



2003 Inductee
Steve Coleman

It is my pleasure to be inducting Steve Coleman to the Texas Field Archery Hall of Fame. I have been acquainted with Steve since the early 1980's. I have always admired him. Steve is the type of person I enjoy being associated with, he is a goal setter and very dedicated to the sport of archery.

In 1983, with his first compound bow, Steve missed two deer during hunting season. He loved hunting so he decided in order to be successful, he needed to learn to shoot as well as he could. Steve found a local archery club, Huaco Bowmen, and decided to join. He started practicing with his friend Marvin Puryear. They were having a blast, but thirty yards was as far as they would shoot. Anything beyond that resulted in too many lost arrows!

It was not long until Steve had set a goal to beat a very good local shooter named Ken Sydow. By the time State rolled around in March, Steve was holding his own. Vic Cutting the favorite to win MBHFS was not competing that year. Steve finished in 4th place that year. Steve was still a beginner but he was very pleased with his score.

By the time 1986 rolled around, Steve was hitting his stride. I told him if he could put 2 halves together, he would be the new man to beat. Steve set a new record that year winning State and was picked up as a shooter by Hoyt. Steve proudly represented Hoyt until 2002.

While Steve's first love in competition has always been field archery, he was a successful indoor archer as well. Steve won 6 State Indoor titles and 4 Sectional Indoor titles. He still holds the indoor record with a 600 - 111X's. Steve has been in the money several times at Vegas and one year came in second, losing in a shoot off to Randy Ulmer.

Steve's outdoor scores improved a long way from those humble days of loosing arrows. He has won 7 Sectional Outdoor and 14 State Outdoor titles. At the present time he still holds or shares all of the State Field Records. Steve has also been involved in the management of archery. He served as President of Huaco Bowmen for 13 years, President of the TFAA for 4 years, NFAA Director, and is currently the Southern Sectional Councilman.

When visiting with Steve about his great times in archery, he is quick to express thanks to his lovely wife Christole for all of her help and support

It is truly an honor to have nominated and introduced my friend Steve Coleman to the 2003 Texas Field Archery Hall of Fame.

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