

## **RONNIE WEATHERMAN...DETAIL MAN**

Yes, Ronnie was a detail man. That is what his profession was and from what I know of him that detail carried over into every aspect of his life.

Ronnie's profession was a "Detailer". What Ronnie did for a living was take architects and structural engineers drawings of plans and detail the connections and the drawings to make their projects actually buildable and or erectable. I know the importance of this as I was a General Contractor for 41 years and could appreciate the good work of a good detailer like Ronnie. Ronnie once told me that he did work for a hand full of architects, engineers and contractors and they kept him as busy as he wanted to be. He was good at it!

The reason I tell you this is because Ronnie was instrumental in the infancy of our TBOF Club. Ronnie became a member evidently a short time after our Clubs first get together at our founders, Tom Brunoffsky's home at Reddick Florida in August of 1990. I met Ronnie at one of the early shoots of TBOF at the Gibson ranch shoot of TBOF. He and his wife Barbara were both good archers and involved with the Club early. They, along with long time members like Wayne Carter, Johnny Smith, Lance Wadkins, and Danny and Pat DuBoise were instrumental in bringing our Club along and out of its infancy.

I became the third President of TBOF by default, as our second President, Dave Hoye had to move to the west coast after the first shoot of his presidency in early 1992. Ron Weatherman, the detail man, assumed VP duties for the rest of my term. In those early days he also took on the newsletter editor duties.

The first big move that Ronnie did for our club was secure a great place for us TBOF members to use for our shoots. Our first good range was developed on the east side of the Rocking Horse Ranch just north of Umatilla on Lake Dorr. Ronnie of course knew the lady that owned the Rocking Horse and we had all of the spring shoots there for the remainder of mine and Ronnie's terms as President and VP respectively. This was a great move that helped grow our Club to about 250 members in that time.

Once my term as President was up, Ronnie was elected President and I became his Secretary/Treasurer. Again, the detail-man, Ronnie, came to the rescue. We of course needed a bigger place to have our shoots and more than one range. Ronnie came up with the place to Go.....Crooked Lake. At Crooked Lake we could have more than one range that we needed to stage our ever-expanding membership. At Crooked lake we were allotted the space to do that, and thus grew our Club. Ronnie was instrumental in acquiring that Forest Land Property for our shoots there. The only stipulation from the Forest Service was to collect a minimum fee from the Vendors based on the merchandise that each sold on the honor system. All of the above was worked out by our "Detail Man", Ronnie.

Ronnie, as the preacher pointed out at his funeral, carried his detail to his affinity toward the bow and arrow and to hunting with the bow and arrow. Ronnie was an exceptional archer with the bow and arrow and practiced with it continually. His attention to detail and form enabled him to win or place consistently in most all our tournaments while a TBOF member. He was a firm

advocate of tuning your bow and wrote several how to articles in our news letters to help us all. He was especially good at paper tuning bows with bare shafts to identify the right spined arrow to go with a specific bow. He taught me and others early that the right arrow is more important than the a properly braced bow in achieving good arrow flight and consistency. I am a disciple and preach his teachings yet today.

Hunting with the bow and arrow was a passion of Ronnie's also. I remember the times we would tell each other of our deer or elk hunts and the enthusiasm that he would display. Ronnie was a good hunter that carried his detail-oriented style to the woods and it payed off with quick clean kills year after year.

I will miss Ronnie, along with many others, and never forget him as long as I live. He was a good honest man and you could bank on anything he said because he was a 'detail man'. If he was bold enough to tell you something, you better listen because, he would not tell you anything if he were unsure of its validity.

I am happy to say that I was lucky enough to camp on the lake next to Ronnie at this last spring shoot. I spent some time with him for the first time in a long time. He was looking at a new bow and we got to talk a good while. I learned at Ronnie's funeral that he was exactly 2 years and 3 days older than me. More importantly we were both Scorpios born in late October. Ronnie was born on Oct.28 1947, and I was born on Oct 25th 1949. One of our main traits as Scorpios, is being passionate about the things we love. Ronnie was true to this trait, as I don't know anyone else in the Club that was more passionate than he, about our Club, Archery, and Bow hunting. It is good to be immersed in the things we love. That can never be taken from our friend Ronnie or us if we are passionate about anything. Of course, I did not realize that, this last spring shoot would be my last time seeing him. I will miss him a lot. Our Club owes him a lot!

Respectfully submitted,

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Original Horny Buck