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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Morris Williams

February...and 3-D shoots are underway. It's hard to believe a year has come and gone. The Brazos County shoot at Bryan was a good starter for the year. In spite of the damp cold of February, there was a good turnout. Judging from the scores, some have obviously been practicing in the cold. Having rained two out of almost every three days so far this year, this could have classified as "extreme 3-D."

The annual Hill Country Shootout and first annual Texas Selfbow Championship is just around the corner. If you've never made this event, you have missed a TBoT highlight. The setting at Bug Scuffle Ranch is terrific, and the abundance of traditional vendors make shooting or shopping a tough decision. It also presents an opportunity to look over the ranch and accommodations for a future trophy hunt. Pre-registration is available through March by mail or online at the TBoT website. This is also the time TBoT will install officers and area representatives for the upcoming year. If you haven't voted, now is the time.

The first annual Texas Selfbow Championship, sponsored by TBoT, will be held concurrently with the "Shootout" and hopefully will grow to require a separate event schedule.

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Not sure when your membership renews? Lost your membership card? You can check your profile on the TBoT website. Go to the link on the left side "Check your TBoT database information." The system will ask you only three questions: *your last name, *your city/town, *your zip code (it may require the 4-digit extension to your zip). The system will display your expiration date, name, address, etc. If the system does not recognize your input, call or email me and I will check it for you.

Thanks to all of you who have called or emailed to update your profile.

We are hard at work preparing for the 2007 Hill Country Shootout. Anyone who has attended in the past knows this is a big shoot. Lots of participants and vendors. Not to mention, lots of fun!! The Bug Scuffle Ranch is a wonderful host and a beautiful ranch. You don't want to miss this one....

See you at the shoots!

Brenda

FROM THE RANGE CAPTAIN

Hello again. The time has come once again to prepare for the Hill Country Shootout. And again, we are in need of volunteers to help with the range Thursday and Friday. We must have the range finished Friday afternoon to allow the vendors their time to shoot. It's actually a lot of fun to set up, and we can always use some new ideas. If you can come early, please give me call.

Also, if you have items to donate for the raffle, we always appreciate whatever is contributed. These can be big or small, new or gently used.

One more thing—it's always a good idea to make your reservations for lodging early if you won't be camping on the ranch. For those who camp, there will be plenty of "facilities" available.

Be sure to call me if you can help.

Thanks!

Pat

Pat Handley

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BUG SCUFFLE RANCH

Never been there? BSR is located just west of the intersection of Highways 337 and 187 at Vanderpool, on the north side of Highway 337. There will be a sign.

Check the weather forecast, too. We've had sunshine, freezing weather, and even a flood in past years.

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Realizing the need for equipment specifications, requirements for the championship will allow:

- A bow of one piece wood or billets any length, recurve, straight, or reflex,
- No laminated handles or grips,
- Hide glue/animal backing (sinew, rawhide, snake skin, etc.),
- No laminations, epoxy, or fiberglass,
- Rawhide or wood arrow support,
- No man made material arrow rests,
- Strings of any material with nocking points,
- Wood arrows meeting existing TBoT requirements.

These requirements are not formulated to prevent perceived unfair advantages of any specific bow feature but to keep the competition in the traditional spirit. We want to keep this as simple and fun as possible and will review any request for possible addition or deletion of specifications in the future. As always, questions of compliance can be directed to the executive committee at the shoot event. I've invited anyone to contact me with ideas or concerns to help in this process. Having made the self-bow you shoot is not a prerequisite.

I would like to solicit additional photographs for use on the cover of the Newsletter. Subjects of traditional interest, game animals, outdoor subjects, trophy photos, or equipment are suitable. Please mail or email photos to me at the address in the TBoT officers' listing.

Preserve the tradition—take a kid with you!

SHOOT RESULTS

Brazos County Archery Club (Bryan)	2/10
<i>Men's Longbow—Wood</i>	
1st — Stan Gouger	195
2nd — Brandon Moreton	189
3rd — Jim Woosley	164
<i>Men's Longbow—Open</i>	
1st — Derrick Williams	246
2nd — James Pope	225
<i>Men's Recurve—Wood</i>	
1st — Eddie Sullivan	231
2nd — Randy James	186
3rd — Reave Thompson	124
<i>Men's Recurve—Open</i>	
1st — Pete Piper	275
2nd — Layne Wilson	248
3rd — Rod Ham	246
<i>Selfbow</i>	
1st — Jack Lee	209
2nd — Art McCall	203
3rd — Rick Travathan	166
<i>Ladies' Longbow—Wood</i>	
1st — Carol Lockhart	186
<i>Ladies' Recurve—Wood</i>	
1st — Audra Biehle	74
<i>Ladies' Recurve—Open</i>	
1st — Brenda Stein	162
<i>Youth</i>	
1st — Jakob McCarver	182



It was a cold day at Bryan for the TBoT shoot hosted by the Brazos County Archery Club, but 24 shooters participated. Several renewed memberships and two people also pre-registered for Hill Country Shootout.

Pictured here are Jakob McCarver and Morris Williams at the practice targets.

Note the crowds around the barrels—the ladies were by the one with the fire in it, but the guys were just standing around a trash barrel. Go figure....

Welcome to new TBoT member Brandon Moreton.

OLDIES BUT GOODIES (Cover Photo Details, provided by Morris Williams)

Traditions from the '50's, top to bottom: Bear Black Panther, Early Fletching, Super Hilibre (screw-on!), Bear Razorhead, Pearson Deadhead, Howard Hill Broadhead, Red Wing Hunter.



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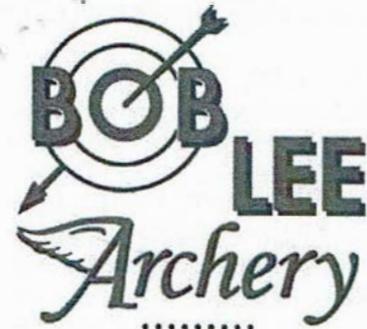
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The Legislative Column, February 2007

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

New Legislation:

These bills have been referred to committee .

By: Phillips H.B. No. 152

This Bill if enacted will exempt certain active or retired military personnel from the requirements of Section 62.014 of the Parks and Wildlife Code, the hunter education program.

By: Kuempel H.B. No. 308

This bill relates to the use of laser sighting devices by persons who are legally blind.

Section 62.005 of the Parks and Wildlife Code will be amended by adding Section 62.0055.

(The following is a partial copy of the bill.)

Sec. 62.0055. HUNTING WITH LASER SIGHTING DEVICE BY LEGALLY BLIND HUNTER. (a) In this section, "legally blind" has the meaning assigned by Section 62.104, Government Code.

(b) A legally blind hunter may use a laser sighting device during regular hunting hours when assisted by a person who is not legally blind.

(c) The legally blind hunter must carry proof of being legally blind.

SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Parks and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules that prescribe what is acceptable as proof of being legally blind under Section 62.0055, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

NO-NET-LOSS

The NRA is the foremost advocate of firearm and hunting rights it is also one of the best friends an archer can have. The NRA has consistently supported hunting rights for archers as well firearms hunters across the country. Every hunter should be an NRA member.

NO-NET- LOSS is a concept with a lot of merit and I am sure that many of you who are already NRA members are familiar with it. For those of you who are not I am presenting it here. NO-NET-LOSS applies to both state and national lands and requires both state and national legislation. Maybe we can find a Texas legislator to sponsor such a bill?

The following is from the National Rifle Association Institute For Legislative Action NRA-ILA

No-Net-Loss: Ensuring Future Generations A Place To Hunt

If there is one thing that threatens the future of hunting more than any other, it is the challenge of finding a place to hunt. More and more hunting land is being lost, either through development or because of restrictive regulations that preclude its use. Concerned hunters working together with NRA-ILA have found a solution: protect our public hunting lands with No-Net-Loss laws.

Simply put, No-Net-Loss requires that states maintain at least the level of available public hunting land that currently exists. It requires that additional lands be opened to hunting if land that is currently open to hunting is closed. The end result is to assure hunters that the opportunities they now have will not diminish.

No-Net-Loss laws have been enacted in Illinois, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, West Virginia and Georgia, and NRA-ILA is actively pursuing similar legislation in Kansas.

But states are only part of the problem, and offer only part of the solution. The federal government administers millions of acres of public land. Much of this land has traditionally been open to hunting. In order to keep those lands open to sportsmen, Senators Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), Ted Stevens (R-AK), Richard Burr (R-NC), James Inhofe (R-OK), John Sununu (R-NH) and Jim Bunning (R-KY) have introduced the Hunting Heritage Protection Act (S.408) to

(The Legislative Column, continued)

apply the No-Net-Loss policy to all federally administered land. Passage of S. 408 would mean that the amount of BLM, Forest Service, Wildlife Refuge and National Parks land that is now available for hunters will not diminish. NRA-ILA is pursuing similar legislation in the House of Representatives.

Important Points About No-Net-Loss

- * The goal of No-Net-Loss is to create a base line number of public hunting acres that are always open to hunting, guaranteeing that future generations have the same hunting opportunities that we enjoy today. By preserving America's public hunting lands, we will allow people to continue to enjoy our sporting heritage.
- * The legislation in no way infringes on private property rights, or on the ability of local governments to manage their own lands. It applies only to publicly owned lands.
- * Hunters are the foremost conservationists in America. By preserving hunting we are ensuring that hunters will continue to protect wildlife and the environment. Through license fees, hunters pay for 75% of the budget of state wildlife agencies. Without hunters there would be no agencies, and without the agencies wildlife would be unprotected.
- * Taxes collected from hunters provide half a billion dollars annually to the preservation and expansion of wildlife habitat. In the last 67 years, hunters have contributed \$9.5 billion to wildlife conservation. Without these funds, America's wildlife could not survive.
- * Hunters contribute \$67 billion to the economy each year. Without that money, many rural economies would wither and die. Expenditures by hunters support 575,000 jobs around the country. The federal income tax generated by hunting related activities could pay the salary of 100,000 members of the U.S. armed forces. Protecting public hunting land protects this important part of our economy.

Until next time, good luck and good shooting,
Chuck Menton

JUST SO YOU KNOW . . .

The last Newsletter can be seen IN COLOR on the TBoT website, www.tbot.org. This one will be posted by the time you receive this in the mail.

Butch Gleghorn now has email!! Be patient—he's just learning. See the list of officers on page 14 for his address.

Jerry Bischoffberger is the newest Life Member of Traditional Bowhunters of Texas.

Oliver Klozeoffer's dues are paid up through 7/1/2008. (Are your dues current? If not, this may be your last Newsletter.)

Debbie Keeling's father recently passed away, and her mother is in very bad health, too. We extend our sympathy, Debbie, and pray for comfort, strength, and peace at this difficult time..



Bryant Stein, Axis buck, 12-yard shot, Magnus head, 57# Sarrels recurve, "Noc It Up Challenge" weekend, Crystal Creek Ranch with Maurice Chambers, Del Rio.

FROM YOUR EDITORS

We were very pleased with the articles and photos sent to us for this Newsletter. We know that others have stories to tell and photos for bragging. Please send your submissions to carollockhart@iolbv.com or by mail to TBoT Editor, 2513 Manchester Drive, Bryan, TX 77802.

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

Introduce a friend to traditional archery. It's fun to convert compound shooters; once they shoot a recurve or longbow, it's almost a "done deal."

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IT'S ELECTION TIME! There were several nominations for the officer posts to be elected this time, but none of the nominees were able to accept the nominations. Therefore, the only names on the ballot below are those of the officers who currently hold the positions.

The deadline for casting votes is March 26, but vote right away so you don't forget!

Please show a vote of confidence for your TBoT officers by voting for them by one of four ways (online is preferred because Brenda will be registering your vote online for you if you use any of the other options):

- (1) Online at www.tbot.org. (Only one vote allowed per current membership except for family memberships, which are allowed two votes.) The system will not allow multiple votes or expired memberships.
- (2) By telephone. Call TBoT Secretary Brenda Stein at 281-292-6873 with your verbal vote.
- (3) By email. Email Brenda at rubletestein@aol.com.
- (4) By mail. Mail the ballot below to Brenda (address on form).

ELECTION BALLOT Spring, 2007

Just place an X or check beside the names to re-elect these officers. Follow directions above to place your vote.

President	Morris Williams	_____
Vice-President	Roy "Peanut" Brown	_____
Secretary	Brenda Stein	_____
Treasurer	Anette Walding	_____
South Texas Representative	David Oakes	_____
East Texas Representative	Lester Walding	_____
Legislative Chairman	Chuck Menton	_____

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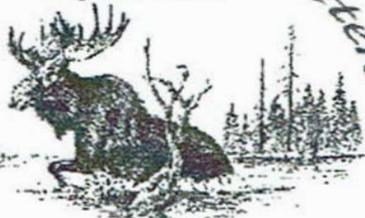
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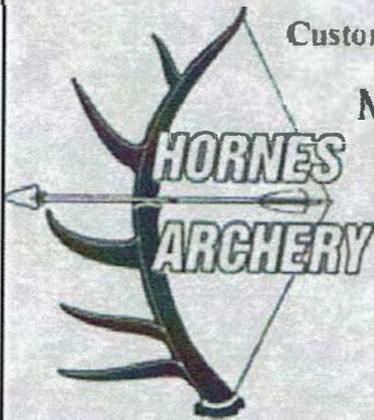
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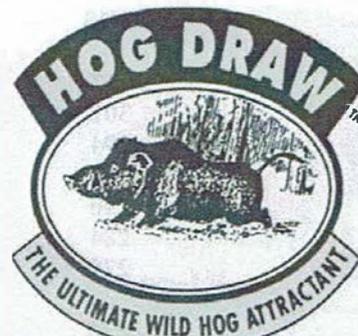
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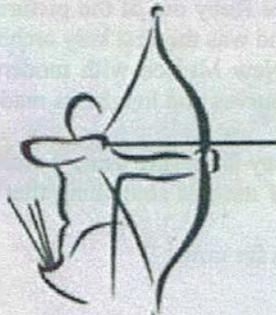


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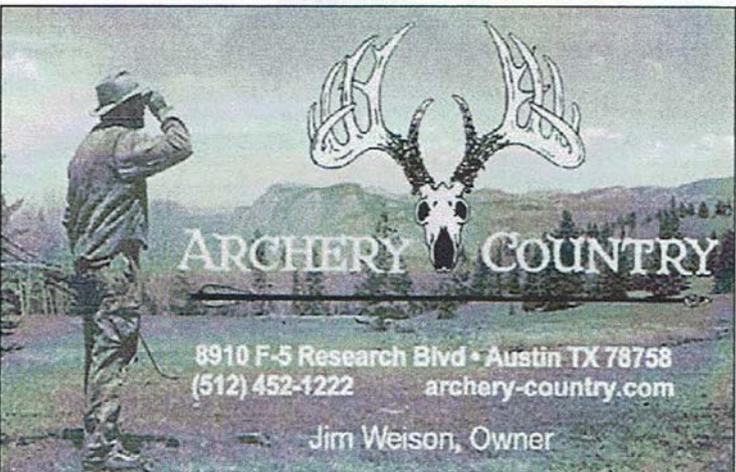
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SHOOT RESULTS

Denton County Archery Club 2/18

<i>Men's Longbow—Wood</i>	
1st — Donnie Thweatt	312
2nd — Robert Lutkenhaus	301
3rd — Bud Murphy	294
<i>Men's Longbow—Open</i>	
1st — Rick Potter	290
2nd — Chris Casady	284
3rd — Ron Kauffman	275
<i>Men's Recurve—Wood</i>	
1st — Dusty Hundt	274
2nd — Lloyd Hensley	272
3rd — Kenneth Potter	265
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1st — Tim Latham	218
2nd — Glen Moore	190
<i>Ladies' Longbow—Wood</i>	
1st — Michelle Huegel	184
<i>Ladies' Longbow—Open</i>	
1st — Shelia Webb	285
<i>Ladies' Recurve—Wood</i>	
1st — Martha Hundt	234
<i>Ladies' Recurve—Open</i>	
1st — Martha Hundt	228
2nd — Rhonda Thweatt	201
3rd — Liz Key	132
<i>Youth</i>	
1st — Tanner Sanders	207
2nd — Sam Helman	192

Tejas Bowmen (Corpus Christi) 2/17-18

<i>Men's Longbow—Wood</i>	
1st — Steve Davis	265
2nd — Danny Rodriguez	165
3rd — Carlos Rodriguez	158
<i>Men's Longbow—Open</i>	
1st — Steve Davis	303
<i>Men's Recurve—Wood</i>	
1st — Pat Handley	275
2nd — Randy James	260
3rd — Troye Thompson	224
<i>Men's Recurve—Open</i>	
1st — Eddie Valenzuela	302
2nd — Robert Valenzuela	228
3rd — John Garcia	227
<i>Selfbow</i>	
1st — Art McCall	251
2nd — Clarence Kinnett	234
3rd — Rex Hammack	222
<i>Cubs</i>	
1st — Westin Garcia	204
2nd — Joe Rodriguez	159

When reading the scores at various shoots, remember that the number of targets may vary, and at some shoots 12-ring scores are counted while at others a 10 is the high score on a target.

SUCCESS IN WEST TEXAS

Greetings, TBoTers,

A note from West Texas to let you know how we did this season so far. Danny Porter got a nine-pointer in Concho County. Randy Jones harvested a four-pointer on the same lease. Ken VanDeman got a doe in Concho County. I have harvested two turkey toms so far. Laura Burkhalter harvested an Axis buck. Johnny Burkhalter, Laura's husband, shot a whitetail buck, an eight-pointer.

Matt Kuykendall had, at the last time I heard, killed an eight-point whitetail. Matt lives in Big Lake. Melvin Hines had harvested two turkeys and an eight-point buck. David Adams' grandson Will Cheney harvested his second traditional kill; he shot a doe and bloodtrailed it himself. Grandpa David has harvested two deer—a buck and a doe, with a selfbow made by Marty Farmer of Abilene.

I have heard that Louis Huckaby had harvested a buck but haven't had a chance to talk to him. Richard Thomson from Midland was drawn for New Mexico, but his job (oilfield) called him to Alaska when the pipeline shut down, so he missed most of archery season.

Jim Shannon, 78 years young, has harvested two does. Ruby, Jim's loving wife, won't let Jim go alone. She sits in the pickup and reads while Jim hunts.

Man, don't we wish, hope, and pray that we can still be shooting and hunting with a traditional bow at that age! For those who don't know Jim and Ruby Shannon, you should say "Hello" at one of the TBoT shoots that they make. They have been in traditional archery for a long time—before it had to be called traditional archery, because there were no compound bows then. Jim was in the Air Force and has done a lot for archery, from helping Harold Groves first start in New Mexico to starting archery clubs all over the world. Oh, I wouldn't leave Ruby out of the picture, either. She was there for all the clubs and was the first lady archer to harvest an antelope in the state of New Mexico with modern archery tackle. That was back when recurves and longbows made with fiberglass were called "modern."

More pictures will follow as they are in my camera waiting to take more pictures—hopefully of me and something that I will harvest.

Well, that's it from West Texas for now.

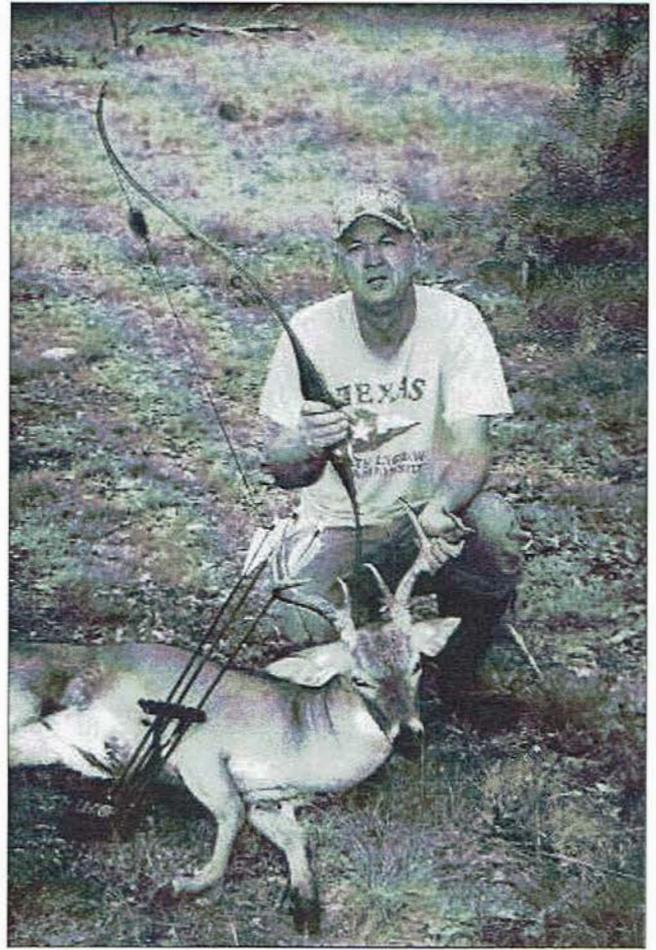
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Laura Burkhalter, Axis buck, Bob Sarrels longbow



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*Danny Porter
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O'Brain (sic) bow*



*Butch Gleghorn
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Catus Cal (sic) longbow*



Randy Jones, four-point whitetail buck, Groves bow

P.S. from Butch: Soon-to-be TBoT member Wesley (Peanut) Adams harvested a spike. Congratulations to all the West Texas folks! Thank you, Butch, for sending us the hunting report and photos to include in the Newsletter. We'll look forward to more photos next time.

***YOU MIGHT BE A HARD CORE BOWHUNTER
IF . . .***

1. You know the dates of bow season but can't remember your anniversary.
2. You spend only eight hours a day at work so you can spend 16 hours a day sitting in a stand on the weekend.
3. Your kids and dog forget who you are during the hunting seasons.
4. You bathe more in hunting camp than you do at home.
5. Your family is used to the smell of doe pee and cow in heat lure.
6. Your archery tackle box is bigger than your car trunk.
7. Your bowhunting setup cost more than your first honeymoon.

Okay, so you think this is a waste of space....

Yes, it could have been used
for your hunting photos,
stories, recipes,
or even as a
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want to buy or sell something
in the Newsletter..

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TBoT Shoot Schedule 2007

March 10 & 11	Mike Kilpatrick Memorial Abilene (non-TBoT)	Bonnie Young	325.572.5756
March 17 & 18	Holliday Creek Archery Assn.	Gad Garland	940.569.1517
April 14 & 15	Hill Country Shootout Vanderpool	Morris Williams Brenda Stein Pat Handley David Oakes	281.491.3362 281.292.6873 830.876.5324 210.679.6168
April 21 & 22	Clifton Archery Club	Barry Pitts Dan Fowler	254.675.0061 254.435.2992
*NEW April 22	Kerrville Archery & Bowhunters Association (Center Point) Walk-up start 8-10 am No pets allowed on range	Tink Nathan	830.634.2878
April 28 & 29	Canyon Lake Archery Club San Marcos	Mark Peteete	830.625.3977
April 29	Hill Country Bowhunters (Austin metro area) (non-TBoT)	Denton Goodson	512-272-4169 dentonski@aol.com
May 5 & 6	Memphis	Mike Godfrey	806.259.3528
May 19 & 20	Chester (non-TBoT)	Bill Decker Bill Roundtree	409.722.0177 409.724.1402
May 26 & 27	Texas State Longbow Championship (non-TBoT)	David Sykes	817.332.1219
June 2 & 3	Collin County Bowhunters McKinney	Bud Murphy	972.734.3200
June 9 & 10	Abilene Bowhunters' Association	Bonnie Young	325.572.5756
June 9	Brazos County Archery Club	Sandy Stein	936.394.1909
July 14 & 15	Midsummer Meltdown San Angelo—at Devil's Mountain— This is new information!	Butch Gleghorn	325.944.3517
July 28 & 29	Texas Traditional Championship Austin (non-TBoT)	John Michael	512.218.1514

Other traditional shoots (non-TBoT) hosted by Traditional Clubs:

Devil's Mountain, San Angelo, contact Butch Gleghorn (see above):

March 24-25, April 21-22, May 12-13, June 16-17, July 21-22

Denton County Bowhunters, Denton, contact Arthur Pettijohn (see above):

Turkey Shoot, March 18; Longbow Warm-Up, May 5; Whitetail Shoot, September 23

Check the website—www.tboto.org—for up-to-date scheduling changes and information.

OPERATION WEBFOOT

by Morris Williams

Pinpoints of moonlight reflecting like diamonds in the standing water made it seem more appropriate wading to a duck blind than a deer stand. I couldn't help but recall my previous hunt at the ANWR, known as just "Aransas" to most bowhunters that have made the pilgrimage. Although it had been about 35 years ago, it could have been yesterday. That first hunt had followed a hurricane, drenching the area a week earlier. This year it followed a four- to six-inch rainfall the previous week right after the bowhunter education/free scouting weekend. While not of hurricane proportions, it still meant knee deep water over a large portion of the refuge.

Some hunters, having set their stands then, found them unhuntable or inaccessible due to high water. Since I was unable to set up early, I sloshed through shallow water to a semi-dry spot only about 100 yards from the road and hung my Screaming Eagle tree stand to a small oak.

The oak mott provided enough elevation to reduce the water level to only ankle deep. Two game trails converged there and floating acorns were abundant. At first light I was rewarded with a surprise appearance of three hogs. Their solid black forms contrasted sharply with the standing water. Being hogs, they made no attempt at stealth. Not being completely unaware, I let the large sow pass and concentrated on the last porker of ideal barbeque size. Below, the plan came together perfectly at a mere eight yards. Perfect until now, that is. Making an unusually silent draw and smooth release, I harvested the clump of marsh grass one inch over his back and watched my baby back ribs make a hurried half circle through the water and rejoin his companions.

I was excited—first morning and I had already had an opportunity. The more opportunities, the more likely I could connect. Reflecting on the experience, I revised my goals and decided to concentrate on the larger target next time. Two more hunts being uneventful, I moved farther down the peninsula and hunted with Chris Flinn and party. They were seeing deer but hadn't taken any shots. I had thought the mosquitoes were bad before, but they were really thick here. As I moved quickly through the brush to set up my stand I had to stop and catch my breath. To do so required me to drop everything, cover my eyes, nose and mouth with my hands and breathe through my fingers. Anything else resulted in a choking intake of numerous mosquitoes or face net.

Seeing nothing that afternoon, I was more than happy to move once again and leave it to the clouds of blood suckers. Chris suggested I move to the edge of the tidal flats and take benefit from any midday breeze and drier ground to minimize mosquito numbers while watching for game doing the same. This had to be the strangest stand location I have ever hunted. I was in a comfortable tripod at the last group of mesquites before the beach opened up to the inter-costal canal and Carlos Bay—close enough to watch the tug boats and wave to the crewmen as they pushed their barges to points north.

An abundance of migrating humming birds kept me entertained between barges. They were attracted to a wild yellow flowering vine covering the brush and low trees. Several times they investigated the bright arrow cresting and fletching in my quiver hanging on a nearby limb, but my reaction time provided no photographs. Oft times they were content to sit and rest on nearby limbs and allow individual portraits. This made for pleasant afternoon pastimes while allowing me to watch an extremely

long stretch of shoreline. In spite of the abundance of tracks along the flats I saw none of the track makers.

Even with my lack of success, this hunt revealed again the resourcefulness of bowhunters. Watching others' preparations and talking to those that had time, I learned much of the new technology of dealing with the mosquito problem. I had depended on two face nets, two net parkas and a couple of cans of mosquito spray, which worked for a while but required reapplication during the day. Old timers of Aransas had developed far better solutions. Some used a pyrethrum solution, developed by the military for operations in Vietnam, to soak their clothes in the night before the hunt. Some used a double layer "bug suit" that held the little devils just far enough off the surface to prevent them from biting. This chemical treatment was touted to last up to a week even with occasional washings. Chris and his group relied heavily on a newer thermal device, similar to the old hand warmers, that burns a chemically treated element for up to eight hours of pest free hunting.

Not being detained by skinning and cleaning chores, I was able to observe the varied hunt methods and camping equipment. Some hardy souls brought kayaks or canoes to distance themselves from other hunters road bound by the high water. Campers of all types were evident—individual cot-tents, conventional tents, pop-ups, travel trailers and one eighteen-wheeler tractor cab that idled all weekend providing air conditioning for the hunter's two canine companions while he roamed the hunt area in another vehicle. I had to admire one ingenious group sharing a large three room tent with an air conditioning window unit sitting on a crate and sealed with duct tape in a hole cut for the purpose. What unexpected comfort!

The wet conditions probably accounted for a reduced harvest and hunter turnout. After five days, having enjoyed as much as I could stand, I left for home noting that approximately 120 of the 150 permitted hunters had participated. There had been 12 to 15 deer and about the same number of hogs taken. I saw one nice buck and heard of another but most were does, small bucks, or spikes. Considering the conditions and only a nine-day hunt, a success rate of about 10% was not bad. Statewide data reported by the local sports writers is usually a 15% to 20% success rate for bowhunters throughout the state. This covers the entire three-month season and would include those that bowhunt exclusively and those that do so only during the October season.

After many years of bowhunting both public and private land I'm of the opinion (everyone has one) that experienced bowhunters dedicated to hunting the entire season would have a success rate rivaling the general gun hunting public. I base this only on the results on bow leases I've been on and conversations with other hunters. While most have been users of compound contraptions, all usually took multiple deer when hunting private land. I don't know how you could ever compile data to support this, but it would certainly make interesting reading. Keep this in mind and let me know what you think. It's something to ponder while you watch the tug boats.

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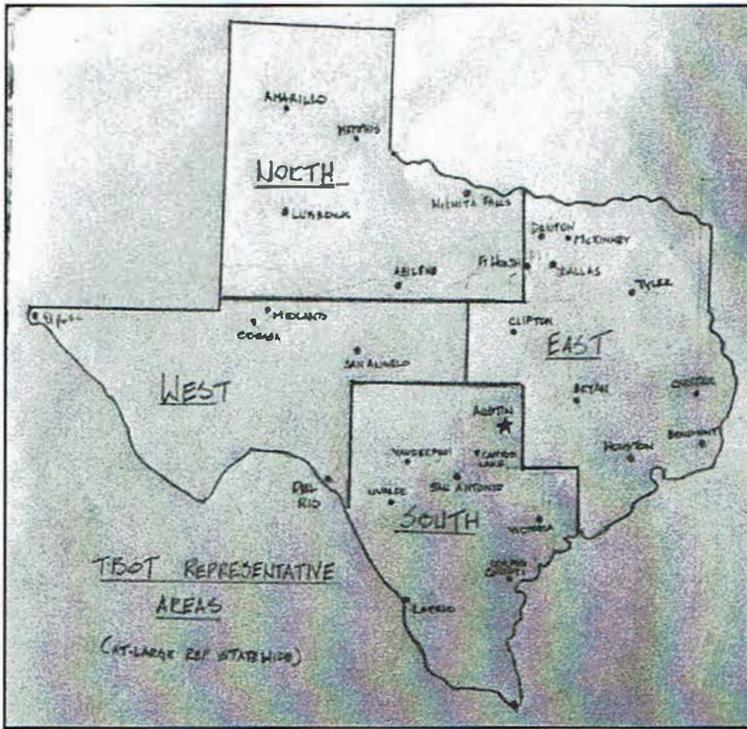
*Photos from Aransas
and
Operation Webfoot*

Upper Left: Standing Water

Above: My Silent Company

Below: Edge of the Marsh





Above is the proposed areas for our Regional TBoT Representatives, as drawn up by Morris Williams, TBoT President. If you have comments or suggestions, let him know. If not, these areas will be used as a guideline.

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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.

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