



2002 Inductee
Betty Johnson

By the year 1972, LBJ had decided not to run again for President of the United States. Richard Nixon was running a successful campaign and would soon become the 37th President. I was having my High School senior class pictures made. Gas cost .23 a gallon. The compound bow was still on the drawing board. Most of you Hot Shot Archers were just a twinkle in your dad's eye.

In 1972 Earl and Betty Johnson joined the local Longview Archery Club! They meet Robert and Ruth Ragsdale and were soon attending TFAA Tournaments. Robert helped them upgrade their archery equipment. Earl was shooting a Bear Grizzle recurve and Betty was shooting a fiberglass recurve both purchased at Gibson's. Betty says some of the best times in archery were shooting with the Ragsdale family. Robert (Rags) greatly influenced her interest in archery.

Betty joined TFAA / NFAA in 1973 and became a life member in 1995. Betty has won 14 Female Freestyle Championships and 3 Senior Female Championships and says she enjoys state outdoor the most.

To go along with those seventeen TFAA State Outdoor Championships, Betty has to her credit:

- Three State FFS Indoor Championships
- Three State SFFS Indoor Championships
- Twelve Sectional Outdoor Championships
- Two Sectional Indoor Championships
- One National SFFS Indoor Championships
- One World SFFS Indoor Championships
- Two times Archer of the Year Longview Archery Club
- Two times Bowhunter of the Year Longview Archery Club
- One time Big Buck Award Longview Archery Club

This long list of awards is impressive. Few would guess she has taken 35 white tail deer with her bow and Earl said he has field dressed every one of them.

I am proud of Betty for her service and she has contributed to the TFAA Board. She has served as TFAA Secretary/Treasurer for 7 years. One of her claims to fame is the fact she has served alongside three different TFAA Presidents. I am here to tell you her work and dedication to TFAA has been remarkable.

When asked the names of great archers, with whom she has shot, she said, "It has been my pleasure to shoot with Terry and Michelle Ragsdale, Ellis Gibson, and Bobby Hunt." Many people would include her in their list of great archers.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you 2002 Hall of Fame Inductee Betty Johnson.

(Betty was nominated to the Hall of Fame by Donna Rushing.)