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A note from your Secretary

Summer is coming to an end and I'm looking forward to the hunting season. I want to thank those of you who participated this spring and summer in our 3-D shoots though out the State. And also to those of you who helped me with the Brazos and Montgomery shoots. I enjoyed seeing everyone on the range. For those of you who know Carol Lockhart, she was able to stop by one of our shoots at Brazos County Archer Club in Bryan. Carol was our past editor and her husband who passed away recently was our web master. It was an emotional, yet happy reunion and we were sure glad to see her shoot again. Please visit our web site under the results of this shoot to view some pictures.

We are still working on the Life Member Plaques. Please bear with us while we get this project under way. Again, anyone who would like a plaque, please email or call me because we intend to get plaques for all members that did not receive one.

The date for the next Hill Country Shootout has been set. It is April 19 & 20th, 2009. Mark your calendars. This is the weekend after Easter.

Please note my contact phone number now is 713-628-0121.

We'll be looking forward to your Bowhunting stories and pictures. Keep us posted and good luck!

Brenda

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BOWHUNTER CLASS

This will be a new class at selected TBoT 3D shoots this coming year.

Scoring will be 10 and 5, no 8 or 12

Ribbons will be awarded instead of buckles

This will give new shooters something to shoot for without having to compete against the "pros"

TAKE THE TIME

By Mike Bolin

I love to hunt and I can't go for more than a week without shooting a few arrows. I guess it is the fact that I am getting older, but so much of what I read in magazines and see on TV. just makes me ill. I grew up having my older brothers let me tag along on squirrel and rabbit hunts. Started trapping at age 8. Didn't get bit by the "bow bug" until in my late twenties and trad bows shortly thereafter..

As a boy, I was taught that woodsmanship is the most important part of hunting....know the trees and plants, the animals in general and the one you are hunting in particular. Respect the animals, don't worship them. Any animal taken ethically is a trophy. Use what you kill.

Practice with your gear and keep it in top shape. Razor sharp broadheads mounted true. Pretty simple stuff really. The most important element here is time. And time is the one thing that there never seems to be enough of. We need to find/take/make time to do what is necessary to be the best hunter we can be. Find the arrow/broadhead combo that works best from the bow that YOU prefer and tune and practice until you are confident in your ability to kill an animal at the range that YOU are comfortable with.

Sure we all need to glean information from others. Starting out, I was fortunate to have a close friend at my church that guided me along. But ultimately, hunting in general and with a traditional bow in particular is a personal thing. Don't let others make the decision as to what bow, arrow, broadhead, camo, ect. that is right for you. Figuring out what is best for you is part of the journey. The preparation is part of the journey and sometimes it is as exciting and fulfilling as the destination itself. Take time to try things out and find out what works for you. Take the advise of others, but don't let all the differing opinions confuse you. If you don't feel confident hunting with your new longbow this season, don't. Hunting with a traditional bow should be a personal decision. There is no magic bow, arrow or camo for everyone. Shooting a light bow? 2 blade head. Heavier bow? Stick with the 2 blade unless you want to try 3 blade! Shoot a recurve better than a longbow? Practice harder with the longbow or stick with the recurve. Like wood arrows? Make up some straight ones that are of hunting weight and fly well from your bow and have at it! Want to try plaid instead of camo? Cool! Practice hard, have fun and learn something new everytime you go to the woods.

This stuff in FUN, don't make it harder than it needs to be. I have found myself reading different reports/reviews and doubting the equipment I am using!...."I'd better change to this head, 'cause of...." or "so and so uses that XX brand of camo and he killed a big buck so...". Don't complicate the simplicity of traditional archery/hunting. Take the time to take your time and enjoy the trip.

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This was posted on Tradgang by Mike and it hit home with me, Mike was gracious enough to let me included it in this hewsletter



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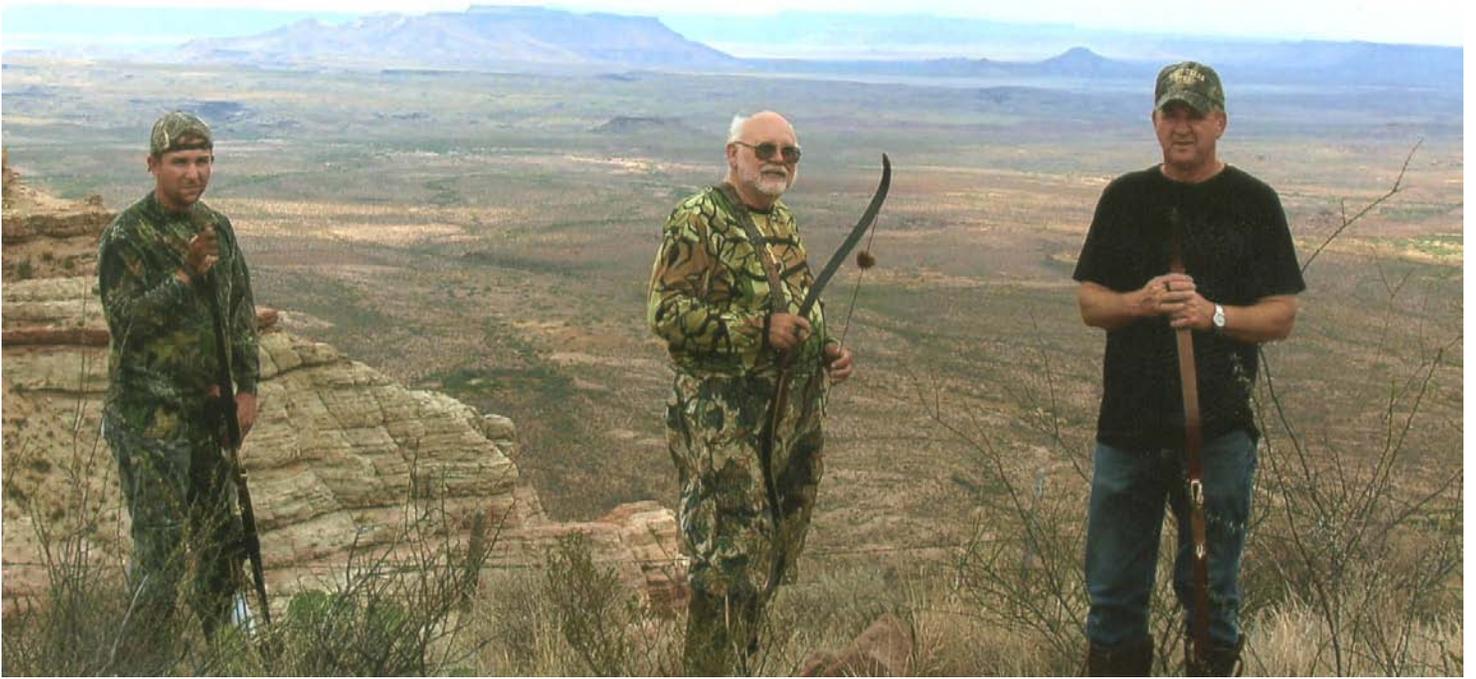


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Matt and Danny with the results of their days work

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How???.....As a permitted hunter be enrolled and attend the ANWR hosted I.B.E.P. Class or have already completed and passed the I.B.E.P. course. Hunters will be allowed to enter the hunt area for scouting and stand placement on September 20th & 21st from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. To gain early access to the hunt area each hunter just has to show their I.B.E.P. Card, Aransas 2008 Archery Permit, and Government issued Photo I.D. to the Refuge Law Enforcement Officers.

ANWR will be hosting a two day I.B.E.P. class on September 20th from 7:30am-2:00pm & September 21st from 8:00am-2:00pm. THIS IS A TWO DAY CLASS AND STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND BOTH DAYS. To enroll and r.s.v.p. for one of the 24 spots in the class you must register by calling one of the course instructors, Chris 832-888-4798 or Danny 361-222-152. There is a \$15.00 registration fee for the two day class and each hunter will have to bring their own lunch as only drinks and snacks are available at the visitors center. Dress comfortable for outdoor activities and current weather conditions, boots are recommended. Enrolling and completing the I.B.E.P. Class at the Refuge is a great way to learn the ins-outs of hunting the Refuge.

HAVE A GREAT HUNT!

NOTE:

Application for the ANWR hunt is included in this issue on the right.



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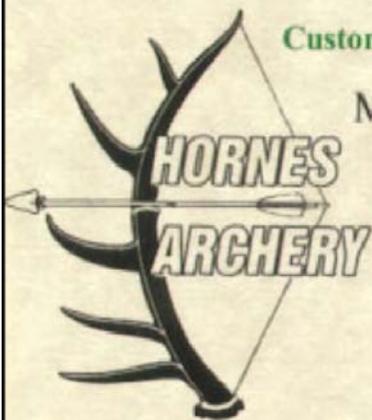
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This year he was hunting one of his granddads blinds, he took a shot at a nice 7 pt. We help him look for it and when we find the arrow, only the broadhead had any blood on it, so we figure it was a shoulder shot but we keep trailing, find very little blood and decide it wasn't fatal.

About 2 weeks later, will calls my bro and says he wants to come out to hunt again and that he was bringing a girl with him. They go to the blind and Will said she scared the deer off once by coughing and giggling. Then the 7 pt. comes in, he takes the shot and makes a good hit.

So it ends up that about 5 of us are looking for this deer even the little gal. Will on all fours finding BB size drops of blood and we find it, he hadn't gone far but ran in a zig zag.

Will jumps about 4 ft. in the air when he sees it, then he looks and finds the scar from the shoulder shot. When he starts field dressing it, I tell him "dang Will you sure know how to show a girl a good time".

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SNAKE HUNTING

By Chris Flinn

Years ago back in the mid to late 80's I did a lot of rattle snake hunting on ranches along our intercoastal water-way. Made hat bans, belts, and sold some for extra hunting money but always kept the meat for myself when I could. Probably caught close to 2300 over a 10yr period mostly by walking the spoil banks catching them out sunning. Never really like using gasoline to gas them out because I found for the best color skins it was best to hold them until a week after they shed. If they were gassed out of their den they did not live very long plus it wasn't nearly as much "fun" as walking out in the saltgrass hunting them.

I started holding the females until they gave birth then feeding the young three or four times before releasing them back into the wild, the pinkies were .35 ea. I made it a point to release more than I took and one year released almost 600. After ten years of walking the same route on the levees the average catch of 6 to 8 never changed. The most I ever snagged in one day was 22 and the heaviest catch was 11 snakes that weighed close to 70lbs that I sold for \$9.50lb plus a \$100.00 bonus for size, not bad for a 4hr walk after work.

Only two times did I ever come really close to being bitten. Once I saw the front part of a good 6ft'er stretched out in a cactus/brush pile. I gently clamped her and was trying to ease her up and out of the brush without getting her too excited when a 5ft'er raised up in my face. In one motion I slapped the one in my face down with my cap jumping back and jerking the 6ft'er out into the open. Only problem with this was the 6ft'er was really a 11ft'er with a head on both ends. The two snakes were hooked up mating and all in the same motion I swung them the full 360% back into the brush pile where they got tangled back in the brush and couldn't go anywhere. I had to take a little break to recover and the only reason I wasn't bit was because the 5ft'er didn't bite or want to bite. I then eased over sacking them one at a time.

The second time was with one of the females I was holding that had given birth. My holding cages were 2'x3' and 3' tall with a 12" inward spring loaded door on the top. She was a 4.5ft'er that had been burned solid black by a grass fire. Her tail was so burned her rattle was gone and would never make another rattle. I was cleaning and watering her cage. I would always use a water hose to clean/wash the cage and snake first before placing a clean water bowl back in with my 4' clamps always keeping my eye on the snake in case it struck. Just as I was pulling away and after I turned my head she struck through the cage door on the top. She missed only because my hand was in motion pulling off to the side. She was only a 4.5ft snake but struck almost 5ft as she struck well past my hand.

Learned a lot about rattle snakes, some are always ill tempered/wired and will strike at anything, other's are so laid back and you can't hardly make them strike. Not all venom is the same, I had one young that when he struck a baby mouse instantly the mouse would jump into the air in convulsions spitting blood from its mouth. I named him hot-shot and hot-shot was made into hat band. You can cut the head off a rattle snake and 6hrs later it can still bite so you always turn the heads upside down on the table so they can't reach up to bite. If you are comfortable in a long-sleeved shirt the rattle snakes are out and on dark nights when its dry and windy they are on the move and they always seem to be moving/facing into the wind.

One time walking in from the gulf/beach side I ran into a fresh marijuana patch, the plants were just starting to come up maybe 6" or so. It was small patch but back in those days it was a felony. I eased out and called it in but after a couple of hours no one ever showed. So I put my pistol on and grabbed my gas sprayer and headed back in and went snake hunting and ended up with a pretty good catch. On the way out I "fertilized" all the marijuana plants with a good dose of gasoline and when I got to the truck out stepped the grungiest looking tattooed dope dealer I've ever seen driving a sheriffs car. I drew him a map where three different small patches were planted that had been properly fertilized by my standards. He was a little upset because he wanted to catch them but when I told him their foot prints looked like kids walking in bare footed from the intercoastal on the same levee I just caught the sack full of rattle snakes on he rolled his eyes back in disbelief and said he would take care it. He had a pretty good idea who the kids were.

Another time after sitting down on a 5gal bucket while hunting on the refuge for over 10 minutes this damned fisherman kept cranking up his boat to check his crab traps out in the bay. Then I realized the only time he checked his crab traps was when I moved my foot, I looked down and right next to my boot was a little 20" rattler. I eased back up and put the bucket over him to finished the hunt. I wanted to know where he was when I headed out at dark and he didn't seem to mind at all with that arrangement.

I don't know if its I'm older or smarter but I have quit rattle snake hunting but mostly because my eyes and ears are not as good as they once were. The only ones I get to eat now is the occasional one I run across big enough to eat while out bowhunting. Always watch where you walk in rattle snake country and stay safe.

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This has been a fun year for me, I think I've had the best times at 3D shoots that I can remember, meeting and talking to new friends and shooting. I'm ready for hunting season to get here tho.

A big thanks to Jerry Bischoffberger for all the trouble he went to getting me pictures. I really appreciate it Jerry.

Thanks to Brenda, she does a lot of work for TBoT and helps me getting the newsletter out.

If you have any pictures and or stories, please sent them and I will include them in the newsletter. Any comments or ideas about the newsletter are appreciated.

Good luck this hunting season.

go fling some arrows

Peanut



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WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTERS OF TEXAS?

If you are reading this, chances are that you are a Traditional Bowhunter of Texas.

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.

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.

So, if you are still wondering who or what the Traditional Bowhunters of Texas are, chances are, you are one. Why not take time and join today?

TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTERS OF TEXAS Membership Application

Name _____

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*Business 1 Yr. \$30.00

*Business 3 Yrs. \$70.00

*Business Life \$500.00

*Business memberships include dues and a business card ad in four issues of the TBoT Newsletter per year.

You can join Traditional Bowhunters of Texas on the internet at www.tbot.org.

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