



2004 Inductee  
**L.C. Durham**

First impressions are often incorrect. The first time a person sees L.C. Durham shooting on the line he might think L.C. is a farmer. Why else would an adult man hang a tractor from his quiver? Wanda, his wife, enjoys telling about an archer who kept asking what kind of farmer L.C. was! He has a lot of talents but farming is not one of them! You will have to ask him about the tractor yourself.

His archery began in Kentucky. L. C. would accompany his 12-year-old son Robert to Bond Archery for lessons from Harrison Bond. At first he was just a proud father watching his son learn how to shoot a bow and arrow. The more L.C. observed proper shooting form the more the sport reminded him of his weapons training while in the military. I can do this thought L.C. so he purchased his first bow, a Jennings Shooting Star. Harrison was a Bare Bow shooter so he taught L.C. the basics of string walking.

Not long after his first bow purchase L.C. and family returned to Texas where he went to work for Texas Electric Service Company as their corporate pilot. Dickie Durham, L.C.'s younger brother, was already living in Texas and had also taken up the sport of archery. When the Jennings needed some maintenance Dickie said "The only man I would let work on my bow is John Nowell." So off to Trophy Archery with his Jennings in hand went L.C., not knowing at the time that he was about to meet the man he would later describe as the most influential person he ever met in archery.

Still today L.C. will get a twinkle in his eye when he recalls some of the good times he and John had together. It was not long before John had L.C. so involved with Trophy Archery and the Cowtown Archery Club that he was using a week of his vacation to add another 14 targets to the Cowtown Archery Club. L.C. recalls becoming good friends with Buzz and Jackie Hurst at Cowtown. Buzz helped L.C. design the new 14 targets and L.C. had it done by week's end. L.C. was soon very involved in TFAA. He would accompany John as he traveled across Texas promoting TFAA. John was the President and L.C. the Vice President.

Mr. Durham has won a lot of awards but one of his most treasured is an award he won at Trophy Archery in the early days. John had a weekly traveling trophy league. If you shot the best score at league with your handicap you got to take the trophy home for the week. At the end of the league the archer with the best-handicapped average got to keep the award. L.C. won the handicap award only to learn that the next year John wanted to change the traveling award from a handicap league to a scratch league. The bar was set, L.C. was not only shooting on league night, he was practicing every day. By the end of the scratch league L.C. had improved enough to again walk away with the traveling award.

When talking about archery it does not take long for John Nowell's name to come up. L.C. visited John many times during John's illness. He was at John's bedside only hours before John's death. L.C. proudly represented TFAA and NFAA in presenting Mary and the rest of the

Nowell family with John Nowell's National Medal of Merit at State Indoor 2001. What an excellent job he did!

Mr. Durham was nominated for the Hall of Fame in two categories. His record shooting scores and many victories are well documented, while his service to the TFAA board is greatly appreciated. Most recently L.C. served three years as our NFAA Director. Prior service includes four years service with two of those as Vice President. In 1985 L.C. took on the task of rewriting the State Constitution and By-Laws making them available to the membership. Those of us who have worked on the State Board know what a job that was.

### **TFAA SERVICE**

Field Governor, 4 years (2 years as V.P.)

NFAA Director, 3 years

### **SHOOTING AWARDS**

5-time National Senior Bowhunter Champion

16 Sectional Field Championships

14 Sectional Indoor Championships

18 State Field Championships

18 State Indoor Championships

### **RECORDS STILL HELD (as of 2004)**

Senior Male Bowhunter, Indoor:580-60x

Master Senior Male Barebow, Field:477 Hunter:469 Aggregate:946

Senior Male Barebow, Field:462 Hunter:460 Aggregate:922

Adult Male Barebow, Hunter:500

With an amazing 231 HOF Points it is easy to see why I nominated L.C. for the Hall of Fame. He has served on the TFAA Board at three levels. He shot record scores as far back as 1983 and as recent as 2003. Ladies and Gentleman, TFAA Board, TFAA Hall of Fame Board, and current Hall of Fame Members, may I present to you my friend, (The Farmer) L.C. Durham.

(L.C. was nominated to the Hall of Fame by Ed McCorkle.)