

2006

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A half century of service to archery

Frances Durff began shooting archery in 1956 and has been a member of Chico archers ever since. In 1957 she became Treasurer of the Chico Archers and has continued to serve the club as an Officer for many years. She also has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Cascade Region. She served on the CAHOF committee in the 1960's.

She and her husband operated the Pioneer Archery shop in Chico from 1958 to 1984, and as an NFAA coach helped many adults and children learn to shoot archery.

Frances was CBH-SAA Field Champion in 1967 and 1968 and placed 4th in the 1967 NFAA Field Tournament. She became an NFAA instructor in 1962, a member of the NFAA 500 Club in 1967.

For 37 years she has competed in Tournaments all over California. She was active on the archery exhibition team, performing before many local organizations. And was also an active bowhunter.

In 1970 she was sought by Phyllis Cordell, who was disabled and confined to a wheelchair. With coaching and encouragement from Frances, Cordell won the Amateur A Class at the State Target Tournament held in Coalinga as well as winning many other awards.

Frances has written many articles, concerning archery from 1958 to 1971, reporting on activities of the Chico Archery club and the Cascade Region.

Frances Durff, for almost a half-century, an active member of the archery community, instructor and coach and a dedicated promoter of archery.

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Bev Kouns

- -Beverly Kouns began a stellar career in archery some 33 years ago. 1972 was the year that her husband introduced her to the sport so that they would have a common activity to share. That common activity has blossomed. Those first months produced so many lost arrows that the Port Orford cedar industry boomed. There were sore fingers, there was frustration, but through it all was the one cornerstone to Bev's archery foundation. That cornerstone was Don Kouns. It was Don who put that first Bear recurve into her hands, he later taped on that first matchstick to Bev's recurve as a makeshift sight. It was Don who first supplied her with a release. Encouragement, instruction, coaching, practice, practice and more practice became a mainstay in the Kouns household. The competitive nature of this marriage certainly was stretched. Gradually frustration subsided; fingers healed and in time the Port Orford cedar industry suffered. Yeah, there were not many lost arrows from Bev's quiver after 1973. There's been no looking back since then.

The list of accomplishments is long and it is outstanding.

- There has been a membership in the Black Mountain Bowmen archery club from 1970 through 1998. During that time Bev served as secretary for 3 years and as a newsletter Editor/Publisher for 4 years.
- 1975 she became a Carroll's Archery Products Staff Shooter
- 1977 she entered into the professional division of competitive archery
- 1993 she became a Martin Archery Staff Shooter
- 1995 saw her become a National Archery Association Level 2 Certified Archery Instructor
- 1999 she became a member of the Nevada County Sportsman archery club in Nevada City, NV
- 1999 she became a life member of the National Field Archery Association
- 1999 through present she is and has been a NFAA Certified Instructor Bev has an outstanding list of personal archery shooting accomplishments:
 - CBH State Indoor Champion: 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995 through 1999
 - CBH State Field Champion: 1991, 1992 & 1997
 - CBH State Target Champion: 1995, 1998 & 1999
 - NFAA Marked Field 3-D National Champion: 1996
 - 1996 and 2004 she was the IFAA World Champion in the A-Class and Senior divisions respectively
 - 1998, 2002, & 2004 she was the NFAA Outdoor State Field Champion
 - 2000 she was the North American Field Archery Champion

Records held have included Adult Female Freestyle

1995- Aggregate score 2761
1995- Field Score 1101
1995- Hunter Score 1100

Senior Female Freestyle 2003-Aggregate Score 2744

2003- Animal Score 573

2003- Field Score 1081

2003- Hunter Score 1090 Throughout the many successes Bev has enjoyed Don remains by her side. He's occasionally heard muttering to himself, "I taught you everything you know but not everything that I know". The competitive spirit obviously lives on in the Kouns household. Few archers can count themselves in a league with the likes of Bev Kouns. We are all fortunate to have witnessed the success. Congratulations Beverly, job well done!

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