



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I sure hope there are members doing a better job than I keeping the deer population in check. I haven't hunted Texas yet but for three weeks in Kansas I was "zeroed." I'll be hunting near Marble Falls during Christmas; maybe my luck will change for the better.

I did get to share a first traditional harvest with my son while in Kansas; he took a large whitetail doe (94 pounds dressed weight). He used his new Palmer recurve with a Wensel Woodsman head on one of the cedar arrows I made him last year. It has taken a long time to wean him from wheels and it's not complete yet, but he did say how much more involved he became in the hunt with traditional equipment. Hopefully we can accelerate the involvement of his older brothers to the traditional way. (*See photo on page 8.*)

Now I'm sure some members have had earlier success this year, so please send a picture with a brief equipment description and it'll appear in the next newsletter. We would like to have a page in each issue chronicling members' achievements. If the description can be made into a short story of the hunt, that would be even better. Let's show we're traditional bowhunters, not just traditional "foam shooters."

Elections are on the horizon and we need to be thinking about nominating deserving members to share in the club management. I know there are members that would like to assist but may not know how to get involved. If so, let me, the secretary or any officer know of your interest and we'll assist.

Thanks, and take a kid hunting,
Morris

*Look on page 8 for a photo of Morris' son
Brent Williams' first traditional kill.*

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WINTER 2007: A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

The holidays are upon us and I know you all are as busy as we are. For those of you who know Debbie Keeling, her mother, Ellen Thompson, passed away on December 7th, 2007, from lung cancer. You may recall Debbie lost her father earlier this year also from lung cancer. Donations can be sent to Ridge-way Baptist Church, P.O. Box 73, Paige, Texas 78659 in her memory.

We still have many expired TBoT memberships. I recently sent out post cards to these members indicating their expiration date. Many of these are a second renewal notice which costs us extra postage. So, watch the mail and please respond if you receive one.

The Hill Country Shootout is fast approaching. The date is set for April 12th and 13th. Deadline for pre-registration is March 1st. We have made recommended updates to our TBoT Bylaws/Constitution. Please take a look at the changes because we will ask for a vote on these changes at the Hill Country Shoot.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help at the shoot, please let me know.

TBoT is making a \$500 contribution to Camp Aranzazu for their archery program. Information on the camp can be found on their website at camparanzazu.org. The following is a little info on the camp.

"Camp Aranzazu is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with chronic illnesses and disabilities by providing unique camping, environmental studies, and retreat experiences to groups with special needs. This mission is accomplished based on an ecumenical understanding that, as people of God, we are called to demonstrate love and compassion for one another, and responsibility for our environment.

"The camp seeks to create and maintain a partnership between the campers and the land that preserves and protects the existing habitat for native and endangered species of plants and animals and complements the history of the area and local community. The campers utilizing the facilities and programs are exposed to the environment and history of the Coastal Bend area in an effort to create an interest in the environment and the history of their own heritages.

"Camp Aranzazu is managed in a not-for-profit manner in order that all revenue is dedicated to fulfilling its vision while preserving the facilities and property for future generations of people, plants and animals."

Happy Holidays!
Brenda

Even though you are receiving this Newsletter mid-January, it is officially the "4th Quarter 2007" issue.

LEARNING A LESSON THE HARD WAY

by Carroll Woolley

Thinking back over the years, I sometimes wonder how I was able to harvest those first few deer.

In the early eighties I was hunting in Young County on a lease that was very thick with different types of oak trees and a whole lot of briars.

Having very little experience in the art of hunting with the bow, I was able to get a few down with the compound bow that I had been using for a few years. This particular hunt was the first that I can remember using a recurve.

The set up for the hunt was anything but good. I had placed my pole stand too close to the trail. As a matter of fact I had the stand in the curve of the trail; and if the deer were to follow it, they would be coming directly under me..

The deer on this particular hunt was coming from the south to the north toward a wheat field that had been planted a few weeks earlier and had started to green up.

That evening the wind was out of the southwest, and I was facing south. There were two trails, one coming from the southeast and another from the southwest that intersected the trail that I was watching, about thirty yards upwind from my stand.

I had been in the stand for a couple of hours with no activity. The day was well spent and I was about to get down and go home. Suddenly there was movement from the southeast as a small spike buck came down the trail. He came to the intersection and continued toward my pole stand. It finally dawned on me that I was in the wrong place to draw my bow since I was right in front of him. As he came to about five yards from me he stopped and started to scratch himself with his head turned around over his back, looking the opposite direction from where I was sitting. I took advantage of that situation and shot the little buck from a position that was really poor. The shot was from the front down through and between his shoulders. The buck swapped ends and was out of sight in a matter of seconds. I just sat there in the stillness listening to him run off. I got an impression that he had run south and then back southwest down a two-track through the woods. As I was losing light pretty fast back in the timber, I got down and started to look for any sign of blood. I could see where he ran, as that part of the lease was mostly sand, but there was no sign of any blood. I knew that I had hit the deer as I had seen about a fourth of the arrow sticking out of the top of his back. Not having a light, I was not able to search for him any farther in the fast-approaching dark. I went home and got a Coleman lan-

tern and came back down a couple of hours later to try and find some sign of him.

I searched for two or three hours and found nothing. I was sick to say the least at having lost a nice little buck, especially since it was to be my first bow kill with traditional equipment.

I didn't sleep much that night, thinking about the poor shot I took and trying to determine some way to find him. I guess I did get some sleep during the night as I had a dream or vision or something that told me the buck was in a different direction than I had been looking. This premonition was so vivid that I simply could not ignore it.

At first light I was back in the woods to retrieve my buck. I have to this day no idea where the information came from that told me where to look to find my buck. But I do know that I went to the spot where the premonition instructed me to go, and the buck was there.

He must have had a very bad night as he was not yet expired, but he was near to death when I found him. I killed that buck with my hunting knife.

Since the arrow entered from the top front of the deer and did not go on through him, all the blood stayed inside the body cavity. That's why there was no blood trail. Believe you me, I learned a valuable lesson from that situation. I have never since shot a deer from the front nor have I placed a stand in a position that would not present a good shot opportunity.

Having hunted all my life with gun or bow, I have never had a situation occur that came close to the incident that happened that day.

I guess you could say that I was green as a bowhunter in those days, but I should have known better than to set a stand the way I did. I have thought of this hunt many times over the years and give thanks for the help from above that allowed me to find a deer that normally would have been lost.

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and

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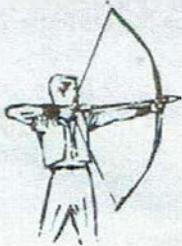


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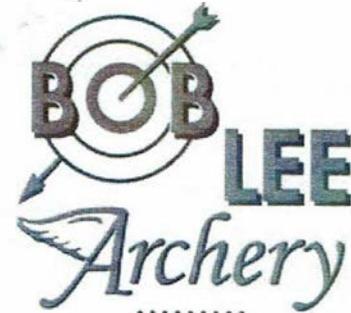
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*Following are the Constitution/Bylaws of your organization. The officers have proposed some changes which will be voted on in the next election. Proposed changes are the words, phrases, and sentences written in **italics, and underlined.***

Traditional Bowhunters of Texas

Constitution / Bylaws of the Traditional Bowhunters of Texas

Preamble:

The intent and purpose for the creation of this organization is to provide a means to unify and support those that have a keen interest in the historical and traditional forms of archery.

Article I

Name

This society shall be known as the Traditional Bowhunters of Texas and by its abbreviation: TBoT.

Article II

Purpose Defined

The purpose of this organization shall be written explicitly within the organization's Mission Statement, as shown in the Appendix, titled "TBoT Mission Statements."

Article III

Traditional Archery Defined

"Traditional Archery," as defined by this organization, incorporates forms, styles and preferences from the primitive archers use of natural materials to those utilizing the latest of man made products; however, the resulting accouterment must meet the following criteria:

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

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

Article IV

Membership

- A. Members of the EC will determine applicable membership dues/fees for the different classes of members. Changes in dues/fees will be addressed as needed.
- B. Membership in TBoT shall be confirmed upon receipt of the prospective member's application form and dues payment. Membership commences upon receipt of these items by the TBoT Secretary.
- C. Membership shall be divided into four categories: Business, Life, Family and Individual.
- D. Family membership is reserved for immediate family membership. Children who fall under the family membership shall need to see another form of membership prior to their 19th birthday.
- E. Individual membership is reserved for individual participation.
- F. All members will receive a membership card verifying current standings.
- G. Upon request , a copy of the constitution/bylaws will be issued during initiation of new membership.
- H. Membership will last for at least one year, except for 3 (three) year memberships or Life members. Membership shall be considered renewed upon receipt of established dues.
- I. With the approval of the EC, the membership roster can be made available to business members and sponsors. Under no circumstances will the membership roster be used for any other purpose without EC approval.

Article V
Voting Rights

- A. The right to vote shall be rendered to all members in good standing.
- B. All members shall be entitled to one vote each on any issue brought before the membership as a whole.
- C. The rights of a TBoT member to vote shall not be infringed upon by any other member, or by any officer or group of officers save in the case of revocation of membership as a disciplinary action.
- D. Family membership shall have a total of two votes.

Article VI
Punitive Measures

- A. All members will be expected to conform to a Code of Ethical Sportsmanlike Conduct, whether pursuing game animals in their native environment or competing at tournaments.
- B. Disciplinary actions shall only be taken by the Executive Council. These disciplinary actions may include written condemnation, suspension of membership benefits for a specific period of time and expulsion. Written condemnation and suspension require a majority vote from the EC.
See Note E, Article VI for vote requirements of expulsion.
- C. Certain infractions may require expulsory procedures. Such steps can only be initiated by a member of the EC and requires a special session of the EC.
- D. Member (s) facing expulsory proceedings will not be denied the right to explain the circumstances leading to the expulsory charges.
- E. Expulsion requires a two-thirds majority vote from a quorum of two-thirds of the Board Members.
- F. Expulsion from TBoT renders null and void all past privileges, honors, awards, certifications as well as membership with TBoT. The expelled members shall be stricken from all TBoT records.
- G. Specific transgressions requiring immediate expulsory proceedings:
 - 1. Physical violence against others during official TBoT functions.
 - 2. Gross display of unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - 3. Any conviction, for game law violations, by a recognized court of law.

Article VII
Leadership Structure

- A. An Executive Council comprising a total of eleven (11) officials shall govern the organization.
Except for the President, each member of the EC shall have an equal vote on all issues of interest to the organization. The EC will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative Representative, Range Captain and Area Representatives, (one each) for the North Texas, West Texas, South Texas, East Texas areas and one At Large position. The term for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be one (1) year, September 1 to August 31. The elections for the position of Legislative Representative, North and West Area Representatives will be conducted on odd years. The elections for the positions of Representative at Large, South and East Area Representatives will be conducted on even years. Range Captain shall be a two (2) year term with elections held on even years. Past President shall remain on the Council in an advisory position for one year (see Section 1).
- B. The President will preside over the EC meetings and control all agendas of such meetings according to parliamentary procedures. The President is also charged with ensuring the successful execution of all directives and programs approved by the EC. The President shall not have the power to vote on elective prerogatives unless the EC is split on a tie-vote. In the event of a "Tie-Vote," the President shall be empowered to cast a tie-breaking vote. The President will be able to authorize expenditures of \$500.00. Amounts over that amount, with the exception of the newsletter, must be approved by the EC, either in formal meeting or by a an email or telephone poll.
- C. The Vice President performs all duties of the President when the President is absent or unable to perform these responsibilities and assumes all privileges and powers granted to the President except the power to appoint members to special positions. The Vice President also relinquishes all right to vote while serving as acting President unless a tie-breaking initiative is required.

D. The Secretary shall be responsible for minutes of all Board Meetings and the maintenance of the organization's membership role, and replying to inquiries about the Traditional Bowhunters of Texas.

E. The Treasurer shall provide an accounting of all finances and bank records. The President and Treasurer are the only authorized officials to sign checks. The President will sign in the absence of the Treasurer.

F. Range Captain shall be responsible for setting the dates and places for 3-D shoots around the state, in coordination with the Area Representatives. The Range Captain shall be responsible for target placement at the Hill Country shoot.

G. Legislative Representative will be responsible for maintaining relations with the Texas Wildlife Department and reporting all actions within the State Legislature that may have an effect on bowhunting and all hunting and fishing.

H. Representatives shall consist of one (1) representative from each designated geographical region. The representatives shall be elected by popular vote from the membership. Representatives should attend regional shoots in their area or assign a TBoT representative to attend. TBoT will provide the awards and TBoT merchandise for the shoot. TBoT will split 50% of the profits from the entry fees with the hosting club.

I. Past President will remain on the Council in an advisory position but will have a vote on the Council. The term will last until a new President is elected and then will be replaced by the current outgoing President.

J. In the event that the President cannot or is unable to complete his or her term of office, the Vice President will move to the vacated position for the remainder of the term. The office of the Vice President will then be filled by appointment of the President with the approval of the Executive Council.

K. Editor will be responsible for assembling the needed material, overseeing the printing and delivery of the quarterly newsletter. The editor will not have a vote on the EC, but may offer advise and input concerning the newsletter.

Article VIII

Removing an Officer and/or Official

A. An EC Member of TBoT may bring before the board an initiative to begin replacement proceedings against another EC member (s). Upon receiving the initiative, a vote shall be placed before the presiding EC whether or not to initiate progressive actions. If a majority vote of two-thirds is passed, a special session shall be called to discuss a vote of No-Confidence against indicated EC member (s).

B. A special session, discussing allegations of No-Confidence against a member (s) of the EC shall require a quorum of two-thirds of the EC membership.

C. Removal of an official from their position with TBoT requires a two-thirds majority vote from a special session of the EC.

Article X

Changes to the Constitution / Bylaws

The Constitution may not be changed, modified and/or amended unless approved by a two-thirds popular vote from the membership of TBoT.

Article XI

Fund Raising Events

TBoT may hold two (2) annual fundraising events.

Article XII

Meetings

There will be four (4) Executive meetings held each year. The EC will have the right to go into a closed door Executive Session if warranted by the situation. There will be one (1) annual meeting of the general membership, although the general membership is welcomed and encouraged to attend all meetings of the EC. Meetings may be held in person, by phone or by TBoT web site chat room.

Article XIII

All finances will be subject to annual audit in the event of the change of Treasurer.

Written receipts must be on file to support all transactions.

The Fiscal year will be from September 1 to August 31. An August meeting of the incoming and outgoing EC shall be scheduled each year at which time the new EC will take office.

The Secretary and two (2) additional appointed members will tally all ballots returned.

Appendix
TBoT Mission Statements

- A. To foster, expand, promote and perpetuate the practice of "Traditional Archery."
- B. To provide an organization, on a state level, to support and promote diverse "Traditional Archery" and provide a means of sharing information to allow all traditional archers to work together towards preserving and perpetuating our chosen sport.
- C. To sponsor functions that allow people of like interests to get together to compare notes, equipment and ideas as well as assist the youth in practical applications of Traditional Archery, be it target shooting or hunting.

NEW BEAR BLIND (Humor)

submitted by Chris Flinn

SITC is short for Spam In The Can. Expect a 90% success rate from the SITC blinds for hunters as we will endeavor to obtain the Bear's 10% success rate with anti-hunters. PETA and Fund for the Animal members will have their very own model with special pricing and materials. It's called the Treadwel model, made with balsa wood (patent pending).

With baiting bans the Hunter now takes the place of the bait. Upside to this new blind concept is any Bear that smells a human and runs away will live to pass on this trait leaving only the Humanized Bear for the trophy rooms, greatly reducing the number of Bear attacks in the future.

We have checked with Wildlife Departments and have gotten very favorable approval with one even allowing Twinkies in the built-in snack/wet bar model. This has met with great success, but a good many trophy Bears still remain elusive. So we included a cook stove model to the line. This is working very well with the older Bears.

With customer satisfaction surveys pouring in we have found a few problems, hence the following service updates:

When using the SITC Bear proof steel reinforced ground blind, do not use it on the side of a hill before updating your blind with the new anchor system. The blind is square but will still roll downhill when a Bear pushes it over. Our sincere apologies to Sam but after a 360-foot almost straight downhill roll the stand still looks new!

We have also had to update the door latch as the Bears have learned to reach in and open the door latch. Please use the safety-lock pin enclosed in this update. With the Treadwel model the safety-lock pins are not needed as this has not shown to be an issue with that model.

When hunting Polar Bears do not place SITC Bear proof

steel reinforced ground blind next to deep water or on the ice pack next to a hole or crack in the ice. We have found that they do not float without proper flotation. Please update your blind with the flotation guidelines enclosed in this update if you are hunting on or near the ice pack. Our deepest apologies to Ron, and yes, the deep rover can be used to recover SITC Bear proof reinforced steel ground blinds from depths greater than 1285 feet—and congratulations to Ron for his new free-diving record.

We are still having problems with the patent office as it seems we may have infringed on a patent held by Hooters. Years back we picked up one of their old discarded job applications at a garage sale. It's a small piece of plywood that has two nicely shaped and well endowed holes cut into the plywood, real easy way to check for "trophics." We used this same principle in our shooting ports. If the Bear's head doesn't fit into the shooting port, he will make the book. This takes the ground shrinkage out for trophy hunters. We have one side made for each Bear species, Black, Brown, Kodiak, and Polar.

On our California model the top has shooting ports cut for trophy Mountain Lions and we have cyclist silhouettes that hang on the side. For park-raised bear we have the auto silhouettes with hands reaching out filled with fake donuts (this has proven to work very well near Yellowstone).

Hooters doesn't have a problem with the SITC Bear Blind but the patent office still wants to know why we are hunting Owls using balsa wood blinds, and P&Y (Pope and Young) is asking questions about fair chase.

We explained to the patent office that this was a Bear blind not an Owl blind and the balsa wood model is for our all naturalist customers, (patent still pending). P&Y was informed that it was very much fair chase/chance because the younger bears could fit their heads through the shooting ports and this is where some bears could be able to gain their 10% success rate.

*We don't know whether Chris wrote the above article or found it somewhere, but thanks for sharing it, Chris.
Minimal editing was performed.*

Let your sponsors know you appreciate them.

Tell them you saw their ad in the

TBoT Newsletter.

Remember to donate items for the youth program.

We'll have a special range and also want to supply needed items and door prizes for the youth at the Hill Country Shootout.

Contact an officer to donate to this important project.



*Wesley Adams of San Angelo,
soon to be the TBoT Newsletter Editor*



*One of the Kuykendall boys
This is how to "grow" a TBoT member!*



*TBoT President Morris Williams and his son Brent.
"Passing on the Tradition"*

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR—WESLEY ADAMS

The next TBoT Newsletter will be edited by Wesley "Peanut" Adams from San Angelo. He is the kind soul who took seriously your current editor's plea for relief. *(Thanks so much!)*

Wesley grew up following coonhounds and shot his first deer with a rifle when he was 14. He joined an archery club in 1980, shooting a compound barebow. In 1984 he made his first kill with a bow. Then he saw a Damon-Howett hunter at a sporting goods store the next year and ended up getting it as a gift. Then in 1986 he ordered a custom made recurve and has not drawn a compound since.

Wesley moved to the Dallas area in 1987 and spent 18 years there on a sort of hiatus from bows as he was more involved with his two daughters' activities than with his own interests. He is now the proud grandfather of two grandsons.

Three years ago Wesley moved back to San Angelo and has been into archery full force since then.

Wesley says that he loves traditional archery for two reasons: (1) The people. People in traditional archery are the most fun and generous people there are. (2) Most of all, it's just plain FUN. Wesley looks forward to being the editor of the TBoT Newsletter and says that if anything goes wrong, it's Butch's fault. *(That's Butch Gleghorn, your West Texas TBoT Representative. There's a picture of Butch below, keeping an eye on things.)*

We welcome Wesley's help in keeping the members of TBoT informed about traditional archery around Texas.



Butch Gleghorn



Danny Porter and Will Cheney at Memphis

SHOOT SCHEDULE

April 12-13	Hill Country Shootout	Vanderpool	Morris Williams	(281) 491-3362
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No other shoot dates have been finalized at this time. We'll let you know when a firm schedule is determined.

LAST RAMBLINGS FROM YOUR EDITOR

Well, it's time for me to say goodbye as the editor of the TBoT Newsletter. We moved (back) to Texas in the fall of 1997 and started going to archery shoots the next spring. We heard people talking about different clubs and especially the Hill Country Shootout (or "Vanderpool") and "Chester." We were somewhat frustrated that we usually heard about shoots after they had taken place, so Dan (that's Ishi) decided to start a website—www.texasarchery.com. Very few archery clubs had a website and we wanted to know when shoots would be held and also to let others know about these shoots. The first website proved very helpful, and we became acquainted with many clubs and also TBoT members across the state. Now most clubs have a website, so that first website is no longer needed. Ishi has provided www.tbot.org for the posting of shoots, results, and items of interest to our members, and we have been very involved in TBoT for about seven or eight years.

We (Ishi and Pink Feathers) started editing the TBoT Newsletter soon after David Bailey started serving as TBoT President. Then we worked with Glenn Bryant and now Morris Williams. For the most part, Dan did the "technical" part, and I edited articles and made the pages "look nice." Now I do most of the work, but Dan still helps me when I can't figure out how to do something.

Dan also continues to work on the TBoT website. We are very well aware of the problems there. For those of you who know much about programming, this has been due to three major changes over the last six months to the programming tool set that he uses to create and maintain the website. The changes were from Microsoft and they were non-trivial, causing Dan to have to write new code for nearly every process within the website. For those of you who don't know anything about programming, we couldn't explain it anyway! Hopefully, he is near the end of the revisions and you will soon see the website fully functional again.

I want to extend a special thank you to Brenda Stein and Peggy Casey, who have worked diligently with me during the past several years. Both have been encouraging and helpful. The position of Secretary is a complicated responsibility. Please express your appreciation to these ladies and to the other officers.

I also thank those of you who have sent in photos and stories over the years. As for those who have not, you might try putting pen to paper—or fingers to keyboard—and send in your hunting photos, too. I can recall only one "professional" writer over the years; the rest were just ordinary TBoT members.

This Newsletter is quite late, and it was due to a series of unexpected events—a death in the family, sickness, and my mother's hospitalization of 18 days, all in December and into the new year. I am my mom's 24/7 caretaker, and my priorities had to be "family" before the Newsletter. I hope you understand.

I will help your new editor, but I want you as members to support him, too. You may send articles and photos to Wesley Adams at orion1913@yahoo.com or by mail to Wesley Adams, TBoT Editor, 8089 HW 277 N., San Angelo, TX 76905. Members who submit photos or stories that are used in the Newsletter will receive their choice of a TBoT cap or t-shirt.

It's been an enjoyable but sometimes frustrating learning experience to edit the Newsletter for the past years. We hope to see you more often out on the archery circuit during 2008! Have fun promoting our sport! And volunteer to help!

Sincerely,

Carol Lockhart

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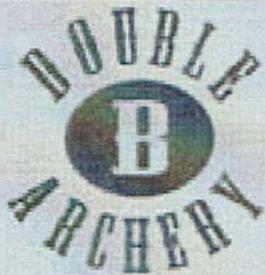


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BIG HORNS IN THE TEXAS PANHANDLE

by William Howard, III

I was concentrating hard on the spot I wanted my arrow to hit. My draw was smooth and the release perfect. The Bighorn Ram was hit hard. I was very calm, which is unusual for someone whose knees grow weak at the sight of a tiny whitetail doe coming into bow range. I'm sure my heart would have been pounding out of my chest had I actually even seen a real live Bighorn Ram. In reality, my arrow had flown true but the only thing I had "killed" was my BLOCK target. I have hunted and killed many fantastic trophies in this manner while practicing in my back yard for the upcoming whitetail season.

My practice sessions had become more regular with the approaching season. My stand was in place and I was ready for opening day.

I hunted hard every chance I got during the first week of the season. I saw a good number of deer, but had no shot opportunity I was comfortable taking. I knew if I continued to put my time in and was careful not to spook animals, an opportunity would eventually present itself. The evening of October 8th was playing out much like my previous evening hunts. It was beginning to get late and I was starting to think nothing would show. With only 15 minutes of shooting light left, movement in the brush caught my eye. A deer was making its way toward my shooting lane. It wasn't just any deer. It was an 8-point buck.

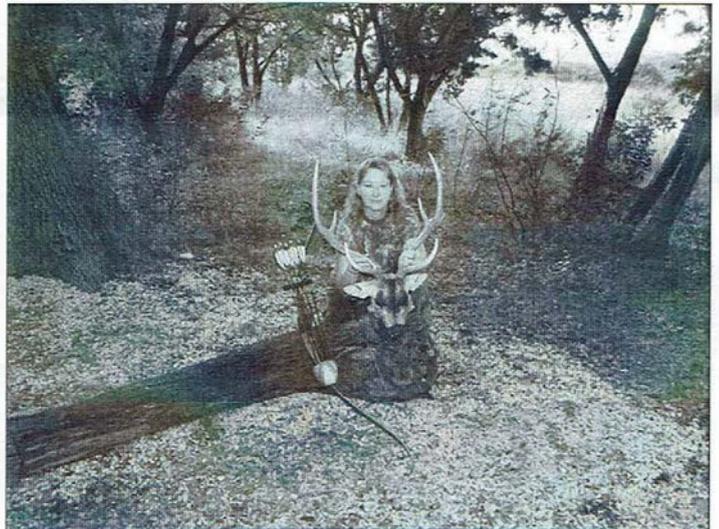


William Howard, III, with his Texas Panhandle "Bighorn"

Has anyone seen Oliver Klozehofer or Dick Grande lately??

Nothing huge, but it would be my largest buck with a bow—that is, if everything worked out. I took deep breaths, trying to calm down as the buck came nearer. As he walked into my shooting lane, I kept telling myself, "PICK A SPOT." Just as I was about to stop the deer with a grunt, another buck stepped from behind the trees opposite of me. The 8-point stopped broadside and turned his head away from me to look at the smaller buck. I couldn't have asked for more—a buck standing broadside at 12 yards looking away from me. With my heart pounding, I drew my bow and then the arrow was away in a flash. The buck took off like a race horse with the arrow buried to the fletching in his side. I was sure the buck would go down soon but waited 30 minutes to make sure. Even in the dark, the blood trail was easy to follow using my small flashlight. About 40 yards from where the trail began, I found my trophy. It was a beautiful buck that I was very proud of.

For this hunt I used a Martin "Mamba" recurve, drawing 50 pounds. I used a 125-grain Magnus two-blade broadhead. I spent the rest of bow season trying to fill my doe tags with a long-bow. I ended the season doeless and would not be able to hunt this property with a bow during rifle season. It's just as well because now I can take my target to the back yard and do some more "fantasy hunting." Now that I have taken my Bighorn, maybe I'll try for Alaskan Moose next. And you never know; sometimes dreams do come true. Maybe one day I'll have a chance at a real Bighorn.



TBoT Secretary Brenda Stein with her Axis taken at Bug Scuffle Ranch

"OLD" EDITORIAL

The following comments were sent to the TBoT officers some time ago. Now seems a fitting time to include them. The Newsletter should include your thoughts and stories and photos, so please submit what you have.

I'm (also) very interested in protecting public hunting land. I'm not on a lease and never have been. I've hunted type II for the last three years here in Southeast Texas. I'm not against deer leases and feeders, but that seems more like deer ranching than deer hunting and the prices get higher and higher every year. I do very little gun hunting and have yet to make my first bow kill. I've never owned nor hunted with a compound and don't plan to.

I measure my hunting success by the experiences I have in the woods, not the number of deer I have in the freezer or the number of points on a rack.

Nomination Ballot

It is again time to nominate officers and area representatives for the upcoming year. The offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer are elected on a yearly basis. Area representatives, the range captain, and the legislative chairman are elected for a two-year term.

Listed below are the positions to be elected and the person who is currently holding each position. To the right of each is a space for you to write in your nomination for that position.

Please return this nomination ballot as soon as possible to the address or email below. (There needs to be follow-up time before the election ballot is sent out for voting.) It is not necessary to return the whole ballot by email; just send your nominations for each office.

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Please mail your Nomination Ballot to Brenda Stein
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The above ballot was prepared in agreement with the Constitution/Bylaws of TBoT, as noted on page 5. Apparently some time ago in years past the election of "even year" candidates was held on an "odd year," causing the even year 2008 to be a repeat election from 2007 for the South and East Representatives, and omitting the election of the Legislative Chairman/Representative. It is possible, perhaps even probable, that the ballot may need to be redone or the Constitution/Bylaws changed.

If so, you will be receiving an additional ballot from the Secretary or will be notified of the change in the next Newsletter.

ATTENTION ALL VENDORS AND MEMBERS

We are gathering donations for the raffle at the Hill Country Shootout. We would like to get these ahead of time so we may advertise and therefore gain more interest. I have recently received a donation of a one-year subscription and skull cap from *The Bowyer's Journal* and hope to continue receiving others. If you would like to make a donation, please contact me by phone at (830) 456-4306 or by email at flamintradin@sbcglobal.net.

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Scott Sagebiel

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TBoT does this by sponsoring gatherings and shoots during the year and through the quarterly newsletter that is sent to all members. TboT sponsors the Texas Hill Country Shootout each spring. This event is a leisurely weekend of hog and exotic hunting and 3-D shooting. TBoT also holds shoots across the state to offer the membership the opportunity to participate without traveling great distances. TBoT members pay a reduced entry fee at TBoT shoots. At all 3-D type events, children 12 and under shoot free, even if their parents are not members. Also, all children receive trophies, medals, or some other type of award for participation.

The quarterly newsletter contains information about activities within the organization, news of other traditional events across Texas, hunting and tournament photos, and stories—both factual and fictitious—submitted by members. There is a free classified ad section for use by the membership. If a member has a question about equipment or hunting situations, there are a number of bowyers, arrow crafters, and outfitters in the membership to answer questions.

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