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Muriel Erlandson

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Muriel Erlandson

1934--

ALWAYS A HELPING HAND

Muriel's interest in archery began in 1952 when she and her husband Roger joined the local archery club in Florence, Oregon. She won many local tournaments in Northern California in the 1960's and 1970's, but Muriel has had much more to do than just competition.

In 1992 Muriel assisted in forming the Discovery Park Archery Foundation to help save the archery range located in Discovery Park. This is typical of the type of helping hand she has offered to the sport of archery for over twenty years. In 1965 she and her late husband Roger opened Frontier Archery in Sacramento. They were always open for and supportive of clubs not only in the Sacramento area but all over California and Nevada. After Rogers death in 1980, Muriel continued to run the business. Her duties at Frontier Archery ranged from arrow making to bookkeeping and eventually her role changed to the promotion of the sport of archery.

In 1967 Muriel and Roger organized the largest money shoot (at that time) held in California. The shoot took place in a vacant JC Penney store. Another time they leveled ground near an elementary school, planted grass, and hand-watered it for months in order to host the 1967 California State Outdoor Championships (this property is now a city park). Muriel was instrumental in the planning and creation of the Pacific Coast Championships in 1972. In 1992, 1993, and 1994 she helped coordinate and run the CBH-SAA State Target Championships held at Discovery Park. Without her assistance this tournament might have disappeared from our sport. Her donation of time and supplies has kept the tradition alive. Both NAA and NFAA have benefited from her generous support.

She is on the AMO Save Our Heritage Committee. She has an active role in the NAA and coordinates several tournament a year including the Pacific Coast Championships. When the International Olympic Games were held in Los Angeles in 1984, Muriel was present with her help. An active supporter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Mule Deer Foundation, she has consistently demonstrated her interest in the conservation of our native animals and a common sense approach to hunting. She has donated time and money to our Legislative Team in the fight to retain our hunting rights.

Muriel has been involved with carp tournaments as well as local tournaments and classes for kids. She believes in involving youths through a strong JOAD program. Saturday mornings at the shop Muriel is helping Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Campfire Girls learn to appreciate archery. It is almost impossible to attend an open shoot in California without hearing the name of Frontier Archery on at least one of the raffle prizes that have been donated to the clubs. Another of

her interests is the Senior Olympics. Muriel Erlandson has supplied targets for this event since it's inception. As you can see, Muriel lives and breathes archery.

But Muriel is not just about archery, she finds time to be on the Board of the Mercy Guild in Sacramento and the Sacramento Childrens Receiving Home. All this has been accomplished while she was running a successful business and raising three children who are also dedicated to archery. Muriel Erlandson has been involved in archery for 45 years as a shooter, business owner, promoter, and teacher and has touched the lives of thousands.

Muriel Erlandson, archer, businesswoman, promoter, and teacher.

Inducted 1998

Sandy McCain
1950 --

Smiling Through

In 1992 Sandy was told by her doctor, that she would never shoot a bow again. She could have accepted retirement from archery based on her achievements since her introduction to archery by her husband, Gary, in 1972. In those twenty years she was NFAA Champion 3 times, South West Sectional Champion twice, CBH-SAA Field Champion 13 times, State Target Champion twice, State Indoor Champion twice, State Broadhead Champion 10 times. In 1991 she was the first person to capture all four state championship titles in the same year: the Indoor, Broadhead, Field, and Target and set new state records in all categories. She took first place at Fresno Safari 11 times, was elected Safari Queen in 1973, and captured a ton of trophies at novelty tournaments all over the state. When she was not shooting in tournaments she was hunting and has harvested mule deer, Pacific hybrid deer, mainland hog (CBH Record Book), merino sheep, antelope, and several small game animals. Sandy certainly has had good reason for her characteristic cheerful smile.

After her neck injury in 1992, Sandy could have settled for working behind the scenes in archery, she had enough experience: Secretary/Treasurer for Central California Bowmen Region starting in 1975 (and still going). Since 1973 she has held a variety of offices: President Secretary, Class Chairman, Board Member and Editor for Nomad Bowmen. She has been Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Board Member for Bakersfield Bowmen, and Secretary, Treasurer, Class Chairman, Editor for Kern River Archers. She holds the woman's title for the World Elk Calling & Bugling Contest and since 1992 has served on the CBH-SAA Big Game Club committee. Sandy has organized bowhunts for women. In 1996 and 1997 she has been working with the Department of Fish and Game in a program called "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" teaching archery and bowhunting. She is an instructor for the International Bowhunter Education Program. She has done all this -- with a smile.

That should have been enough for her - right? It wasn't. After bone-graft surgery in 1992 to repair her neck injury, she came back, slowly, carefully, with determination -- and a smile. In 1995 and 1996 she won two more NFAA Championship titles, was State Field Champion in 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996. In 1993, 1995 and 1997 she was State Target Champion; State Indoor Champion in 1993, 1995, 1996; and State Broadhead Champion 1993, 1994, 1997.

She says she has spent 19 out of 24 wedding anniversaries at the State Field Championships. Her first bow was a recurve borrowed from Dr. Bossenetto. She won her first tournament in 1972 at Porterville in Barebow C Class. It was a turkey shoot and she still has the trophy. Her brother, Gary Johnson, had the wishbone mounted on a plaque for a Christmas gift. She also received her very own bow that Christmas, a Wing Recurve from her husband Gary. It was late when they got home from the Christmas celebration and she shot her new bow in the yard until midnight, in the fog, using the headlight of the car. Gary has encouraged and helped her, feels proud of her achievements.

Hunting is a family activity. She has shared this time with their son, Malt, and started his hunting experience by carrying him in a backpack while she hunted. Matt is now 15 and has promised to carry her when she needs help. For Sandy it is just as satisfying to be with her family and have a picnic overlooking the canyons, or taking a nap under a tree, or just walking around and looking at tracks and identifying them. She says they can leave the forest, but the forest never leaves them. Perhaps this is why Sandy is always smiling.

Sandy McCain, archer, bowhunter, educator, and always with a smile.

Inducted 1998

Jerry Miller
1937-

OUR GREAT STATESMAN

Jerry Miller owned his first bow at 12 years old, but didn't become an archer until 1963 when his best friend needed a hunting buddy. In 1966 he joined the South Gate Target Archers and the NAA, two years later he was introduced to field archery and joined NFAA. He served as vice-president (1969), then president of Pomona Valley Bowhunters (1971 & 72), during this time he received the Archery Inc. Award. He has been a member of many clubs: South Gate Target Archers, Whittier Narrows Target Archers, Pomona Valley Bowhunters, Verdugo Hills Archers, and the South Bay Archery Club.

In 1973 & 74 he was Vice-President of Southern California Association, President in 1975 & 76, During this time he was commended by the City of Los Angeles for his work with the Wildlife Conservancy Group when they attempted to ban archery and the shooting of a bow in Los Angeles County. In 1975 he received a commendation for his work with the City of Hope.

He was approached by Arlie Clift in 1975 to help establish the California Archery Hall of Fame. Jerry called on John Slack, Lynn Gardner, and Hugh Rich to form the original committee, resulting in the first induction ceremony in 1977.

In 1976 CBH-SAA President Pete Budding appointed him CBH-SAA Legislative Co-ordinator a position he held until his election to CBH-SAA President (1981-1985); immediate Past-President 1986 & 87. In 1989 he became the first elected NFAA Director, a position he still holds. Many organizations

have recognized his work: He holds a life membership in NFAA, CBH-SAA, SCAA, and South Bay Archery Club.

In 1985 the American Archery Council recognized his work to protect bowhunting in California. Inland Archery Association awarded a certificate of Merit in 1983. The CBH-SAA Big Game Club awarded a Certificate of Merit to him in 1986 for his outstanding work in overturning the Department of Fish & Came proposed hunting regulations that did not include a bowhunting season. This was the first time this has ever been done by that committee. In a surprise ceremony Pete Budding delivered to Jerry the NFAA Award of Merit in 1996.

Jerry appointed a committee to look into range acquisition issues with the Dept. of Fish and Came, and was instrumental in forming the public range acquisition committee. Be has served as our representative from. both CBH-SAA and SCAA to the California Wildlife Federation and has received recognition from them.

Jerry Miller has always believed in the democratic system, his service to our organization has been for the common good, iii pursuit of the will of the majority, with the vision to understand the long range needs and the determination to implement and fulfill those needs.

Jerry Miller is a statesman, a diplomat and a tireless worker for all of us.

Inducted in 1998

Karl Radde

1915

Hooked on Archery

Karl entered archery through a side door. In 1938 he worked for the recreational program for the Glencoe, Minnesota, School district. One of his duties was teaching wood shop where the students learned to make archery equipment - bows, arrows and strings. Karl then coached these students in the use of that equipment. Soon he was giving archery demonstrations for the local schools. He took his interest in archery with him to California in 1939. In California he joined the California Highway Patrol and worked as a motorcycle officer until his retirement. He won many archery titles: California Outdoor 1966, 1970, and 1972. The State Indoor 1966, the Southwest Regional Outdoor 1967.

In 1972 the State Archers of California (SAC) was formed - with Karl's help - and he now concentrated on that organization. He served on the SAC Board of Governors 1972, 1973, 1974. Since 1974 he has been the Secretary/Treasurer. In 1972 he was elected the Western Region governor for the National Archery Association and continued until 1984 when he assisted with the International Olympics held at Los Angeles. Karl had developed a reputation as a capable officer and administrator in addition to being respected and admired as an archer.

Karl is known to hundreds of archers as an official, but he became involved with officiating by chance. In 1973 at the Pacific Coast Championship in Sacramento the tournament needed an official, Karl was appointed. Not long after that, he completed the requirements and became a National Judge certified by the NAA.

He still finds time to put on archery demonstrations for schools and churches in Los Angeles, coaches for the Far West Wheel Chair Association. At the same time he has served as Tournament Director for the Pacific Coast Championships, the Western Region Outdoor, the National and Western Region Indoor, the California State Outdoor, the National and Western Trials, officiates at the National Outdoor, and has helped organize the Western Region Archery Association. This does not leave much time for Karl to shoot but he does not view these activities as work, they offer him the most gratification of all - the fellowship of archery.

To Karl, winning does not carry great importance. He admires the person who is just out to have fun and see friends. The best compliment he can give a fellow archer is "He sure enjoyed himself." Karl feels that the mainstream of archers are being overlooked in the emphasis on winning.

Above all, Karl believes in sensible rules, and fair officiating. The humor that he brings to the field as an official puts the tournaments in the proper perspective. While officiating at the archery event of the California Police Summer Games several years ago, Karl looked around at the grave faces of the competitors. He understood that this competition was very serious. When asked to settle a dispute on the scoring of an arrow he brought out a magnifying glass, minus the glass. Holding the circular frame of the magnifying glass over the shaft he slid it straight down to the target. "Yep," he said, "It's out."

Karl intends to keep doing just what he's doing for as long as he can. Although he has thought briefly that winning a state title was his most important achievement after reflection he will tell you there is something more important than that. In fifty years of archery, Karl has made a lot of friends.

Karl Radde, archer, coach, official, and most important a friend.

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