

2002 Inductee Bobby Hunt

Ladies and Gentlemen, I take great pleasure in presenting this inductee of the TFAA Hall of Fame. This inductee began his field archery career in 1968. According to his wife he practiced day and night, hot or cold and anywhere he thought it was safe. After the first spring season of shooting local tournaments, he heard about the State and National Competition. The first attempt at the State

Championship was at Buffalo Gap Texas. He and his family traveled to Buffalo Gap on Saturday not knowing it was a two day shoot and was not allowed to participate. This was very disappointing but it didn't stop him.

The next venture was to Salinas, California to his first Outdoor Nationals, driving a 68 Falcon with his wife and two kids, a puppy and probably not even a back up bow. Everyone was shooting recurves so you didn't need all this extra paraphernalia people carry around now, besides if you were familiar with the 68 Falcon, there wasn't much excess space for such items. This tournament also was a little disappointing, he placed second in B Class with fingers. This didn't slow him down. The release aids and compound bows came along and he continued to improve his skills. The first major win was Outdoor Nationals in 1973, setting a new record that stood for two years.

This inductee has won:

Three Nationals Eight Southern Sectional Outdoor Seventeen State Championships Two State American Championships One State Bowhunter Jamboree Three National Senior Games Nine Texas Senior Games

Bobby designed and developed several release aids, the two most notable were a trigger release and the ledge. The first time he used the trigger release he was protested. Soon after, that same design concept was on the market ... the "Hot Shot."

This inductee has served on the State Board as District 5 Field Governor three years, President of IBA two terms and Field Captain of IBA many years. At present he works with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department, who sponsors Archery for the Senior Games of Texas.

May I introduce to you one of the 2002 Hall of Fame Inductees, Bobby Hunt.

(Bobby was nominated to the Hall of Fame by L. C. Durham.)