

2010 Hall of Fame:

Joan Becker
Ken & Chickie Hiyoshida
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Joan Becker

2010 Inductee for California Hall of Fame

Many of you may know that Joan is married to Joe Becker who was an inductee from 1992. Joan became an archer & hunter after marrying Joe in 1966. She harvested her first deer with a bow in 1977 and competed in many, many tournaments spanning from the late 60's through the 70's and 80's. Not only just competing but winning several.

Joan has played an active role with the Golden Feather Bowman Archery Club, Nor Cal Bowhunters and CBH/SAA. In 1981, she became a certified Bowhunter Education Instructor and continues to teach throughout California certifying new bowhunters and experienced bowhunters as IBEP instructors. In 1986, she became a Hunter Education Instructor, at the request of Capt. Cowan in the Sonoma Valley area and taught there until 1994.

She has also been instrumental in the beginning of archery with the physically challenged participants of the Special Olympics, which then led to the beginning of the First Annual Sports Jamboree on the West Coast. This is still held today in Yountville Veterans Home in September.

In 1994, she as well as Joe, would teach the Becoming an Outdoor Woman program. This is a class they still teach today. In 1995, Joan was presented with the NFAA's Metal of Merit, along with Joe, to become the first husband & wife team presented with the honor.

Since 1995, Joan has worked in the public, instructing beginners of archery at the Yuba City Mall, Cub Scout Jamboree, CWA's Camanchee Hills Family Fair & the Sacramento Sportsmen's Exposition. She has also been hired as an archery instructor for Boy Scout Camps teaching 6 classes a day for five weeks of camp!

Other interests & memberships of Joan have been and still are (not like she doesn't have anything else to do!);

- Member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, a Masonic Order
- Member of the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church & Hope Christian Church
- Sewing! Joan's Jit-r-bug, is her own business making formals, hunting clothes & IBEP vests

Joan no longer hunts due to an injury but this does not stop her from providing her knowledge and love of the sport to others. She is currently a member of Paradise Bowhunters & Cougar Mountain Archers and is a Life Member of CBH/SAA & NFAA.



**Chickie Hiyoshida -
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Chickie began with archery in the 50's when her father bought she and her sister a bow & arrow set. She shot in the backyard and on camping trips.

Fast forward a few years and she started "serving" the archery community. She served as vice president of the California Archery Businessmen Association for 2 terms. The CABA was for archery pro shop owners to better the sport through hunter education, general public education on archery and working with manufacturers. She presented a program to many schools to offset the ant-hunter theme in children's literature.

She served as the first woman president of El Monte Archers for three terms as well as other offices; editor, secretary, tournament coordinator and Sunday shoot coordinator.

In CBH/SAA, she served as the 2nd VP for ten years! She worked on increasing the number of participants and locations for the shoots, while also completing many archery shop range inspections.

Along with her work on the state level, she worked as director, co director and the "what do you need me to do" gal, for Frontier Days, City of Hope, NAA JOAD Nationals, the Mammoth Shoot, CBH State Field, State Indoor, leagues and novelty shoots.

Even that isn't enough, she served 25 years as the secretary, co-coach and cheerleader for the award winning JOAD program.

She and her husband Ken have since retired and moved to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington. But, it didn't take them long to find the local archery club and have met many bowhunters.

She and Ken are now enjoying the wildlife in her yard and neighborhood and own and operate Trade Winds Alpacas.



**Ken Hiyoshida -
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Ken purchased his first bow, a bamboo long bow with wooden arrows, in 1953. He wanted to do some shooting in his backyard.

In 1955, Ken bought his first recurve and joined the local archery club. He was hired on at Jet Propulsion Laboratory and spent his lunch time shooting when the weather was good and building arrows (guided missiles ☺) during rainy weather.

He started as a volunteer instructor at Archery Headquarters in El Monte, as his son Troy wanted to learn. He worked with Red Slack the winter of 1973, becoming the head instructor, teaching adult classes and the JOAD program.

In 1974, the family joined NFAA & El Monte Archers. He was an active member of the club and served as club president for 2 years and vice president for 2 years.

In 1975, he became a member of NAA and took and passed a Level 1, 2 & 3 NAA coaching class under the guidance of NAA/NFAA Pro Vic Berger. He received the Archery Inc Award in 1975.

1975 wasn't busy enough so he left Archery Headquarters to set up a JOAD program and adult classes at Arrow Archery in Covina, where he stayed for 2 years. After those 2 years, in 1977 he and his wife, Chickie, started their own business, Archer's Haven.

He was chosen to be the first NAA Western Regional JOAD coordinator and updated the program. He worked many years with a large and productive JOAD club and spent 30 years teaching beginning and coaching advanced youngsters and adults.

Ken was an active member of California Archery Businessmen Association and joined AMO (Archery Manufacturers Organization) & ARRO with the prestigious number 001.

He has worked to create a new organization to promote archery, especially for youth; The UJSCA (the United JOAD of Southern California and Archers) hosts the NAA & SAC State Championships, Duel of the Desert trials, and the Duel of the Desert (a tournament between California and Arizona).



Richard Eckenburg
2010 Inductee for California Hall of Fame

He first became interested in archery in the 50's when he was in high school. Hunting was always an interest of his and with a bow it was just more of a challenge. His interest in organized archery started simply as a way to improve his hunting abilities.

After he got out of the Army, he hunted with a rifle, but in 1977 he told his wife Joey, he wanted to get back into bowhunting. That Christmas she bought him a Bear Whitetail Hunter, with wheel no less. The next deer season he missed 5 bucks and he told Joey he had to go somewhere and learn how to shoot the damn thing. He found out about Maya's Archery Club in Roseville and showed up on Club Shoot Sunday. He soon found out one of the reasons he couldn't shoot the bow very well. He didn't have an arrow rest on the bow. You see when he shot his recurve all those years, he always shot off the shelf and that was the way he set up the compound. The nice people at Maya, especially Fred Murphy, put an arrow rest on his bow and he was on his way. It was shortly after that he attended his first tournament. From that point on he was hooked. Within a few years, the whole family was shooting and they were going to shoots every weekend. Since then, he attended shoots in Nevada and Oregon. He has attended NFAA National Tournaments in Darrington Washington, Yankton South Dakota and Watkins Glen New York.

In March 1982, he joined the Nevada County Sportsmen Club to help start up an archery range. Along with Charley Washburn, John Steger, Richard Johnson and a few other guys. They started laying out an archery course that summer. In November of that year, he was elected to the Board of Directors for the club and served on the board for nine years. He was also named the 1st Range Master of Nevada County Sportsmen Club and he has held that position ever since, which is 28 years. In 1991, he was elected Vice President of the Nor-Cal Region and served for 4 years before he was elected President of the region in 1995. He served as President for 4 years (2 terms) before Frank Danner appointed him to the Leg. Rep. Position in 1999. He held this position until he was elected President of CBH/SAA in 2000. he served as President for 4 years. He served as the Tournament Chairman for the Southwest Sectional in 1994 as well as Co-Chairman for the California State Field Championships. He has been the tournament director for NCS's June Shoot and the new State Field Tournament format. He has been on the Hall of Fame Committee since 1997 and been a major contributor to the local 4-H archery program for 6 years. He has been the Archery Director for NCS the last 2 years and he has been an officer in archery for over 28 years.

Hunting is how he got started in archery and it has always been a major part of his life. Every August, you can find him spending his birthday hunting somewhere in the woods of California. He has taken numerous deer and turkeys in California including a nice buck that scores 133 7/8 in 1990. he has traveled to Oregon and Colorado to hunt elk and has been successful, but his biggest elk hunting adventure occurred here in California. In 2005, he took a 6 x 7 California Tule Elk in Bishop that scored 240 6/8. that was his second California Tule Elk.

Here is a list of some of his accomplishments in the sport of archery:

1994 - Set the record (which he still holds) at the National Field Championships in Darrington, Washington with a 558 on the animal round. He finished 2nd that year in FSL Senior.

1997 - He finished 3rd in FSL Senior at the National Field Championships in Darrington, Washington.

2000 - He was the State Field Champion in FSL Senior and Husband and Wife State Field Champion

2001 - Again he was the State Field Champion in FSL Senior and Husband and Wife State Field Champion

2002 - He finished 3rd in FSL Senior at the National Field Championships in Watkins Glen, New York

2003 - He finished 2nd in FSL Master Senior at the National Field Championships in Darrington, Washington

2004 - He was the State Field Champion in FSL Master Senior and Husband and Wife State Field Champion

2005 - He was the State Target Champion in FSL Master Senior

2005 - He finished 2nd in FSL Master Senior at the National Field Championships in Yankton, South Dakota

2005 - He was the State Broadhead Champion in BHFS Master Senior

2006 - Again he was the State Broadhead Champion in BHFS Master Senior

2007 - He finished 2nd at the State Target Championship in FSL Master Senior

2008 - Once again he was the State Field Champion in FSL Master Senior



**Rusty Mills -
2010 Inductee for California Hall of Fame**

Rusty was 10 years old when he first remembers the sport of archery. He and his Dad, along with others were building the first range at Kings Mt. Bowmen. By the time he was 17 he received his first bow & arrow set. Fast forward 55 years and many, many tournaments, he is still shooting today.

Rusty has competed in many different styles; FS, FSL, BHFS, BHFSL, FITA Recurve and Traditional. In his words, "I guess I just like watching arrows fly".

He has won many tournaments, including Vegas, Nationals and made the US Field Team. He holds Championships in; 1-NFAA Outdoor Nationals-Pro Division, 7-NFAA Outdoor Nationals-Senior Division, 7-NFAA 3-D Nationals-Senior; FS, FSL & BHFSL, 3-NAA National Champion.

19 State Target Championships in FS, FSL, BHFS, BHFSL
17 State Indoor Championships in FS, FSL, BHFS, BHFSL, Traditional
13 State Field Championships

Records held or have held by Rusty; FS, FSL, BHFS & Traditional/Field, Target & Indoor

17 National Records - NAA FITA Round
1-World FITA Round record
1-World IFAA record
1-NFAA National record

His highlight was from 2008 with 4 National Championships; in Redding 3D in Senior FS, NFAA Field Nationals in FSL, NAA Nationals in Compound Fingers & Compound Release and set 15 national records!

He has been a coach for Stanford University and has worked with the Nevada County Gold Team.

Rusty takes great pride in his grandchildren and teaching them to shoot. "Life is good" when his grandson says "I want to go shoot with papa"!

Rusty is a Life Member of NFAA and CBH.

