

2014

Kathy Budding

Jeff Fabry

Bob Lawson

Ron Morrett

Kathy Cruse Budding....A woman of many talents over the years. Most of you see Kathy as holding an office for either CBH/SAA, the NCFAA Region or as a past officer of Diablo Bowmen.

But did you know that Kathy was also an NFAA National Champion in 1979 when the Nationals were held at Detroit Lakes?

It all started back when Kathy joined Diablo Bowmen in the 1970's with her husband Red Cruse and their children. She joined NFAA and CBH/SAA then and began shooting tournaments. From local club shoots, open shoots, regional shoots, sectional shoots and CBH/SAA State shoots.

Then not long after that, she went to the NFAA Nationals in Jay Peak Vermont in 1975. For the next 10 years, she never missed the Nationals. Sadly, in 1989, Kathy's husband Red Cruse passed away.

Kathy kept on with archery and became involved in the "politics". In 1991, she and Pete Budding were married.

Kathy has held every office in Diablo Bowmen, except for treasurer, but served twice as president. She is a Life Member of Diablo Bowmen as well as for NCFAA Region, CBH/SAA and NFAA.

She has also served as the NCFAA Secretary/Treasurer and is serving yet again as president.

Since 2000, Kathy has been the Chair for the newly formed California Archery Foundation and Range Committee.

In 2004, Kathy was the Senior Ladies Bowhunter Field Champion, in 2005 she placed 2nd in the CBH/SAA State Indoor and in 2009 she won the CBH/SAA 900 Tournament. She has also participated and won first place in many Senior Games in the Napa and Sacramento areas.

She, along with her husband Pete, had attended numerous NFAA National Tournaments from Watkins Glen, NY to Darrington, WA to Mechanicsburg, PA. She followed up her state title from 2004 and won the national title while in Watkins Glen and again in 2007 and 2009.

Field archery has always been an important part of Kathy's life and she has always worked for the betterment of field archery.

Jeff Fabry, “new” to the archery world, but has made a huge mark in the archery community. Jeff began shooting archery in 1997 after a motorcycle accident when he lost most of his right leg and arm. He wanted to get out of the hospital, get back to his life and go hunting with his friends.

He learned to shoot by holding the bow in his left hand and drawing back the string while biting onto a mouth tab and pulling back. He quickly became proficient with the bow and arrow and his wife convinced him to get involved with Para-archery.

Jeff became a mentor, roll model, coach and team captain for the Para-Archery team. He has coached all archers and enjoys giving back to his country by coaching disabled veterans of the Wounded Warriors Program and coaching for the Navy/Coast Guard team at the 2011 Warrior Games.

In 2012, Jeff won the gold medal in the Paralympic Games in London. This was the first gold medal won for USA Archery in Olympic or Paralympic Games since 1996. In 2004 and 2008, he won Paralympic archery bronze medals in Athens and Beijing. He is a five time world championship medalist.

Some of his other accomplishments include;

2011 Silver medal, Men’s Team Compound, World Archery Para Championship in Torino, Italy

2010 First place, Compound, World Invitational Disabled Archery Competition, France

2010 First place, Compound, AAE Arizona Cup

2009 Silver medal, Compound, IPC Archery World Championship, Nymburk, Czech Republic

2008 NAA AR Open Indoor National Champion

2008 World Archery Festival Freestyle Limited Champion, Las Vegas

2008 NFAA Pro Freestyle Limited Indoor National Champion

2008 NFAA Stan Open Freestyle Limited Champion

2007 Gold medal, Compound, IPC Archery World Championships, Cheongju, Korea

2005 Gold medal, Recurve, IPC Archery World Championships, Massa-Carrera, Italy

2004 Two Bronze medals, Recurve and Team finals, Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece

2003 Gold medal, Recurve, IPC Archery World Championships

As a father of two, Jeff knew how important it was that he shows his kids how to be positive and have good sportsmanship. And boy, has he ever. Jeff is an inspiration to not only disabled archers but to many, many archers. His humbleness and outlook on life is a rare quality.

Robert Lawson, also known as “Awesome Lawson”, was born and raised in Illinois, out in the country. He enjoyed the outdoor activities and the challenge of accuracy and excelled to the point of becoming a marksman in the Marine Corps.

In 1964 when Bob left the Marine Corps, he decided to stay in California. His brother belonged to Redwood Bowmen in Oakland and this is where his enjoyment and challenge of archery began. He joined the club, met Tim Meigs and purchased his first Meigs bow and started shooting after work and on the weekends.

In 1973, he decided to make the move to Idaho, where archery was the best kept secret, an hour away from home. Everyone around was shooting a sight and release, it was evident; he changed up for the challenge. He met up with other local archers and he was instrumental in starting a local club in Grangeville. He found land to lease and they started the Camas Prairie Bowmen.

Needless to say, Bob was President from 1973 to 1985. In 1984, he became an NFAA Archery Instructor and taught classes at the local school. Through his leadership, they hosted indoor and outdoor leagues, monthly club shoots, state broadhead, state outdoor shoots.

In 1986, Bob moved to Rio Linda and found that Maya Bowhunters was close to home. He began a new challenge and started shooting a longbow. He continues that today.

Bob has also held many offices. He was Vice President at Maya Bowhunters from 1986 to 1988, was also on the Maya Board, President of Traditional Archers in San Francisco for 14 years and was a NORCAL Representative.

He has taught archers from the age of 7 to beyond, has instructed Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls was an event planner for Cooley Middle School’s Renaissance Fair, created and organized the Maya Awesome Stick Bow Classic and instrumental in creating the Maya Toys for Tots.

Bob is also a friend to many. For 12 weeks during the Maya Archers Broadhead League, Bob would drive around on his quad assisting a fellow archer, who was disabled, so he could shoot.

Bob has put many miles on his bow activities. He has participated in tournaments from Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Arizona, Colorado, South Dakota, Mississippi, Canada and of course, California.

Congratulations Awesome Bob!

Ron Morrett...an innovator, bow manufacturer, competitor, shop owner. Quite some time ago, Ron used to build rocket launchers for General Dynamics. He then used his knowledge to build arrow launchers.

Ron had an archery shop in Fontana. He had a vision that if he could build missiles and missile launchers that the same principles would apply for archery. He knew manufacturers had built Dyna Bos, but they didn't work out until he got his hands in there.

Ron built all of his bows by hand. For over 20+ years, he hand crafted them, one at a time and fine tuned them before it was sold. His bow was the ideal of any pro shop archery store. With the flexible draw length from 24" to 34" and the forward handle that could be moved forward to rear to give you the exact draw length without changing anything else. In the words of Bill Heins, with his bow, you became a "Morrett shooter".

Ron was in the forefront of the transition from magnesium to aluminum and among the first to make machined risers and to have them anodized. He also made stabilizers to absorb some of the recoil of the bows and made quivers that had 2 attachment points instead of 1. Remember, this was many, many years ago.

Ron was also a competitor and extended his hand to his competitors to come and shoot at his shop. He was a dedicated archer and made his fellow archers, a better shot.

He was a generous man too. He supported many clubs and tournaments by attending their events, donating items for their raffles and door prizes and also donating man hours on the ranges. One of his last bows made with red metal flake finish, was donated to the City of Hope Cancer Hospital fund raiser. His friend Linda Parker won this bow and as she says it, she was a "lucky winner".

Ron has since passed on, but his legend lives on. It is with honor that he is welcomed into the California Archery Hall of Fame, 2014.