



TBOT Newsletter



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Q4 : November 2015

A very special thank you to BugScuffle Ranch, the Currie Family and H-H Ranch (Heidi Wyatt) for their contributions to our youth program.

17th Annual Texas Youth Traditional Championship Hunt Sponsored by BugScuffle Ranch, Vanderpool, Texas www.bugscuffle.com

2015 BugScuffle Ranch Youth Hunt Raffle Winners:
Mary Smith, Hannah Stone, Dawson Smith, John Krautz, and Wyatt Landrum
October 10-11, 2015.



3rd Annual Joe Krout Essay Contest H-H Ranch (Heidi Wyatt) Pipe Creek, Texas www.hbarhranch.com

Winners: Trevor Decuir, Keaton Heffley, Maryann Heffley
November 13-15, 2015



Wm H. (Bud) Murphy

A message from your President

Hello TBOT Family,

I had a great change in my life this year, September 21, 2015, I was wed to my best friend and hunting partner - no not Mark Holman or Todd Smith...sorry Bryan and Bryant not y'all either - Ms. Cori Ellen Coffey.

With the Celebration of Christmas coming upon us please take advantage of the company of our Mothers and Fathers and all of our Senior friends and family. One day their place in our lives will be filled with only their Memories!

Wm. H.(Bud) Murphy

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Brenda Stein

A message from your Secretary,

Happy Holidays....

I hope your hunting season thus far has been rewarding. I experienced more bowhunting this year than ever before. From a mama raccoon with babies trying to crawl in my lap while deer were eating acorns under me, to the buck rubbing his antlers on the low hanging branches of the tree I was sitting in. Deer standing on their back legs to lick the same branches, doe's bleating, a baby raccoon under my feet when trying to get down in the dark with deer near by, spending time hunting with my brother and nephews.

My Dad injured his shoulder while sighting in his riffle just prior to opening weekend. Unfortunately, this is the shoulder which he had an infection and spent most of the summer in the hospital with. He bruised it from the recoil, really bruised it, exasperated by blood thinners. Go figure, he ended up in a sling and missed opening weekend for the first time, a family tradition. Thanksgiving morning I asked Dad if I could sit with him, after all, the last time I sat with him he harvested a 14 point buck, as he would describe to his friend over the phone. It was a fallow buck for Father's Day on H Bar H Ranch some years back. He agreed. After sitting for quite some time, I noticed a deer heading towards us. My Dad's property, passed on by his Dad, is low fenced with no feeders. I alerted Dad. He was having trouble getting the moving deer in his sites. I whispered "I would try to stop it, be ready". (I was told this would work by a reliable source). I tried to say "hey" but my voice cracked and the deer kept moving. I cleared my throat and cupped my hands over my mouth and yelled ... "HEY"... the deer paused for a split second and Dad made a perfect shot. I saw the deer stagger and go down in the tall brush. We waited the appropriate time and together we went to blood trail his deer. I found it and drug it out of the brush as Dad watched (really...it was a spike buck and fortunately I didn't have far to drag it). Dad said, "you get this from your Grandmother". My Dad's mother hunted until she was unable. We used a foot stool to get her into the pick up truck and then to get her into the deer stand. She loved it. I am thankful for the time spent with my Dad and family, and to continue these traditions.

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Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday season.

Brenda



Happy Holidays

*Bad, Bryant, Brenda, Sandy, Pat, Bobby, Todd, Glenn,
Butch, Matt, Larry, Brandon, Holly, Harold and Judy*



Holly Middleton

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Welcome to Team TBOT. Holly is our new TBOT Facebook Administrator, she has already made a huge impact, quickly getting information to you. Thank You for volunteering your time to support TBOT.



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April 9-10, 2016 www.tbot.org

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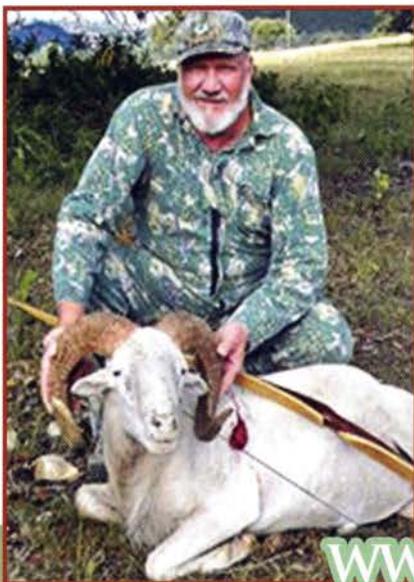


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"Why is it important to keep traditional archery alive?"

*"Why is this important to you and
how can you help to keep traditional archery alive?"*



Trevor Decuir (Harvested Hog and Turkey)

I think the art of traditional bow hunting should stay alive for several reasons. Let me explain some of the reasons why it is important.

First, I will tell you a little history about the Long Bow and Re-curve traditional bows. The Native Americans used bows for hunting for food, such as buffalo, whitetail and small game. The Longbow was a vital resource for their survival not only for food but also for protection. The recurve bow is dated back to before the Roman Empire dates. However, some still used the longbow in warfare many years after the development of the recurve. This one reason why I feel it is important to keep traditional bow hunting alive because it is an important part of our history.

Secondly, it takes skill and concentration to shoot traditional bows. Shooting traditional bows is good for both the mind and body. A friend of the family was having some bad anxiety problems a couple of years ago. One weekend they came over and we were practicing shooting and got her to try with our bows. She had never shot before, but was a natural from the start. Her parents ended up buying her a full set up and she uses archery to relax. Once you start archery shooting, it is hard to stop. It actually becomes somewhat addicting because you want to keep striving to get better. A kill with a traditional bow is very rewarding because of all the practice it takes to develop and perfect the art.

Last but not least, it's fun! The fun thing about traditional archery is doing it with your family and friends. It is so rewarding when you have been practicing and practicing and you become a very good shot. The thrill of just trying to get close enough to the animal by sitting still or stalking makes it even more fun. Traditional bow hunting is a real challenge with great rewards.

The above examples are the reasons that I feel traditional archer and bow hunting should be kept alive and passed on to future generations. I personally will pass my hunting and traditional archery knowledge to my children. I hope that other people feel the same and join me in passing it down.

Keaton Heffley (Harvested Turkey)



Primitive Traditions

Traditions are important in life. Sometimes things happen that are spontaneous and occur once in a lifetime, but mostly life is held together by memories that are quilted by traditions. Traditions are long established habits that as we grow we expect to have happen with our family and friends. These are the foundations in which we grow and build our lives. Traditional archery becomes the foundation or the building blocks of how we grow in our archery development. Being able to understand how the fundamentals work, enables an archer to build on the basics. When an archer understands how an arrow flies, proper anchor point, and other proper mechanics, then he or she is able to exceed at trying new styles of archery because they understand the foundations.

Traditional archery is important to carry on and transfer from one generation to the next. We must maintain our history and our foundations. In a world where technology is highly valued and sought after it is vital that we maintain our roots. People must be able to perform without machines and computers to "do

things for them". Carrying on traditional archery means being able to utilize skills that are practiced, learned, and developed over time. Primitive archery is an art that is developed and never perfected. An archer is constantly looking for ways to improve and develop their skills. He or she is always looking for ways to improve their methods by talking to other archers, reading, and lots of hours practicing!

It is also important to continue building strong organizations that support traditional archery. These organizations should also build on foundations of traditional archery and help grow and improve the sport. All aspects of primitive archery should be explored and supported because each individual has important qualities to contribute.

I am thankful that I was introduced to traditional archery because it has helped me grow as an individual. I have been encouraged by others in the field and lots of people have helped me learn new skills. I have been able to help others, too. Traditional archery has provided me a wonderful network of friends, but most importantly it gives me an opportunity to make family traditions!



Keaton Heffley
Maryann Heffley
Heidi Wyatt
Cynthia Heffley
Trevor Decuir
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Brenda Stein
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Maryann Heffley (Harvested Turkey, Spike, and Doe)



A Stone Point In Time

The gentle breeze blew gently over the tall grass as I slowly drew back my longbow with my stone point on my wooden arrow aimed directly behind the shoulder of an unsuspecting Desert Ram. This was a moment I had dreamed about and practiced for the perfect shot placement for years. I had readied my equipment, planned, networked with others to learn from their experiences, and now it was time to execute the plan. Sweat poured from my brow as I slowly released the arrow.....Without traditional archery, this moment wouldn't happen!

Primitive archery developed many, many years ago as a means of weaponry. It existed throughout many cultures and countries. People needed their bow and arrow to eat and protect their families. Before guns, this was one of

the most accurate, lethal weapons. As time went on, other forms of weaponry evolved. As society has become more industrialized, so have our forms of protection and methods of obtaining food. Thankfully traditional archery has been preserved and passed on to each generation. The art of bow making, the sport of shooting, and the benefits of practicing primitive archery must be carried on diligently and with great effort.

As a young traditional archer, I have been exposed to many different learning experiences and benefits of traditional archery through hunting, 3D competitions, and bow making. I truly enjoy meeting and being around people who promote positive experiences through archery. There is always something new to learn from someone or someone else to help start their traditional archery experience.

Traditional archery is beneficial for all ages! It is a sport that people can participate in from very young to old. It is wonderful for the more experienced archers to be able to teach the youth and pass on their knowledge to future generations. It is important to encourage young people to participate in 3D tournaments, join organizations that promote traditional archery, and educate the younger generations about traditional archery history, skills, and benefits obtained from traditional archery.

Traditional archery takes practice, patience, and perseverance! It is a skill that is developed over time and learning from your mistakes. Each experience is an opportunity to improve on the time before. If you stick with it, traditional archery offers you a lifetime of benefits. It is a great form of exercise and gives you the opportunity to experience the great outdoors. Traditional archery offers a great social network of friends. Lots of really wonderful people participate in traditional archery activities. The best benefits for young archers to take away from learning this sport are responsibility, respect, and good citizenship! Being able to make responsible decisions while hunting, being honest, and leaving the outdoors better than you found it are all traits of a traditional archer.

It is imperative to "keep traditional archery alive"! We all need to work together to accomplish this task by educating people about primitive archery, continuing to hold events that incorporate traditional archery, for example; 3D tournaments and bow making events, and always appreciating the true art of traditional archery.

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Cubs Recurve or Longbow (9-11) • Mini Cubs Recurve or Longbow (8 and under)

Youth Championship Classes

Girl's Recurve (12-14) and (15-17) • Boy's Longbow (12-14) and (15-17)
Girl's Longbow (12-14) and (15-17) • Boy's Recurve (12-14) and (15-17)

- There will be score card drawings and raffles for bows, hunts, stands, camo accessories and much, much more.
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Primary Shooter Name _____ T-shirt Size _____
Address _____
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Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____
Email _____

Members	1 Class \$20.00	\$10.00 each additional class
Non-Members	1 Class \$25.00	\$15.00 each additional class
Youth	1 Class \$10.00	2 Classes \$15.00
Cubs (9-11) and Mini Cubs (8 & under) Shoot FREE		
Family Members	1 Class \$40.00	\$10.00 per person each additional class
Non-Members	1 Class \$50.00	\$10.00 per person each additional class
(Family includes children under 18)		
Mulligan \$1.00 per class		

Classes (PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

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| Men's Recurve Wood | Men's Longbow Wood | Men's Seniors (+62) | Men's Selfbow |
| Men's Recurve Open | Men's Longbow Open | Men's Composite | |
| Ladies Recurve Wood | Ladies Longbow Wood | Ladies Seniors (+62) | Ladies Selfbow |
| Ladies Recurve Open | Ladies Longbow Open | Ladies Composite | |
| Boy's Recurve (12-14) | Girl's Recurve (12-14) | Cubs Recurve or Longbow (9-11) | |
| Boy's Recurve (15-17) | Girl's Recurve (15-17) | Mini Cubs Recurve or Longbow (8 & under) | |
| Boy's Longbow (12-14) | Girl's Longbow (12-14) | | |
| Boy's Longbow (15-17) | Girl's Longbow (15-17) | | |

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

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Registration received by March 11, 2016 will receive a free T-shirt . No rain outs. No refunds.

T-shirt sizes: Adult S M L XL XXL XXXL Youth S M L XL

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TBOT CLASSES

Seniors (Men) — 62+ (Effective 01/01/2014) – any bow, any arrows
Selfbow (a bow composed of one piece of wood from end to end allowing decorative backing of animal skin or sinew) – wood arrows only
Composite (all wood with no fiberglass) – wood arrows only
Men's Recurve Open — carbon, aluminum arrows, i.e. synthetic arrows (no wood arrows)
Men's Recurve Wood — wood arrows only
Men's Longbow Open — carbon, aluminum arrows, i.e. synthetic arrows (no wood arrows)
Men's Longbow Wood — wood arrows only
Ladies Seniors – Over 62+ , any bow, any arrows
Ladies Recurve Open — carbon, aluminum, i.e. synthetic arrows (no wood arrows)
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Ladies Longbow Open – carbon, aluminum, i.e. synthetic arrows (no wood arrows)
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Boy's Recurve (15-17) — any arrows
Boy's Longbow (15-17) — any arrows
Girls Recurve (15-17) — any arrows
Girls Longbow (15-17) – any arrows
Boy's Recurve (12-14) – any arrows
Boy's Longbow (12-14) – any arrows
Girls Recurve (12-14) – any arrows
Girls Longbow (12-14) – any arrows
Cubs (9-11) – Recurve or Longbow, any arrows
Mini Cubs (8 and under) – Recurve or Longbow, any arrows

TBOT Tournament Rules

1. Must shoot off the shelf. No Moving parts. When assembled, the working bow is to be one solid piece.
2. No sights or markings on the bow or string. Index finger must be touching the string and nock of the arrow at the same time to prohibit string walking.
3. Arrows are to be no less than 6" shorter than the draw length of the archer using the bow, e.g. to allow for Turkish, siper-type overdraws but to disallow vertical crossbows. Broadheads are not allowed.
4. Release shall be accomplished with the digits of the drawing hand.
5. Binoculars are allowed at all TBoT tournaments, but shall not be used once the shooter is at the shooting stake. No rangefinders allowed.
6. Minimum of Three (3) shooters/participants per group. If family members shoot together, there shall also be at least one shooter in the group that is NOT related to the family. No shooting alone.
7. Score keeper must be a shoot participant and be able to visually validate scores.
8. If an arrow bounces back from the target and is witnessed by the group, it shall be the decision of the group to score the arrow as agreed upon, however, this score shall not be higher than 10. Glancing blows (or ricochets) off the target score zero.
9. Some part of the body must be touching the stake. Cubs and mini cubs may shoot from where they feel comfortable.
10. One must shoot the class they signed up for unless approved at the registration desk prior to starting the round.
11. Fun rounds are welcomed but can only be shot after all scoring rounds are shot and score cards turned in.
12. Only one class may be shot per tournament round.
13. Children under 12 must be accompanied by adults on both the practice range and the tournament range
14. All dogs must be kept on a leash.
15. Driving permitted only in designated areas. No driving ATV's on the tournament range without prior consent.
16. Watch for signage indicating Burn Bans in effect.
17. No alcohol on the tournament ranges.

TBOT Tournament Grievance Policy

1. All grievances must be filed at the shoot at which the alledged rules infraction occurs.
2. A grievance fee of \$20 must be paid at time grievance is filed and is non-refundable.
3. Two TBOT Officers shall recruit two TBOT Members who are in good standing, and are participants of the event to form a committee to hear the grievance.
4. A private session will be held, vote taken and decision made.
5. Decision of grievance committee will be final.



Bobby Buff (TBOT Co-Founder)



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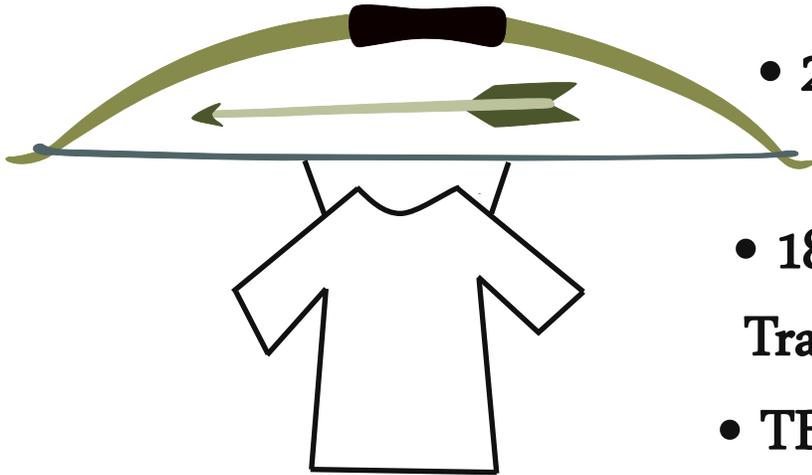
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TBOT Bulletin Board



TBOT T-Shirts Design Contest



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Deadline: Friday, January 29, 2016

Please send copy of your original design to Brenda Stein

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If your design is chosen we will contact you for the original. Have fun designing.

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- * Secretary Position
- * North Texas Representative
- * East Texas Representative
- * Merchandise Coordinator

1987 - Gobex Hunt

Bowhunters delight in making up and corrupting names: Gobex; e.g. - a blend of two species, which isn't suppose to happen under natural conditions. It does, though, occur between closely related species: Mouflon and Barbado Sheep, Spanish and nubian goats, Spanish and ibex goats, and whitetail and mule deer.

Mixing the genes of a Spanish goat and an ibex produces a Gobex. That's what I call the cross.

Jim Bozka of Hallettsville, Texas, had a Gobex on his game ranch at Vienna. I had phoned him earlier in the summer if he had an exotic I could hunt without having to mortgage my home. Yep! He had a Gobex for under two hundred dollars. I arranged a hunt for August 17 & 18, 1987.

Tarleton State University at Stephenville had finished the second summer school session, and the Fall semester wouldn't begin until the latter part of August. Although the faculty (I was a professor in the Dept. of Biol. Sci.) were still on duty until the last few days before the new semester convened. I turned in the final grades and slipped off to Vienna.

I spent the night in Hallettsville; early the next morning, I called Jim at the bank in Hallettsville and told him I was on the way to Vienna. We met at the ranch. He drove me around the pasture, pointing out the treestands, where I most likely would see game. Since it had rained recently, he let me use his 4-wheeler ATV. My motor home was inadequate for driving the rugged roads.

After the tour, Jim took me to a place to park the motor home. He spent a few minutes asking if I had any questions before he left for Hallettsville. I assured him everything seemed to be set for a 2-day hunt. As he passed through the gate, he shook my hand and told me he'd visit the next evening.

At daybreak, I cranked up the ATV and eased around the pasture scouting for likely places to set up an ambush. I had seen plenty of game by mid-morning but not the Gobex. I returned to the Dodge motor home and ate brunch. Finished after a second cup of coffee, I climbed on the ATV and continued to scout a place for an evening hunt. I intended to be set by 5 p.m.

"Well," I decided, "if I don't spot an Gobex within the next hour, I'll set up at the livestock tank (pond). Hunt this afternoon and early the next morning. Just have to ad lib the rest of the hunt."



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I shifted gears and drove out of sight and parked. A slight breeze tickled my nose. "Ah, the wind is in my favor." I padded softly in the sandy road to within 50 yards of the animal. He hadn't stirred. I stepped into the brush, zigged, and zagged, moving as quietly as possible, always trying to keep trees and bushes between us.

"If I can get another 30 yards without scaring him, I'll take the shot."

Slowly, I duck-walked toward the now suspicious goat.

"One more step to clear that low bush. Please, Mr. Gobex, don't run." He looked in my direction and stood up when, at 18 yards, I hunkered down and drew from. The sight picture looked good, and I released.

The arrow hit behind his right, front leg. He crashed through the brush and collapsed 140 yards from his bed. I sat down and checked my watch. It was 4:30 p.m. DST. And hot! Miserably hot! It would get hotter before I finished the field-dressing and measurements.

His right horn measured 24-inches in length; his left just a hair shorter. The circumference of the base of the right horn was 8 4/8-inches; the left 8 5/8-inches.

Note: Portions of this article were taken from the author's book, "Shadows Are Lengthening - Soon It'll Be Dark."

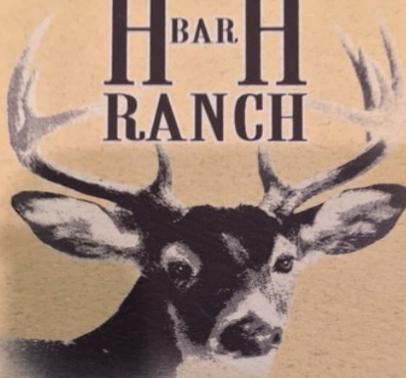
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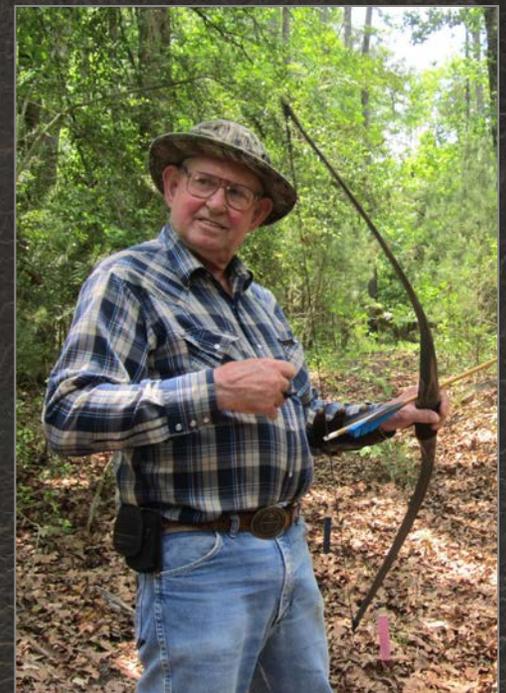
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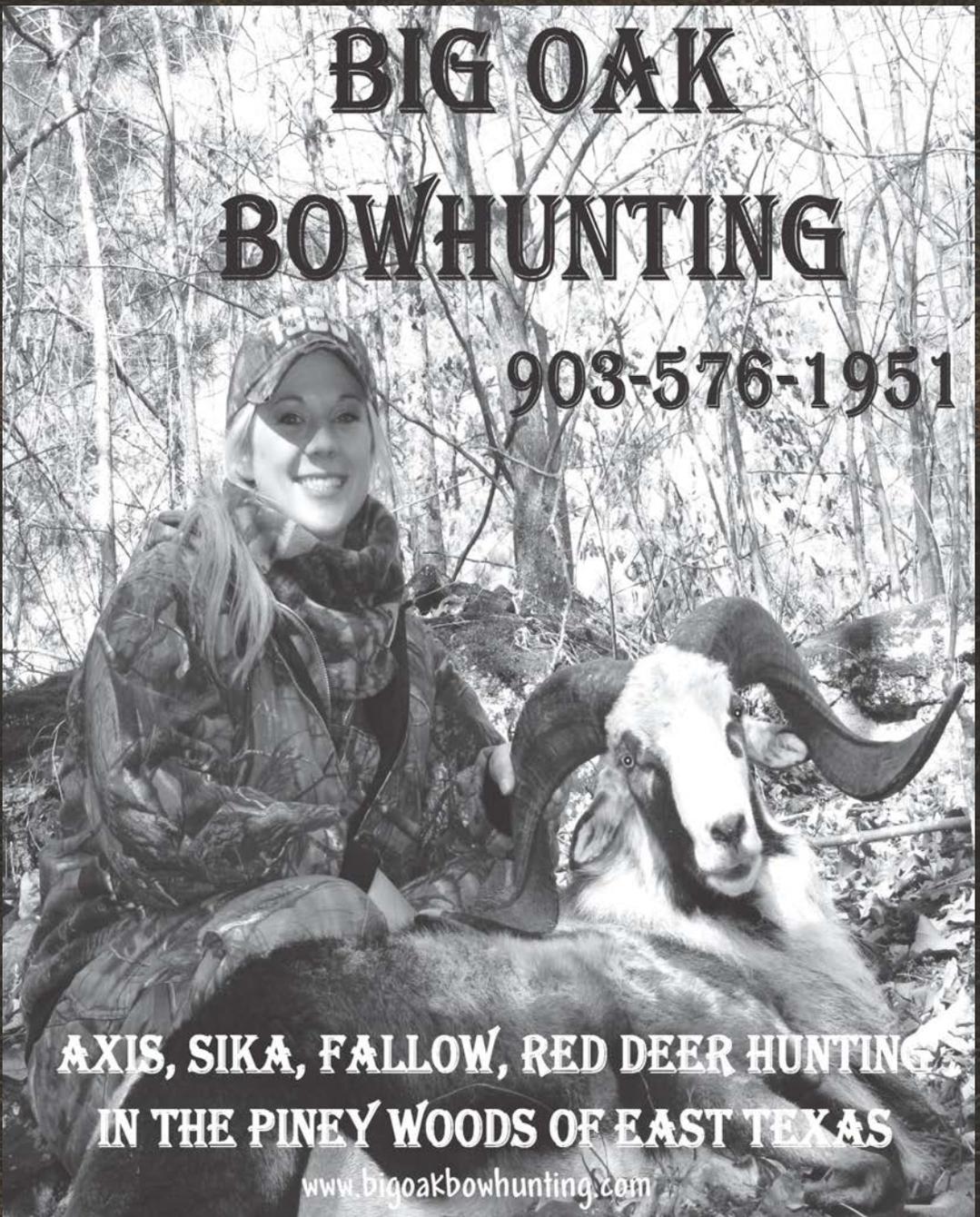
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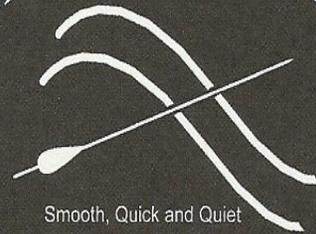
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Fifty-Five Years of Bowhunting Deer

By Bob Morrison

I started bowhunting when I was ten years old and lived on the Finlay Ranch, twenty-five miles southwest of Uvalde, Texas, on a gravel/dirt road. Now, the road (Farm to Market 481) is paved and connects to U.S. Hwy 277, northwest of Eagle Pass, Texas.

I don't recall the size of the Finlay Ranch. I've heard old-timers say it's somewhere between three and ten thousand acres. Regardless of the size, everything on the ranch scratched, stuck, stung, or bit. And, the old dilapidated house was a miserable shack. The outside walls were the inside walls ... a cat could be thrown threw the cracks in the walls! To keep out the cold, dust, and heat, newspapers were glued to the inside of the walls. A miserable place Uncle Fred and Aunt Jessie - ranch help - called home. Mine, too, until my dad remarried when I was ten.

Ah, but it was idyllic for me. I could run wild and hunt. My favorite sport during the summer was digging into pack rats' dens in the prickly-pear cactus and shooting at the rats with my home-made bow and arrows.

I made my bow from a young mesquite limb, cut to a length of thirty or so inches. I'd peel the bark from the limb and scap the wood smooth with my pocket knife. Afterwards, I laid the limb on the wooden porch in the shade and laid a board on top of the limb and placed rocks on the board to keep the limb straight until it dried. Within a few days, I'd remove the board. First, I'd cut a knotch in each end of the limb and stretch a cotton string from one end to the other. (Used string for sewing up feed sacks.) No arrow rest (Didn't know about such a thing.) and no nocking point on the string. My left index finger was my arrow rest, and I eye-balled where to nock the arrow onto the cotton string.

I made arrows from broom weed stems. Broom weeds are woody plants and grow straight. I merely had to strip off the leaves, make a shallow groove on one end for the bow string, and drive a small headless nait in the other end for a point. I re-inforced the end with the nail by wrapping 9-lb. test fishing line around the shaft above the nail. The pack rat hunting gear was ready. Didn't kill many rats, but I scared the dickens out of'em and gave the cow dogs some fun chasing the spooked rats.

After moving to San Antonio, Texas, with my dad and new wife, I never thought again about bowhunting until I started graduate studies at

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Texas A&M. Knox Walker, research entomologist, invited me to attend his 5-day archery class ... only cost \$5, with equipment provided, except an arm guard and a shooting glove. Since I'm naturally left-handed but a dominant right eye, I started the class using a right-handed bow.

The first animal I ever shot with my right-handed, 45-lb. pull Polar Bear Bow was a cotton rat at the Brazos Bowman Field Archery Range. Bob Barnes, an entomology graduate student, and I had just finished shooting fourteen field archery targets and headed for our cars, when we scared the rat into a pile of brush by the parking lot. Bob went one around one way, and I went the other. Luckily, I got the first clear shot. The aluminum target arrow passed through the rat's mid-section and pinned it to the ground. A hard thump to the rat's head with another arrow sent the rodent to its reward. This happened on August 7, 1959, and was my first animal taken with the bow and arrow. I've never shot another cotton rat since.

As I continued through graduate school at A&M, I finished the PhD in entomology in August, 1963, and accepted an assistant professor position for the Fall of 1963, at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. I joined the Beaumont Field Archery Club that Fall also. My shooting went smoothly until I developed "It", "Gold Fever", "Target Panic", or whatever a person wanted to call the unbreakable syndrome. I fought the conditional reflex reaction until 1966, when I resigned from Lamar and accepted an associate professor position at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

One afternoon, after a frustrating practice session, I decided I would change and shoot left-handed - my natural dexterity. All I had to do was close my right, dominant eye, and use the left. I practiced every afternoon for six weeks drawing, anchoring, aiming, and holding until I felt comfortable and confident. Slowly, I eased into shooting four arrows, with a minute's rest between shots. If I felt a twinge before releasing or any indication that I might jerk, snap-shoot, push the bow, or drop my bow arm, I let down, rested, and shot again. This kept me from developing a conditional reflex reaction that plagued me while shooting right-handed. After changing dexterity, I haven't had "It" again. Bowhunting has been a pleasant and relaxing sport for forty-nine years.

With this background of bowhunting, I will mention a couple of the more memorable hunts from Texas to Colorado, Arkansas, Maryland, and New Jersey. Not every hunt was a success but the hunts afield were. I

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won't burden you with details of each hunt, only a thumb-nail sketch.

In the middle 1980s, I hunted mule deer and elk at Rifle, Colorado. Saw lots of game, even flung a few arrows, but went home with empty ice-chests. Many good memories of the friends, climate, scenery, and wildlife. You don't have to kill to enjoy a bow hunt.

Jumping across the U.S., Billy Rumbo and I were invited to bowhunt deer in Arkansas. The guide was suppose to meet us at a Texarkana cafe. We showed; he didn't until mid-night, drunk as a waltzing sugar ant! In spite of his condition, he led us to the hunting area. Rumbo and I were up and drinking coffee an hour before dawn. The guide lay snoring loudly. We finished coffee, awakend the guide, and told him we were ready to hunt. He dropped us off and showed us a couple of trees where we could set up his ladder stands. He waved good-bye, yelling he'd pick us up later. Didn't see a deer during the 2-day hunt. I did kill a large copperhead snake as I was leaving the stand.

Moving north of the Red River into Oklahoma, I spent two summers collecting lung fluke sparasites from amphibians - mainly bullfrogs. During the two summer post-doctorates, I made friends with the head cook at the biological station; I'd give her a "mess" of frog legs if she'd provide me with a big healthy, noon sack lunch while I was collecting the amphibians. This deal worked out great for both of us.

As I approached middle age, I helped a rancher north of Stephenville, Texas, for nearly forty years. Shot lots of turkeys, deer, and small game; also, I froze a lot of fish fillets for the deep-freezer. Then, he and I got cross-wise, and I quit. Alice shot a trophy 11-pt whitetail.

Then, at the end of the 20th. century, I bought a small farm at Evant, Texas. The 154-acre farm has two small mountains, separate by a gap, called Buzzard Gap. When the Gift Tax was lifted by Obama, I gave the farm to my three sons. Alice and I have hunted and fished there ever since.

My life-time goal is to shoot and record 105 deer using the crooked limb and pointed sticks. During the 2015-2016 deer season, I hope to reach that goal. I have now entered 104 in my record book.

Since the cotton rat I shot at College Station in 1959, I have a record of every animal I have shot at and missed and every one I killed and other pertinent datah to refresh my memory. I regret not taking more photos of these moments.

On September 18, 2015, I'll be 83. And, since June 1, 1995, when I retired from higher education, I daily go through a light weight-lifting program while the coffee perks; afterwards, I walk two miles. Rain or shine; sleet or snow, I go.

I can still draw my 53-lb. pull compound bow easily. Before you say anything, I must explain why the compound and not a recurve. I injured my left shoulder, and the compound is easier and less painful to use than a recurve. If I had a choice of bows, though, I would rather shoot my smooth drawing, quiet shooting, light-weight, 50-lb. pull, Bear take-down.

When I reach my life-time goal of 105 deer, I'm hanging up my deer hunting bow and will depend upon Alice and her .257 Roberts to put venison in the freezer. I'll spend my time bowfishing; I'd rather bowfish than hunt any other species of wildlife ... bird, fish, or mammal.



Bob Morrison with his first bow-killed deer - a 6-pt. Taken at Wheelock, TX Oct. 5, 1961.

Bob Morrison with 8-pt., shot at Evant, TX, at 16 yds.; ran 135 yds.; 10/6/06. The buck was Bob's 95th. bow-killed deer. His first was killed when he was 26; here he is at 74.





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Las Pintas Deer/Javelina

By Bob Morrison

It's a long drive from Stephenville to Las Pintas Ranch. You drive west to Comanche on Hwy. 67, turn south on Hwy. 16 and continue to Freer. Turn west on Hwy. 44, and drive between 20 to 25 miles to the Las Pintas gate. A ranch hand will open the gate. Immediately, you know you're in the well-known South Texas brush country ... cactus, catclaw, mesquite, Spanish dagger, and other brush typically of the area. It's where everything scratches, sticks, stings, or bites. Yes, indeed! Ah, but what wonderful hunting country: varmints, deer, turkey, javelina, coyotes, bobcats. You may even have a friendly rattler visit your campsite. The spacious hunter cabin and cooking facilities are excellent. Very comfortable facilities.

I booked an individual 2-day hunt without any of the amenities the ranch offered. I slept in the bed of my pick-up truck and feasted on my favorite camp food: Vienna sausages, crackers, and canned beverages. I was the only hunter on the 3,500-acre, high-fenced, live-stock ranch.

I left Stephenville early in the morning, with the expectation of hunting that afternoon, which I did. Didn't see any game, but I found a couple of elevated gun stands, some ground blinds, and a couple places that I would use.

Just to sum up what I did during the two days, I hunted diligently, saw a half dozen bobcats, missed a couple of "gimme" shots at javelinas, and missed a nice 8-pt. buck at 50 yards. Didn't need any ice on the way home for any deer or javelina ... Uh! Me no shoot'em good.

The hunt was great. Before I left the ranch, the hunt master showed me photos of a couple of deer that had been killed by bowhunters. Scan the photos I took of the hunt.



Entrance to Las Pintas ranch compound.
Freer, TX. (Photo by Bob Morrison)



Warning. No explanation needed.
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Spanish Dagger in foreground; behind is
catclaw; in background are mesquite trees.
(Photo by Bob Morrison)



Hondo, TX hunters admire Las Pintas 9-pt.
(Photo by Bob Morrison)



Houston, TX hunter should be smiling about
this buck. (Photo by Bob Morrison)



Good-bye, Las Pintas. Nothing in the ice
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