



2010 Inductee
Mike Palmer

Mike started shooting field archery at the age of 8 in Corpus Christi, at Tejas Archery Club where his Dad, Tommy Palmer was an avid archer and bowhunter. In 1957 the state field archery championship was held in Houston at Buffalo Field Archery Club. Mike won his first state championship there in the junior division. Mike has shot competitive archery for over 50 years in the following categories: Field Archery; FITA; IBO, and LSBA. In 1968 he won a National title in the NFAA Bowhunter division and also set a new National Record. Over the past 50 years he has won 11 TFAA state titles, 3 sectional titles, and 1 National title in field archery. He also has numerous archery titles outside of Field Archery. In 1984 Mike won State in the Bowhunter class, in 1985 he won State in the Bowhunter Freestyle Limited Class, in 1986 he won State in the Freestyle Limited Class and in 1987 he won state in the Traditional Class – with a recurve bow he make himself.

Mike has been a member of the following archery clubs: Tejas Archery Club in Corpus Christi; Buffalo Field Archery Club in Houston; and Brazos Bowmen Archery Club in Bryan-College Station. He has held offices in the latter two clubs and he also designed and helped build the Brazos Bowmen archery range in the 60's and the current range at Buffalo in Houston in the 80's. He has taught and coached archery to the girls' high school archery team when he was in high school, the Boy Scouts, for the Texas Parks and Wildlife "Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program", and many other youth groups. He has given archery demonstrations and programs in Texas, as well as many other states while working for three major archery companies: Wing Archery, Jennings Archery, and Ben Pearson. He also owned a Proshop in Houston. For the past 20 years he has manufactured custom recurve bows that are sold all over the world.

Mike's first love in Archery is bowhunting. He has hunted all over North America and has harvested many big game animals: Moose, elk, caribou, antelope, black bear, deer and mountain lion. He has 17 Pope & Young entries to date. Mike also operates a day hunting business for whitetail deer, hogs, turkeys and javelina – this is for Bowhunter only.

Mike has spent the majority of his life promoting all facets of archery in the state of Texas. That is why I believe he should be considered for the TFAA Hall of Fame.

Written by Nancy Palmer