



## 2017 Inductee Doug Bucy

I first discovered archery at Scout Camp, summer 1966. Got my first “real” bow, summer 1967. My Dad and I started shooting in a league in the summer/fall 1967. I don’t remember anybody having a stabilizer at first. A friend of Dad’s, Gene Bowman, invited us out to see the Garland Archery Club field range that September. I’ve been hooked ever since.

We joined TFAA/NFAA in 1968 and shot invitationals all over. It was really cool to shoot the first State shoots at Buffalo Gap. What a range! There were some really good shooters around then too, it is impossible to mention them all. But one that really stands out is Tommy Sprinkle. Before there was a Young Adult Class, Youth Class

A shot the full 80 yards and Tommy often was close to, or had the high score of any given tournament. He really brought the spotlight on us kids.

After State 1971, I didn’t shoot again until the fall of 1984, when I joined an indoor league at the Bronco Bowl in Dallas. I showed up with my recurve... *boy things had changed.*

I rejoined TFAA/NFAA in 1985, shooting FSL (with a compound). Tried a release (again) just before State outdoor that year, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Freestyle. This was my first time to place at State and will always be remembered as one of my favorite shoots, because of the beautiful Tyler Range and the people I got to shoot with.

It’s hard to pick out an absolute favorite moment after so many years, there have been some really exciting and fun tournaments. Some of the ones that stand out would be the close second place at the 1986 Nationals, third at the NFAA National, and fourth at the IFAA World Field in 2014, winning the Team Shoot at the 1987 Nationals with friend Rick Harper. This was a cash prize, winner take all, and we did.

I have been privileged to shoot with some of the best archers in the sport, including most of our Hall of Fame. One hard working competitor that deserves recognition here is Reggie Busbee. He, along with a host of others, have shown again and again that Texas is a tough place to shoot. If you can compete here, you can compete anywhere.

But it’s not all tournaments. Some of my favorite times have come shooting with friends or an evening after work, or a day off during the week. I’ve never been able to shake that initial attraction to a field range.

I’m proud to be an archer. I’m proud to be a Texas field archer. Wouldn’t have it any other way.



Over the Years:

- 5 TFAA Feld
- 7 Sectional Outdoor
- 3 Sectional Indoor
- 11 TFAA 900

Also,

- 2<sup>nd</sup> NFAA Outdoor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> NFA Outdoor
- 4<sup>th</sup> IFAA World
- 2<sup>nd</sup> NFAA Target
- TSAA Indoor
- USA Archery Southern Region Indoor
- TSAA Outdoor, Senior 60
- USA Archery National Target, Sr. 60
- Arkansas Senior Games