

Brookshire Masonic Lodge 1066 Presents The First Annual Texas Masons Big Buck Bonanza

Brookshire Masonic Lodge 1066 is hosting its First Annual Big Buck Bonanza for all Master Masons, their spouses, and children of members of any lodge that is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The entry fees for this contest serve as a fundraiser for Brookshire Masonic Lodge's Building Fund with a portion going towards prizes for the winners. Along with this, we will host an awards banquet in January 2025 (after the 2024-2025 General Whitetail Season Ends). For the banquet, we will donate a portion of the proceeds from the meal and auction towards the Hunters for the Hungry and The Veterans Afield Foundation.

This is a fundraiser and the goal is to raise funds for charitable organizations. As Masons we are taught to not cheat, wrong, nor defraud another Mason. With that, please be honest and sincere in your entry and follow all state of Texas rules established by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. If you cheat or do anything illegal, you will be disqualified, and your entry fee will not be refunded.

When is the contest?

- Start: Daylight of September 28, 2024 when archery season begins
- Ends: Sunset of January 19, 2025 when the General South Zone season ends

What are the boundaries?

- Animal must be harvested inside the boundaries of the State of Texas per the laws of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

What is the cost for entry?

- \$50 per hunter

Who can hunt:

- A current dues paying member of the Grand Lodge of Texas, the members spouse, the members children, their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses. All hunters must be Texas residents. Member and his family must provide their member ID number. Prior to award, your lodge must verify that you are a current dues paying member to be eligible for the award. All hunters must have a current State of Texas hunting license.

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What is eligible:

-Whitetail deer harvested in the state of Texas during from Archery season start to end of General South Zone season in the 2024 – 2025 hunting season.

When must I be entered by?

-Proof of entry must be made 2 days prior to harvesting the animal. The time stamp of your payment method and the date on your tag used on the animal must be at least a two day difference.

What is the earliest I can enter?

-September 20, 2024 at 12:01 a.m.

When must I be entered by?

-Proof of entry must be made 2 days prior to harvesting the animal. The time stamp of your payment method and the date on your tag used on the animal must be at least a two day difference.

How is my animal scored?

-Animals are scored by certified scorers of the Texas Big Game Awards using their rules. There are scorers located across the state in most towns. Attached is a list of certified scorers. Once you received your signed and certified score, you may email the PDF of the document as your entry along with a picture. We will update the Facebook page every Monday during the season and the final results will be posted Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at Noon. Scoring method is GROSS. No deductions will be made for anything non-typical. You will be asked by the scorer so please make sure they score GROSS. To find a list of scorers, please go to: www.texasbiggameawards.org/official-scorers/

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What are the divisions?

-Low Fence Division

- Biggest buck overall score
- Biggest 8 point overall score
- Longest Spike (overall total length combined of both sides)

-High Fence Division

- Biggest buck overall score
- Biggest 8 point overall score
- Longest Spike (overall total length combined of both sides)

-Youth Division: MUST BE AGE 16 or younger prior to September 27, 2024. *If you are born on September 28, 2008 or thereafter, you will be considered a youth hunter.*

Youth High Fence Division

- Biggest buck overall score
- Biggest 8 point overall score
- Longest Spike (overall total length combined of both sides)

Youth Low Fence Division

- Biggest buck overall score
- Biggest 8 point overall score
- Longest Spike (overall total length combined of both sides)

How may I harvest an animal?

-Any means that are deemed legal per Texas Parks and Wildlife as long as you follow archery season and general season rules. There is not a separate archery division.

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Can I be entered in more than one division?

Yes. Your entry fee enters you in all categories barring your age. If you qualify as a youth hunter, you may only win one of those divisions. If you harvest an animal in the low fence division, you may only enter that animal in that division. If you harvest an animal in a high fence ranch/lease, you only qualify to enter in that division. If you harvest one animal in a high fence ranch you may enter in that division and then hunt in a low fence ranch and harvest and enter in that division. Everything is based on age of hunter and whether the animal is harvested in a high fence or low fence ranch/lease inside of the state of Texas.

What are the prizes?

--Low Fence Division

- Biggest buck overall score 1st Place – 5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED
- Biggest 8 point overall score 1st Place – 5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED
- Longest Spike (overall total length combined of both sides) 1st Place – 5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED

-High Fence Division

- Biggest buck overall score 1st Place – 5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED
- Biggest 8 point overall score 1st Place – 5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED
- Longest Spike (overall total length combined of both sides) 1st Place – 5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED

-Youth High Fence Division

- Biggest buck overall score 1st Place – 2.5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED
- Biggest 8 point overall score 1st Place – 2.5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED
- Longest Spike (overall total length combined of both sides) 1st Place – 2.5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED

-Youth Low Fence Division

- Biggest buck overall score 1st Place – 2.5% of TOTAL ENTRY FEES RECEIVED
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If you have any questions, please contact Chad Peschke – 713-725-7612 or via email

Please note: By using the Texas Big Game Awards scoring system, you can enter their contest as well for free. Please let the scorer know that you will be entering that contest as well so that they score accordingly.