

2007 Inductee
Jacki Taylor

I have the honor of introducing Jacki Taylor as an inductee into the Texas Field Archery Association Hall of Fame. This introduction is extra special to Betty and me because of our relationship to Jacki and Nathan.

Down through the years, whenever the TFAA has run into problems or needed a jump start, it seems that there has always been some special person to step forward – come up with some good ideas – work extra hard – and get things up and going – no matter how long it took. As I look into the audience, I can see that some of these special people are present tonight. From 1989 to 1995, because of the effort she gave, Jacki has become a member of this elite group.

She put some of her private life and her shooting on hold and concentrated on the job of Secretary/Treasurer for TFAA. As it turned out, the Association could not have been in better hands. A lot of you may not remember or know about it, but beginning in 1989, the then Secretary/Treasurer made off with all the funds in the TFAA bank account. I don't remember how much it was, but she got it all.

This was the beginning of some dark days for TFAA. When the news finally got out to all the members, some of the officers quit, some of the members quit, nobody wanted to do or take part in anything and negativity was everywhere. Before the dust had settled; we learned that besides not having any finances, the books were in complete disarray and most of the minutes, records, and documents were missing. The Secretary/Treasurer was for sure, the job that no one wanted any part of.

Thank goodness for people in TFAA like Jacki Taylor. She stepped forward – took the job, and for six years, along with two presidents and a number of different officers and field governors, helped get the TFAA financially stable and the membership working and growing again.

During her six years: She helped or did all the ordering, registrations, target assignments, awards, presentations, etc. for all the major tournaments. One of her first priorities in her first year as Secretary/Treasurer was seeing that all future secretary/treasurers be bonded. She was instrumental in the TFAA becoming incorporated. She helped design the first TFAA Championship Belt Buckle that was awarded at our state indoor championship tournament in 1993. Incidentally, she designed the belt buckle that our champions will be awarded tomorrow.

Along with her job as Secretary/Treasurer, Jacki assisted the editor in putting out the TFAN in 1991. In 1994 and 1995 she was editor of the TFAN as well as Secretary/Treasurer. Most recently, Jacki has held the job of District Seven Field Governor and currently holds the position of TFAA Historian.

The Medal of Merit is the highest award that the TFAA board can give to one of its members. As far as I could determine this award has been presented only a few times (possibly a half dozen). Jacki received this award from the board in 1995.

She has been a member of NFAA/TFAA for 29 years. She has been a member of the Longview Archery Club for 29 years in which she has served as President and Secretary a number of times. She has taught archery classes at Kilgore Jr. College. Jacki shoots in the Freestyle Division where she has won a TFAA State Outdoor Championship, 2 NFAA Southern Sectional Championships and a Southern Sectional Indoor Championship. Nathan, her “coach,” thinks her best shooting has yet to come.

Outside of her archery activities, Jacki holds a 1st Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. She is an accomplished belly dancer and performs with her group in and around the Longview and Kilgore area. (Jacki, Nathan said it was OK for me to share that with everyone.)

I’ll say it again – “Thank goodness for people in TFAA like Jacki Taylor”.

Written and Presented by Earl Johnson.