



TBoT Newsletter



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Presidents message

Hello fellow bowhunters,

Another hunting season has come and gone and I sure hope it was a successful one for all. Our busy season at the Bugscuffle is just now beginning with sheep and axis hunters, so that will keep me and Bryan from attending many of the 3D shoots. Trust me we'd rather play but duty calls first. I am looking forward to the Hill Country Shootout this year as usual. It's nice to get to see a lot of old friends and meet new ones. I just wanted to remind everyone to try to bring a raffle prize so we can have a bigger and better raffle this year. It can be for adults or children. Our representative at large Chris Flinn has informed me of a traditional forum. The address is www.tradrag.com. Anyone can go to this link and discuss anything concerning traditional archery. Thanks Chris! This forum is like Texasbowhunter.com only for traditional hunters such as archery or muzzleloaders. I think it's a great idea.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Debbie Keeling

A message from your secretary,

Spring is around the corner and thus the Hill Country Shoot. We are privileged, once again, to hold this event at the Bugscuffle Ranch in Vanderpool. Please send your pre-registrations to me. We apparently lost my address off the bottom of the form when it went to print. We are enclosing another copy and it's also on the web site in a printable form.

If you are interested in assisting with the set up or can help with the tear down of this years' shoot, please let us know. Help is always welcome and we will be hard at work Thursday and Friday. The range will be open just after sun up on Saturday and score cards must be turned in by 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

Our raffle gets better each year with all the generous donations from members and vendors. If you have something to donate, bring it to the shoot. If you want to donate but are unable to make it to the shoot, please contact me, Scott Sagebiel or any of the TBoT officers. All donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated. Anyone one donating a hunt or a bow can receive a free link or advertisement on the TBoT web site valid for one year. Please contact me for more details.

We have many expired memberships at this time. You don't have to wait until the Hill Country Shoot to renew. Send it to me now and it will make things go faster at registration. Don't forget, you get a free t-shirt with your pre-registration, deadline March 15th. See you at the shoot.

Brenda



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***Pre-Registration Deadline March 15, 2009**

Registration Form

Primary Shooter Name _____ T-shirt Size _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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| Members: | 1 Class \$20.00 | \$10.00 each additional class |
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| Youth: | 1 Class \$10.00 | 2 Classes \$15.00 |
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| Family (includes children under 18): | \$40.00 for 1 class / \$10 per person | Mulligan \$1.00 per class |
| | each additional class | |

Classes:

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| Men's Recurve Open | Men's Longbow Open | Seniors (+55) |
| Ladies Recurve Wood | Ladies Longbow Wood | Ladies Primitive |
| Ladies Recurve Open | Ladies Longbow Open | |
| Boy's Recurve (12-14) | Boy's Longbow (12-14) | Girls (12-14) |
| Boy's Recurve (15-17) | Boy's Longbow (15-17) | Girls (15-17) |
| Cubs (9-11) | Mini Cubs (8 & under) | |



Additional Shooters (If additional space is needed, please copy and be sure family name/address is included.)

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The Ham Slam of Texas

I know that E. Donnell Thomas has already talked about a Ham Slam. He was talking about pigs from around the world. Lets' face it, most members of TBoT are not going to get to hunt Africa.

The members of our traditional archery club has come up with a Ham Slam for Texas.

The javalina has to be in this. Some say it's not a pig or even in that family, hey , it looks like a pig, it grunts like a pig and most important, it's fun to hunt. Bowhunters in Texas have a chance to hunt the javi.

Now for the rest, I feel we need to go by color. Black, black white, red, red white, spotted, white and two off colors.

Texas Ham Slam

Javalina

Black hog

Black and white hog

Red hog

Red and white hog

Spotted hog (spot color does not make a difference)

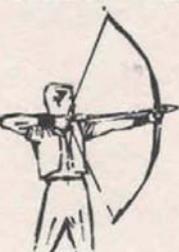
White (as pure white hogs in the wild are hard to come by, we figure this one at 60% white)

8 & 9 Off color hog (there are some that look gray, tan, fawn, steel dust. Any off color hog, but they have to be different off color)

10. You can use any of the above colors as your hog, because we know while hog hunting, you do not want to pass up a hog to eat.

Good luck bowhunting and have fun trying to get your 10 pigs for your Texas ham slam and size does not matter.

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The Legislative Column, February 09,

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

TPWD Proposed Changes to Hunting and Fishing Regulations for the 2009-2010 License Year

Texas Parks and Wildlife has 33 proposed changes for the 2009 – 2010 License year. I will cover only a few of them here. Please make your voice heard by commenting at the Texas Parks and Wildlife web site look for “Public Comment” The online public comment period is 08:00 a.m. February 20, 2009, through 05:00 p.m. March 25, 2009.

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

Resource Management Units “RMUs”

This is how deer will be managed in Texas beginning now. Resource Management Units will at their best allow a more focused approach to management of specific herds and at their worst they will try to put a the square peg of local variation in the round hole of consistent regulations. I am thinking it will be an overall improvement. Bag limits and regulations are being revised across much of the state based on the specific requirements of the 33 Resource Management Units.

For Example, in my home county: TPWD has proposed that In Grayson County, the four “Doe Days” be eliminated and harvest of antlerless deer be limited to MLD permit only, in order to be consistent with RMUs to the east of Grayson County. (ref. proposal # 13)

Second

Background for All Deer Items (from TPWD web site)

The department is proposing new rules to establish the open seasons, bag limits, and special provisions for the take of white-tailed and mule deer in Texas. The proposed rules reflect a new approach to deer management being introduced by the department. Until recently, the department collected biological information regarding white-tailed deer populations and harvest by regulatory compartment, typically a group of counties in geographical proximity to each other. The regulatory compartment concept was used for many years and was adequate to analyze deer population dynamics within the boundaries of counties; however, that approach contributed to highly variable population estimates, which affected the department’s ability to detect changes within a deer population. As a result of the department’s comprehensive science review in 2005, Wildlife Division staff developed an entirely new approach to data collection for white-tailed deer, defining specific areas (**known as Resource Management Units (RMU)**) that share similar soil types, vegetative communities, wildlife ecology, and land-use practices. The intent is to develop deer seasons, bag limits, and special provisions that allow the department to monitor the efficacy of management strategies on deer populations within each RMU. The proposed rules will still use the familiar system of county boundaries and major highways to delineate various regulatory regimes. The proposed new rules are intended to provide additional hunting opportunity where possible within the tenets of sound biological management, address resource concerns such as increasing deer densities, habitat degradation, and poor age structure among bucks, and simplify existing regulations. The proposed rules retain certain provisions that are identical to those contained in the current rule. With respect to white-tailed deer, those provisions are the existing lengths of the general open season and the archery-only open season, provisions governing the use of Managed Lands Deer Permits and Landowner Assisted Management Permits, provisions stating exceptions to the county and aggregate bag limits when certain tags or permits are used, provisions governing the definition of lawful bucks in counties where the "antler restriction" rule is implemented, and provisions governing the take of deer during Special Late Antlerless and Spike-buck Deer seasons.

1. Changes To Rules Governing Tagging Requirements For Deer (from TPWD web site)

The department has become aware that the practice of freezing an entire bone-in quarter for later consumption is technically problematic, because under the current law, tagging requirements remain in effect until the carcass has been processed "beyond quartering," which means, among other things, the removal of bones. Therefore, a quarter with the bone still in it must remain tagged. In order to remedy this anomaly, the proposed amendment would modify the statutory tagging requirements to provide that the tagging requirements for a carcass cease when the carcass is at a final destination, has been skinned, and has had at least one hindquarter or forequarter completely removed. Under Parks and Wildlife Code, §42.0177, the commission may modify or eliminate the tagging requirements established in Parks and Wildlife Code, §42.018.

24. Alligator Gar

The department proposes to establish a statewide daily bag limit of one alligator gar per person. The change is intended to protect adult fish while allowing limited harvest, which would ensure population stability while allowing utilization of the resource.

Chuck Menton:

Until next time, good luck and good shooting.



SHOOT SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7th : Brazoria County Bowmen's, Charles Reed and his phone number is 979-798-8614, <http://www.brazoriacountybowmen.com/3D.html>, Calif start 9:00am-12:00pm and all cards must be in by 2:00pm

March 7th & 8th : Corpus Christi, hosted by Tejas Bowmen. California start on Saturday, Shotgun start @ 9 on Sunday. Contact Robert Garcia 361 816 1026 or Pat Handley 830 876 8848. Tejas Bowmen have an excellent range, complete with indoor facilities. Map @ web site www.tejasbowmen.com

Holiday - March 21 & 22 Contact Tommy Shackelford 940-569-3050

March 29, 2009 - Turkey Shoot.,Denton County Archers Please check <http://www.dentoncountyarchers.com> for more details.

April 18 & 19, 2009 - 16th Annual Hill Country Shoot at Bugscuffle Ranch. .
The Girl Scouts will have a food booth again this year. Come hungry!!

Memphis - May 2 & 3 = Contact David Tarrant 806-204-0184.

May 9, 2009 - Longbow Warmup Shoot. Dento County Archers. Please check <http://www.dentoncountyarchers.com> for more details.

May 16-17, 2009 Glen Parker Stick Bow Round Up (Non TBoT) Chester, Texas located between Corrigan and Woodville approximately 80 miles northeast of Houston and 45 miles south of Lufkin, lodging and food available. Contact Bill Decker bdecker@nederlandk12.tx.us 409-722-0177

Saturday, June 6th : Canyon Lake Archery Club, California start beginning @ 9 am. Map @ web site www.clac.com Contact information, David Meckel 830 237 2615 or Pat Handley 830 876 8848

JUNE 6 & 7 Collin County Charly Alexander phone # is 469-450-2130 and the web site is collincountybowhunters.org

Saturday, June 13th : The Jim Hickman Memorial Shoot, Brazoria County Bowmen's, Charles Reed and his phone number is 979-798-8614, <http://www.brazoriacountybowmen.com/3D.html>, Calif start 9:00am-12:00pm and all cards must be in by 2:00pm

June 20 & 21 : Abilene Bowhunters Association hosting 40 target shoot, California starts, gate opens @ 7 am. Contact Eugene Purcell, 325 698 9710 or 325 669 1189 cell.
Website and map @ www.abilenebowhunters.org

July 11 & 12 : Concho Valley Archery Association, hosting 40 target shoot, California starts, gate open @ 8 am. Contact Butch Gleghorn, 325 944 3517 or Pat Handley 830 876 8848. Website and map @ www.conchovalleyarchery.com

September 12, 2009 - Whitetail Shoot. Denton County Archers. Please check <http://www.dentoncountyarchers.com> for more details.

November 14, 2009 - Thanksgiving Charity Shoot benefiting the Denton Food Bank. Denton County Archers.
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2009 Archery Non TBOT Shoot Schedule

March 1st through March 29th - Non TBoT Hunt - Archery Only Javelina - Hogs South Texas near Kingsville & Alice 2 day minimum \$85/day Youth \$50/day Primitive camping, some electric available, water, toilets, cooler, RV's ok 27,500 acres no ATVs or UTVs Contact Trinity Outdoors, Ltd. jwpeeples@yahoo.com 210-237-8450

Madisonville Archery:

Saturday, March 14Th - Spring Thaw Shoot -- Traditional Only

Sunday, March 15Th - Regular Club Shoot

Saturday, June 20Th - June Bug Shoot -- Traditional Only

Sunday, June 21St - Regular Club Shoot

Saturday, August 15Th - Texas Iceman Shoot -- Traditional Only

Sunday, August 16Th - Regular Club Shoot

Traditional Shoots are a California Start from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Regular Club Shoots are a California Start from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm with all scores to be reported by 3:30 pm

Location: Madison County Gun & Archery Range - Location map can be found at www.madisonvillearchery.com

Fees: Non-Club Members - \$15.00, Club Members - \$10.00

Mini-Cubs (8 Years And Younger) - Free

Family Maximum (Parents/Children) - \$40.00

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Awards For All Classes. Refreshments will be available.

Contact: Steve Kelley at 936-291-1274 for information

The Honorable State Representative Dwayne Bohac

Dwayne,

Bowhunters need your help. Would you please take look at HB No 968. It will permit the general use of the crossbow during the archery only season. The crossbow is not archery equipment and has never been allowed for bowhunting except by those who are handicapped.

Crossbows are already allowed during the 10 week general rifle season so I'm questioning why they now should be allowed during archery only season. Bowhunters DO NOT object to a special crossbow season, just not during the archery only season. The crossbow really needs its own separate special season if the need and demand is real. Before the archery only season was first implemented there were 10's of thousands of bowhunters and scores of archery clubs all across the state holding shoots, bowhunting, and requesting an archery only season. Today there is not one crossbow club in the state, not one crossbow club holding shoots training shooters how to properly and safely shoot the crossbow.

In 1965 when I started bowhunting everyone hunted with the recurve or longbow. When the compound was introduced to bowhunting it was included into the archery only season and gradually bowhunting became 96% compounds as their technology advanced. It is not in the best interest of bowhunting to see this happen with crossbows shooting 1" groups at 100 meters after they are permitted during the archery only season. Please help us honor and protect the archery only season.

Sincerely Yours,

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2009 Texins Archery Club, Annual Meeting and Extravaganza

On Saturday January 24, my wife Cyndi and I attended the First annual Texins Meeting and Extravaganza at Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch, (North Dallas). For those not familiar with Texins they are a large archery club operating in the north Texas area. They are made up of archers using all types of equipment. We were there to represent TBOT. We had been graciously invited by Texins President Clint Montgomery. Several archery industry vendors were present as well as representatives from other archery organizations and outfitters. The high point of the event was a presentation by Ted Cruz Solicitor General of Texas.

The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of and funds for the youth development programs Texins is providing. Texins introduced archery to 1000 children last year and has a goal of 5000 this year. Texins is doing a great job of introducing archery to youth and the public in general.

Cyndi and I set up a TBOT table with our computer open to the TBOT website. We had lots of visitors and handed out several applications and schedules. Also attending were former TBOT president Glen Bryant and his wife Sharon.

Texins put on a first class event. A good time was had by all and some support was gathered for a worthy cause.

Chuck Menton



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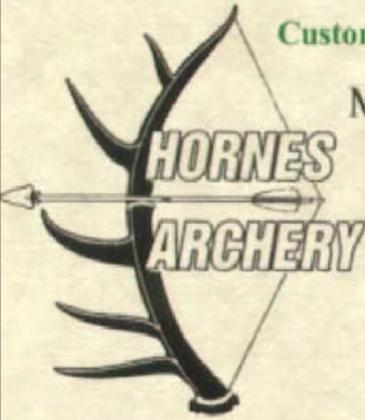


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Highlights:

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- 30 Target TBOT course
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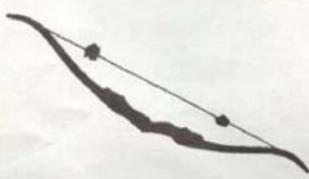
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WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTERS OF TEXAS?

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?

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