



2008 Inductee
Clyde Miller

Clyde Miller started his archery career at the Victoria Archery Club back in 1966. In 1968 Clyde moved to Rockport and joined Shady Oaks Archery Club. Not long after, hurricane Celia destroyed the club and Clyde joined Tejas Bowman Archery Club. Clyde was president of Tejas Bowman Archery Club several years and helped the club grow tremendously. In 1990 Clyde was inducted as a

Lifetime Member of Tejas.

Joining TFAA in 1969, not missing a year since, Clyde shot his first Indoor state tournament at the University of Texas (this is as close as Clyde has ever been to higher education). Since 1969 Clyde has only missed 6 indoor and 6 outdoor championships. Winning his first State Championship in the 1980's, Clyde continued to strive for many state championships, but Steve Coleman put a halt to that. Clyde placed 2nd and 3rd many times behind Steve and did not win another state championship until he moved to the Senior Division. He has since won 3 outdoor titles and 3 indoor titles as well as 2 sectionals. During his time with TFAA Clyde has spent 6 years as a district representative, 2 years as president and was one of the first members of the Hall of Fame Board.

When Clyde took office the TFAA was nearly broke. With some hard work by all the members the funds were raised to over \$10,000 in the treasury. While serving as president of the TFAA Clyde was also the NFAA director for Texas. During his tenure the championship buckles were also reintroduced.

Being the second oldest archery shop in the state, Clyde has grown up with the archery business. 2008 will be his 30th anniversary in business. While having his own shop, Clyde has strived to make improvements not only for his shop but for others as well. Clyde helped organize T.A.R.M.A (Texas Archery Retailers and Manufacturers Association), the Tejas Youth Archery Club, the Big Dawg Tournaments (in hopes to bring more 3D shooters to field archery). He was a member of the ATA Dealer council, started the South Texas Bowfishing Club, a Pearson Archery rep for 2 years, a Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Counselor, an Eagle Scout, an Official Pope and Young Scorer, an L.S.B.A., scorer as well as a Regional Representative for 8 years.

Clyde has coached many state champions like Roy and Lisa Riley, Charmain Nelson, James Juleg, Brenda and Tyson Miller, Priscilla Diaz and Skylar Combs just to name a few. Clyde also ran one of the most successful bow hunting ranches in the state of Texas for 6 years. During this time 96 Pope and Young bucks were harvested. Clyde has only put 3 P&Y's on his wall, but after hunting with him for over 15 years, I know there could have been more. Just this year Clyde has video of a 150+ class buck at 15 yards. The buck had two broken tines, so Clyde passed the buck in hopes of a shot next year. Clyde is well known at the ranch for saying, "My pile doesn't have to be bigger than anyone else's, just have fun."

Some people love him and some people love to hate him, but he has been a real asset to the sport of archery. He truly loves the sport and considers the state indoor and outdoor tournaments as a family reunion. I am proud to be his friend and I am proud to nominate him for the Texas Archery Hall of Fame.

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