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Henry "Joe" Becker  
Lawrence Hughes  
"Freddie" Troncoso

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HENRY JOSEPH "JOE" BECKER, JR

October 9, 1935-

BOWHUNTING EDUCATOR

Born in Merville, Iowa, Joe moved to Paradise, California in 1954. Graduating from high school in June of 1954, he started his life long interest in archery in October of that year. An electrician by trade, Joe has and continues to spend many hours promoting and protecting hunting in general and bowhunting in particular.

Although he has and does participate in various archery tournaments in California Joe's primary interest has, always been bowhunting and while he has been successful in harvesting game, his desire to help protect bowhunting, for his children and generations to follow, has put Joe Becker at the forefront of the fight to save bowhunting in California.

Between the 1960's and the 1990's Joe Becker has devoted much of his time in two areas that have helped further archery in the state of California.

BOWHUNTING-Almost single-handed, Joe' Becker is responsible for successfully establishing archery hunting safety classes and the International Bowhunting Education Program in Northern California. Joe helped establish an archery pheasant season in California. For over 30 years he represented his region at the annual meetings of the California Bowmen Hunters and State Archery Association in some form of legislative capacity, serving many times on the CBH-SAA bowhunting legislative team.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS-In 1984 Joe became involved with archery in the Special Olympic games held in Sonoma, California. 1985 through 1991 Joe worked with the Telephone Pioneers of Northern California helping them to establish archery for wheelchair confined and blind individuals.

For his dedication to archery in:

1980-The California Archery Businessman's Association recognized Joe as its "Sportsman of the Year".

1982-National Rifle Association awarded Joe its "Certificate of Appreciation".

1988-Fish & Game Hunter Education, "Citation for Outstanding Hunter Safety Training".

1988-CBH-SAA awarded Joe its "Bowhunter of the Year" award.

1990-CBH-SAA recognized Joe for his "Dedication and Commitment to Archery".

Joe Becker--promoter of Archery, Protector of Bowhunting

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LAWRENCE A. "LARRY" HUGHES

1904-1970

## CHAMPION ARCHER

Born in Portland, Oregon, Larry moved to Burbank, California in 1929 to work for one of the major movie studios. He started shooting a bow in 1933 in his back yard.

Basically a "target" archer, Larry shot the typical archery equipment of the day, a long bow, no sights, holding the arrow split finger and anchoring under the chin. Larry perfected a "point of aim" method of shooting which he used through out his archery career. An article published in 1948 stated Larry shot "Easton bows and arrows" exclusively.

Larry set the following records:

1935-Single York, 851. Double York, 1658. Single American, 724.  
Double American, 1426. York-American, 1575. Double York-American, 3084.

1941-American Round 268 of a possible 270 with 29 of a possible  
30 golds. A clout record of 286 which stood until 1948.

National Target Archery Champion in 1941 and 1948. Larry also won numerous local and mail match tournaments both with the NAA and NFAA. Between 1935 and 1950, Larry Hughes won eight California State Target Championships.

From 1936 through 1944, Larry Hughes was ranked number one on the "100 leading archers in the U.S." list. Number six in 1945, number four in 1946, fourth in 1947, second in 1948 and third in 1949.

In 1938 Larry made a 16mm film, "Archery With Larry Hughs" covering the basics of archery. Many articles were published about Larry Hughs in Archery publications of the day. The February 1942 issue of "American Bowman Review" showed a picture of Larry Hughes and Howard Hill shooting a field round together on the Pasadena Roving Archers range, the caption called them "The two greatest: archers of all time". Even though he was considered a great competitor, Larry never failed to give pointers when asked. He stressed confidence, concentration, co-ordination and practice.

Larry Hughes--A competitive Champion

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## FERNANDO V. "FREDDIE" TRONCOSO

July 19, 1933-

## ARCHERY COACH-TECHNICIAN

Born in Los Angeles, as a Youngster "Freddie" became fascinated with archery from watching the early Howard Hill. short movies on archery. This early interest in archery has stayed with "Freddie"

from his early success in tournaments and hunting to his acknowledged expertise as an "archery technician" to a successful manufacturer of archery accessories.

Fred Troncoso was first given his nickname by Roy Hoff (archery legend and owner of Archery magazine) and to this day is known to countless archers as "Freddie".

Fred shot his first tournament at the age of 10 and shot his first deer at age 12. Originally a professional musician by trade Fred became a very successful tournament archer, winning many local and major tournaments. One of the first to develop and use "rope" releases, Fred was one of the first to prove a "release" shooter could out perform a "finger" shooter. A back injury sustained while working as a police officer in 1965 limited Fred's ability to shoot a bow, however it did not curtail his interest and life long enthusiasm for archery.

In 1961 Fred began making "double-loop" releases and plastic arrow rests. This early start, encouraged by Roy Hoff, has grown into a very successful company. The name "Golden Key" is known internationally as a major supplier of archery accessories. A self-acknowledged "tinker" Fred holds, totally or partially, over two dozen patents on archery equipment.

In 1970, again at the urging of Roy Hoff, "Freddie" wrote his first article for Archery magazine on the technical aspects of archery, a project he has continued into the 1990's. It is through his article "Answers" Fred Troncoso has given much back to archery. Through his column Fred has helped countless archers solve their shooting problems and improve their shooting ability. A successful archery coach "Freddie" has coached many archers that became State, National, World and Olympic champions, not the least of which was his wife Eva.

A gracious gentleman, "Freddie" Troncoso is a life long supporter of archery in all forms and tries to give back to the sport by way of helping others to improve their shooting ability.

"Freddie" Troncoso-gentleman, archery technician, coach and enthusiastic archery supporter.

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