



McClure Matches

Ted McClure

The Man Behind the Title

I have been involved with the CTGCSA for two decades. If my memory serves me, we have never named an event or an award after one of our members. Doing so requires a high level of scrutiny and consideration of worthiness. When the idea to name an event in Ted's honor was tabled, my 20 years of friendship with the man told me that it would be an easy decision. For me, his worthiness would not be measured by his experience in our industry but by his character, integrity, honor, generosity, commitment to family, all qualities that seem fleeting in today's society. Personally, Ted has provided me with an aiming point in my life. I forever owe him for that.

Ted was born in in Harriman, Tennessee in 1943. He served in The United States Air Force before coming to the promised land to get his degree in Biology from Southwest Texas State. He has been a biologist, a ranch manager, a hunting guide, a golf course consultant and, of course, a golf course superintendent for 43 years. He owned two businesses...an irrigation company and a deep-tine aerification company. He has served as the golf course superintendent at Lago Vista, Austin Country Club, Horseshoe Bay Resort and Tapatio Springs. He ended his career at the same course he started at...Lago Vista. Ted has been married to his wife, Woodine for 48 years. He has one daughter M'Lissa and son-in-law Mitchell as well as one grandchild, Trent.

One of Ted's passions is knife building. He builds them completely by hand, one at a time. They are works of art and I am proud to own several. He has made them from bedknives, saw-blades or whatever acceptable steel is available. Several of you who will read this own them as well. They are gems to be used, cherished and handed down. They are among my most prized possessions and serve to remind me of what can be achieved when you put your mind to it. Another passion of Ted's is arrowhead hunting. He has an eye for it and always makes me wonder how many I've stepped over obliviously.



Ted is also an accomplished bow-hunter with a very impressive collection of high scoring trophies. Ironically, his biologist roots make a, sort of, Dr. Doolittle at the same time. I have personally seen deer eating Cheez-nips off of Ted's office desk. Bizarre. If you see Ted, stop him, say hi, get to know him. You will be better for it and you will make his day. I have never met a man finer than Ted and I am proud to call him my friend. I know how honored he is to have our event named after him.

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