

1996

Arlie Clift

Kathy Clift

"Cap" Frank Gregory

Robert Jensen

ARLIE & KATHY CLIFT

1939-__ 1940-__

A LIFETIME FOR ARCHERY

Arlie joined South Gate Target Archers in 1963, and soon served as an officer in that club. When he joined Valley West Archers, he became an officer for them. Southern California Archery Association benefited from Arlie's services as well. In 1975 Arlie conceived the idea of forming the California Archery Hall of Fame. There was no procedure in place anywhere in the country for honoring outstanding archers to serve as a guideline. Arlie talked with the leaders of the archery community to enlist their help and financial support. It was nearly a year before a structure was in place to elect the first archers to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Today the National Field Archery Association is instituting a National Hall of Fame based on California's.

During the year Arlie was gathering support for his idea, Kathy learned to type and took a business class to develop the skills necessary to conducting the business of the Hall of Fame Committee. She assisted Arlie in generating funds for the awards through letters and telephone calls. Kathy's steadfast belief in the importance of the Hall of Fame has buoyed Arlie's dedication in times when funds were hard to find. Kathy has been the communication center for the committee, organized its records, scheduled its meetings, arranged accommodations and services for the inductees, and even placed centerpieces on the tables for the banquets.

When Arlie and Kathy moved to Visalia, Arlie became an officer and newsletter editor for Antelope Archers of Woodlake, and concurrently served as president of Central California Bowmen. During his terms of office he was instrumental in creating the San Joaquin Valley Children's Hospital Benefit Tournament.

Arlie approached CBH-SAA with the question of where our archery excise tax moneys were going. He was made a Legislative representative at large by the legislative coordinator and was given the duty of following through on his question. His efforts on CBH-SAA's behalf resulted in the first BLM land that became available for purchase by an archery club - Kern River Archers. Through Arlie's efforts the CBH-SAA Range Acquisition Committee was formed.

Kathy and Arlie traveled all over the country for two years, promoting archery through public demonstrations of trick shooting and target skills. Thousands of children and adults learned about the ancient traditions of archery through their efforts.

For thirty-two years Kathy and Arlie have worked as a team dedicated to further the growth and standards of the sport they love. Their twenty years of work for the California Archery Hall of Fame has created a permanent Institution for California Archers.

Inducted 1996

CAPTAIN "CAP" FRANK GREGORY

1890-1965

A DEDICATED ARCHER

"Cap" Gregory was a Captain in the U. S. Army in WW-I. He was a member of the USA Military Shooting Team and was well known as an expert marksman with both pistol and rifle. When he left the service Remington asked Cap if he would use Remington firearms in a traveling trick shooting show. This was in the early days of vaudeville. In 1939 a good friend of "Cap's", Fred Bear, suggested that the bow and arrow would fit very nicely in the act. It did.

"Cap's" trick shooting act took him around the world performing in many countries for many people including heads of state. Gaining worldwide recognition, "Cap" Gregory inspired young and old to take up the sport of archery. "Cap" hobnobbed with the likes of Iron Eye Cody, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, and Audie Murphy who he taught how to shoot the bow. He also taught many others, including his daughter, Gladys Ripple who became a two time California State archery champion and two time national archery champion. "Cap" was an outstanding instructor and coach.

"Cap" was instrumental in starting the Sierra Field Archers and the Sagittarius Archery clubs. "Cap's" shooting partners consisted of many famous archers including Fred Bear, Roy Hoff, Babe Bitzenberger, Nubby Pate, the Wilhelm Brothers and many more who are in the Archery Hall of Fame,

"Cap" was also an excellent bowyer and made many of his own bows. He was instrumental in the development of the Falcon broadhead in concert with Pete Warneki. "Cap" shot the long bow and the recurve, which were made mostly from yew or orange osage backed with sinew. In tournaments "Cap" shot two bows, one for short and one for long distance which he called his "artillery model". In those days you could shoot as many bows as you could carry.

"Cap" Gregory's love of archery inspired him to promote the sport around the world. And the sport of archery today is all the better for having "Cap" Gregory as part of its history.

Captain Frank "Cap" Gregory, a dedicated archer, more than worthy of membership in the California Archery Hall of Fame.

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ROBERT "BOB" JENSEN

1929-

"A MODERN BOWHUNTER

"In 1938 when I was nine years old Howard Hill was a role model for many young men and boys. Then, along came Errol Flynn acting in Robin Hood. From that time I was a committed archer." Bob started bowhunting on Long Island, New York before moving to Santa Ana, California in 1950.

As a bowhunter, Bob has harvested all the listed species legal to hunt in California, and has 57 animals listed in the various categories of the California Bowmen Hunters Big Game Record Book.

Twenty-five of those listed met the requirements for deer, the most taken by any California archer. Bob also has Mule Deer, Antelope, Mountain Goat, Yellowstone Elk, Caribou and Black Bear listed In the Pope and Young record book.

In 1983, 1986, and 1987 Bob Jensen was awarded the Whitney-Hill award for outstanding achievements in bowhunting. The Whitney-Hill award is the highest and most prestigious award given to a bowhunter in California by the California Bowmen Hunters and State Archery Association's Big Game Club. To date this award has only been given 5 times. Bob is the only person to have been the recipient of this award more than once.

As an archer Bob won the following: California State Broadhead Championship In 1961, 1969, 1972, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991 and 1993. California State Bowhunter Pro. Div., 1983; NFAA National Professional Bowhunter, 1976. NFAA National Senior Traditional Bowhunter, 1991.

In 1952 Bob Jensen helped form the Oranco Bowmen Archery Club in Orange County, Calif., serving 23 years in various officer positions. Working with CBH-SAA Bob attended many Wildlife Federation meetings on behalf of California bowhunters. He is a senior member and measurer for the Pope and Young Club and a Life Member of CBH-SAA Big Game Club. Bob was the editor and publisher of the first and second CBH Measurers Guide and Big Game record book.

In 1986 Bob did a shark bowfishing hunt for T.V. During this same time frame Bob was featured in ads by both Easton Aluminum and PSE archery companies promoting bowhunting.

At this time of his induction to the California Archery Hall of Fame, Bob Jensen is still bowhunting and competing in archery tournaments in the traditional style of competition.

Bob Jensen, a modern bowhunter and involved archer.

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