reflex reaction, I switched to shooting left-handed (my natural dexterity).

It took me 45 years and two months to reach my goal of 100 bow-killed deer. My second goal of another 100 probably won't be reached. At the time, I was 76 years, three months, and nine days old, when I tagged this doe.

*505 words. No photos.

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Africa X 2!

By: Jerry Bischofberger

Well, this summer I was lucky enough to be able to go back to South Africa for my second bowhunt there. I bought a package hunt at the 2010 LSBA banquet with Lenyati Safaris. This is the same outfitter that used on my first hunt in South Africa, so I knew what to expect (or so I thought). Upon contacting Danie, my professional hunter, by e-mail he informed me that I was going to be hunting a different concession this year then I had on my previous hunt in 2009.

On June 25th, 2011, I boarded my plane and was off on my safari adventure. I made it to Johannesburg with no hitches. I was glad to see that all my luggage and bow case made it safely as well. Danie picked me up at the airport and we made the four hour drive to hunting area



I was hunting this trip at the Kubu Game Lodge. This was 5-star beautiful accommodations on a piece of property full of game animals. Here is a picture of the lodge.

My hunt package included a Blue Wildebeest, Impala, Blesbuck, Duiker, and Steenbok. I had also told Danie that I wanted to shoot a Gemsbuck and a Zebra if I got the chance.

My hunt started on June 27th in the afternoon. I slept in in the morning after the long plane ride and drive to the hunting area. We went to the hide after lunch and the action started. This place was awesome. The first afternoon did not produce any shots but I saw tons of animals that included Kudu, Eland, Impala, Vervet monkeys, Duiker, and Gemsbucks. I had not even taken a shot and was already having the time of my life watching all the animals.

Day 2 was probably the low point of my hunt. On my first hunt in Africa, I had shot and lost a Blue Wildebeest. I had made a very poor shot and we could not locate him. The only bright part of the whole ordeal was that the shot was so bad, (very high, just below the top of the back) that we were fairly certain that the animal would survive to be chased by another hunter. Of course this made the Blue Wildebeest the number one animal on my list this year. At about 11:00 am on day 2 I was presented with a 14yd shot on a broadside Blue Wildebeest cow and took the shot. I still do not know what I did wrong, whether it was nerves or not picking a spot, but my arrow went about 18 inches left of where I was looking and hit the beast in the neck. I was pretty sick about the whole thing. Danie called the trackers in and we spent the rest of the day looking for him. It was unsuccessful and here I was with another Blue Wildebeest lost.

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The next few days resulted in no shots taken. There were tons of animals seen and many times I was at the ready, but it just did not work out where I could get the shot off.

On day 5 I finally was able to put an animal on the ground! We had changed hides and I was now hunting out of a really neat elevated hide. At about 7:30 in the morning I had a nice Duiker ram come to the waterhole. He presented me with a nine yard shot and I took it.

The shot was a good one and after a very short track we were taking pictures. I was very glad to finally have one down and was now ready to keep it up and go after some more. Here is the picture of my Duiker.



I was again blessed with a little luck on day 6. At about 10:00am I had a nice Red Hartebeest come down the wash toward the waterhole. He got within about 100yds and stopped. He waited a few minutes, then cautiously started towards the water again. He got to about 50yds and stopped again. He did not like something and turned and started walking away from the waterhole. About that time a

Bushbuck ewe came strolling in and went straight to the water and began drinking. The Hartebeest stopped, turned around, and just stood there staring towards the waterhole. After several minutes he decided he wanted a drink after

all and started to walk into the waterhole. This time he never hesitated and walked right up to the waters' edge and began to drink. He was at 11 yds. I took the shot and it looked perfect. He ran off and began to stumble at about 30yds. He was down for good after only 60yds, and still in sight. There were several high fives and then it was out of the hide to go take pictures.



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My next, and last, animal was on day 8. I had been seeing Waterbucks all week but had elected not to shoot. The weather turned bad. Overcast skies kept the sun from shining and warming things up. This cut down on the animal activity at the waterholes and I decided to try to shoot whatever I could. In the afternoon a herd of Waterbuck cows and calves came in to drink. We were watching and then a little bull came in. Then two more bulls, one of which was a shooter. After quite a while, the shooter finally got in a good position at about 14yds and I let an arrow loose. My shot was a little far back. We called in the trackers and waited for a while before we started on the trail. We eventually found the bull (only because of the insane skill of African trackers). I was soooo glad to put my hands on him. Here is a picture of my Waterbuck.



I may have only got three animals on this hunt but it was a much better experience than my first hunt. I kept a journal during my hunt and, on several occasions, I wrote an entry that went something like this “I cannot keep up with all the animals I am seeing to write them all down”. I hunted from daylight to dark 10 days in a row and, there were so many animals most of the time, for the most part never got tired or bored. Africa is a true bowhunters paradise. I think I will try to do at least one more hunt there. I still need a Blue Wildebeest mount in my living room!

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I got my Aoudad, finally!!

By: Brenda Stein

Ever since I laid eyes on the Aoudad hanging on the wall at BSR that Bryan Keeling harvested with a longbow I've wanted one. Everyone told me how difficult it would be, almost impossible, but I didn't care. The first time I saw Aoudads, they wouldn't come into range. The second time, they came in, I got so excited, my heart began pounding like never before (my Dad calls this buck fever, whatever...) So, now, I can't breathe. I actually saw a complete blanket of white come before my eyes and I thought, I'm going to pass out. I couldn't pull it off. Finally, I was more disciplined the next time, after convincing myself if I passed out, I would only hurt myself and possibly damage my bow... so I tried not to hyperventilate. I was able to get my shot off. I'm extremely proud of this accomplishment. It's not a record book trophy, but I did it, and it was free ranging. Much thanks to Bryan K.



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Great Hunt At Buscuffle Ranch!

By Bud Murphy

After several failed attempts, and many trips, I finally connected. None of the miscues were the fault of anyone but me. I was set in a cedar at the base of a large hill in a valley. The scenery was beautiful, 3 inches of fresh powder snow (haha), heat index of 104 degrees, and 90% humidity. We flushed a herd of does going in to get set up. My guide threw some hand corn and the games began.

After seeing some does on either end of the meadow and hearing brush and rocks moving on the hillside, I set with anticipation and was tense for 4 1/2 hours (remember the tense part).

Just before dark, with the sun completely set over the crest of the hills, I hear what sounded to me to be two full contact fighters armed with axe handles. Then they appeared to my left and continued in front of me at less than 20yds and on past me with no chance of a shot opportunity given. It was two nice axis bucks fighting hard!

So, there I sat, frazzled, upset, and disappointed.

This is when I remembered what I was told by my Guide: "If you see two axis bucks fighting hard, go to them".

With the grace of a squirrel that had been eating fermented fruit, I retreated from the stand. My calf and thigh muscles were cramping (from the 4 1/2 hrs sit I mentioned earlier). My bow in hand, and quiver hanging on my back, I began the stalk (charge). Quietly (NOT) and methodically I made the 100yds or more to the dry creek bed. Thirty feet or so below, on a flat, were the two axis, still going at it.

I started a slow running stalk all the way down the side of the creek bed. Sliding quietly through rocks, roots, and limbs to within less than 20yds of the still fighting bucks. I was ready! I stood up and they spun around.

The shot was off and true! I could see where the arrow came to rest. The buck barked and ran off. After some discus-

sion with one of my guides we decided to wait a short while to begin the tracking job. We returned a short while later to find the buck about 40yds off laying in the broom weed. My axis buck was recovered!!!!



Bud Murphy with a nice Axis buck taken on July 4th, 2011.

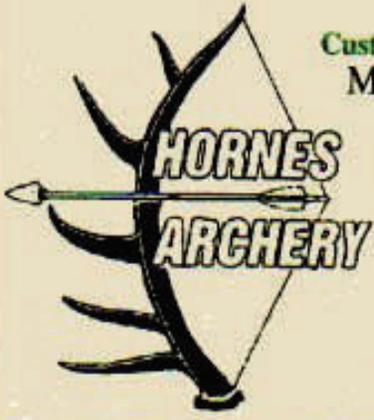
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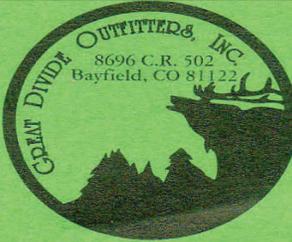
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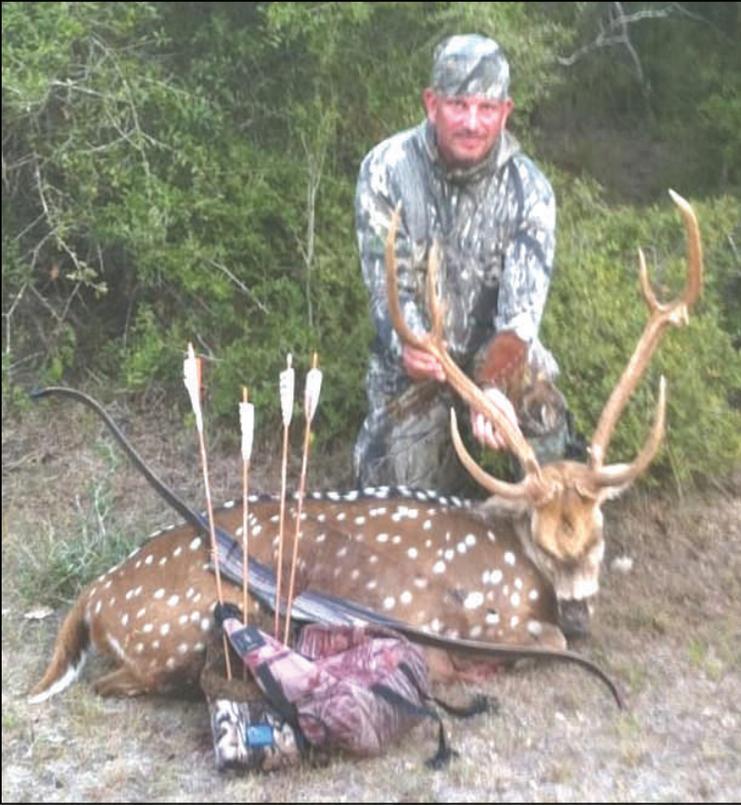


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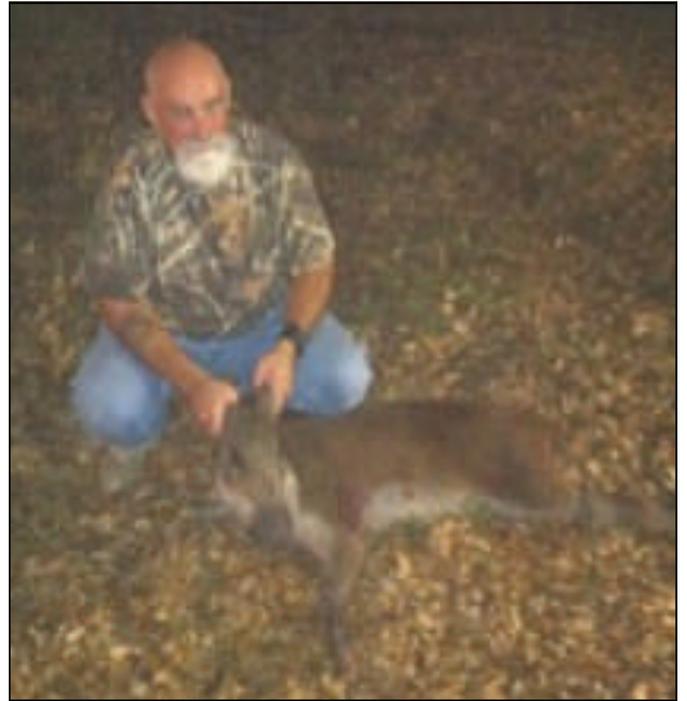


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Mark Johnson with a great axis buck taken at Double L Ranch on 8/26/11.



Doug McCoy with Feral Hog taken at Double L Ranch on 8/26/11.



Left: Gene Bohannon with a Catalina Goat.
Middle: Brenda Stein with her Aoudad Sheep.
Right: Bud Murphy with his Axis Buck and Corsican Ram.
All 4 animals taken at Bugscuffle Ranch over July 4th weekend.



Left: Mark Johnson with Feral Hog
Right: Alex Gutierrez with Feral Hog
Both hogs taken at Doubl L ranch on 8/27/11.

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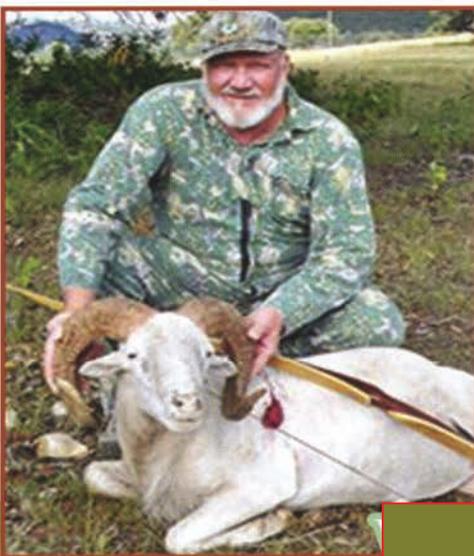


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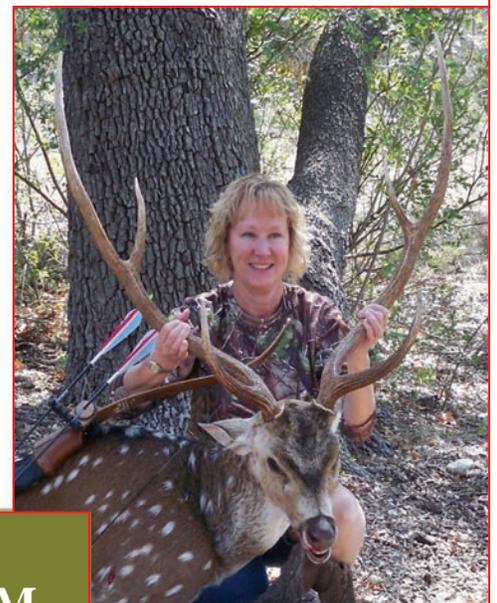


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Meangene's Catalina Hunt

By: Gene Bohannon

This story begins with an invitation from Todd Smith and Bud Murphy to hunt the Bugscuffle Ranch. I knew this was going to be a fun hunt just by the sheer company I was going to keep and it didn't disappoint. We left the house on Thursday June 30th around 7pm, headed to Vanderpool, TX and the Bugscuffle Ranch home of the Hill Country Shoot. The drive down was filled with plenty of stops and non stop laughing at each other. We arrived at the ranch around midnight; we were joined by Bryant and Brenda Stein. We stayed up talking, game planning and enjoying beverages for several hours until someone stated either we go to bed or stay up till the hunt started. We chose to get some sleep after the long drive.

On Friday we slept in a little late and didn't get to the stands till an afternoon sit. I have had my eye on a group of Catalina goats since the first time I ever hunted Bugscuffle back in 2008. Then again they tormented me while we were at the Hill Country Shoot. I don't know what it is about the stinking, smelly, long horned goats that trip my trigger but they do! I asked Bryan, the manager of Bugscuffle, where I should sit to have a chance at one of these horns with attitude. He pointed me in the right direction. I got in the stand around 11am with my Flanagan Recurve (aka Mistress). I was sitting in a great location that had one of the best views of the Texas Hill Country (it's very scenic). I was in the stand about an hour when I heard what sounded like a stampede of cattle but it was just a bachelor group of blackbucks. They stayed under my stand for about 30 minutes or so when they all looked up and here they came. My heart began the pound out of my chest, loss of breath, light headed and shaking like a leaf, I readied myself for an opportunity at a Catalina. First a ewe and a couple of kids walked in followed by a couple of good Billies. As they were feeding the two smaller Billies looked up and here he came, a great Catalina! He walked in like he owned the place, jet black and full of attitude. He fed into 15 yards; I came to full draw and released what I believed to be a great arrow. The arrow hit both lungs; the goat crow hopped and walked out to around 25 yards. He just stood there for what seemed like hours (seconds really) but I knocked another arrow and placed it right behind the front shoulder. The Billie went don't where he stood! I had to put down my bow and hold on because I almost fell out of the lock on stand because I couldn't stop shaking. I waited a few minutes and got down retrieved my arrows and then put my hands on MY CATALINA! I was amazed at how scarred up he was from fighting. When Bryan and the gang picked me up the celebration began with high fives and pics.

This was a great hunt with friends, a wonderful host, and an excellent ranch. I would recommend the Bugscuffle Ranch to anyone wanting to hunt in the Texas Hill Country. Bryan and his wife Debbie are some of the best folks you will ever meet. It was a very successful weekend for most, Brenda took a nice Aoudad and Bud took an awesome Axis and Corsican Ram. I have already planned a return trip with my wife and I again have thoughts of taking another big Catalina.



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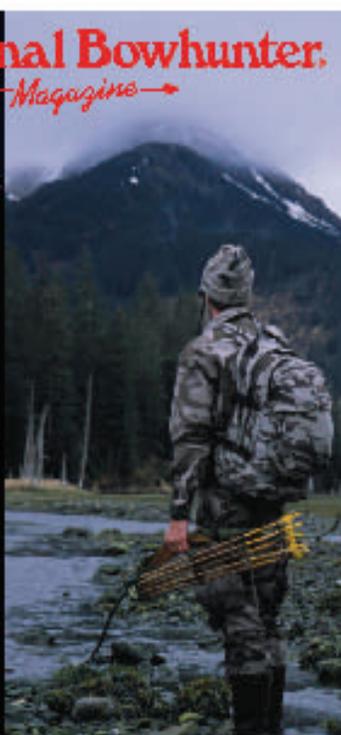
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