

Don Rabska - 2020 Inductee into CBH/SAA Hall of Fame

As a young boy, Don got interested in archery by watching cowboy & Indian movies on tv. He had his first bow, a starter fiberglass bow, at 8 years old. When the original string broke, he had to keep going so he used a boot lace as a string.

Don's interest in archery turned to the FITA style and whenever he could, he would shoot 100 arrows a day to hone his skills and it worked. He had won many CBH/SAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships as well as with National titles.

Don attended San Bernardino Valley College and was a four time All American and was National Collegiate Champion in 1975. By 1976, Don was hired to work at Easton. He continued at Easton until he retired as Vice President after 42 years with the company.

In 1986, Don won the National Archery Association Trials in Oxford, Ohio. This gave him the first spot on the U.S. Team for the America's Tournament in Rio De Janeiro. He went on to defeat the 1984 Gold Medalist.

Don has been involved with world archery for many years. He was the Archery Competition Director for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, Competition Director for the 1983 World Championships and Competition Director for the US Nationals. Don had also served on the Board of Governors for USA Archery for over 12 years.

He is also an author and inventor with 3 patents. He wrote the Easton tuning and maintenance guide and collaborated on several archery history books and produced technical archery articles for various publications. He had also created many Easton spine charts for over 30 years.

Don is also known over the world for his seminars. He has presented in over 40 countries, teaching the technical aspects of Olympic style archery.

Don had received the World Archery Bronze Plaque for outstanding service to the sport of archery.

He will always be known as a terrific shooter, teacher, coach, promoter and the nicest person you would ever want to meet!

Congratulations!