



2012 Inductee **Danny Cook**

Danny Cook first started shooting archery as a boy at home with his brothers. They shot around the house as kids and that introduction sparked his interest in the sport later on in life. A man he knew told him about a tournament being held at the Dumas community center. He invited Danny over to watch and Danny decided he'd like to try his hand at archery. Soon after that, Danny was the proud owner of a Martin Cougar Magnum and began shooting regularly. With the help of Jeff Jeffcoat and Howard Landry, it didn't take long before Danny was competing for championships and the competition for wins was stiff.

North Texas and Eastern New Mexico were on fire for indoor archery. Great shooters like Danny Cook, Howard Landry, Bill Clark, and Ted Reeves attended local tournaments in the Panhandle. If you could not shoot 58 or better, you had no chance of winning. As a matter of fact with Randy Holland attending, if you couldn't shoot better than 58, you were about to experience the feeling a release shooter gets when he gets whipped by a finger shooter. There were shoot offs every weekend and they prepared Danny well for competition on the state and national level.

Danny was one of the best for a long time. He won his share of titles while competing against Hall of Fame members such as Bobby Hunt, Jimmy Gresham, Troy Wesley, and some of the best ever, including Reggie Busby, Doug Bucy, and Greg Krepps. Texas was a hotbed for men's freestyle as all archers mentioned here won state championships and placed in the top three at NFAA nationals during Danny's archery career.

On the national level Danny was at the apex of the sport, being only one shot away from winning several national championships. In 1993, while competing in the pro division, he finished third at NAA indoor nationals in Colorado Springs, fourth at Las Vegas, fourth at the Professional Archer's Association Indoor Nationals and he finished second at NFA Indoor Nationals. That is a solid year of indoor archery that most of us can only dream about.

Danny served as Field Governor of District One for one term and he represented Precision Shooting Equipment for years, serving as a member of their pro staff. He was helpful in any way he could be. I've seen him rebuild bows on the range, in hotel rooms, and I even saw him re-cable a guy's bow in the hallway of a convention center during NFAA Nationals. Once at a sectional tournament, a pro shooter had been struggling to shoot well. He was fighting with his bow and couldn't get anything going. Danny suggested that the guy should take his backup bow home with him and see how it worked for him. The guy took Danny's Mach-5 home and over the next two weeks, he hit X 978 times out of 980 shots and placed second in the 1994 NFAA indoor nationals. To my knowledge, Danny had two bows and he gave another person one and said shoot it like it's yours. He helped others get better by giving sound advice, helping with equipment, and by raising the performance bar for all of us in Texas.

TFAA Indoor State (1st) – 1988, 1989, 1990, 1993 - P, 1994 - P, 1995 - P; (2nd) – 1987, 1995 - P; (3rd) – 1992
TFAA Outdoor State (1st) – 1988
Southern Sectional Outdoor (1st) – 1992, 1996 - P; (2nd) 1989
Southern Sectional Indoor (1st) – 1990, 1996 – P,

Las Vegas (4th) – 1993 - P
NFAA Indoor Nationals – (2nd) 1993 – P
PAA Indoor Nationals (4th) – 1993
NAA Indoor Nationals (3rd) – 1992 – P
NMFAA Overall Championship – (2nd) 1988
NMFAA Grand Field (1st) – 1988
NMFAA Indoor State (1st) – 1988 - P