



Archery Hall of Fame Museum, A Work In Progress

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How wonderful it is to report such fantastic progress regarding the home of the Archery Hall of Fame and Museum.

A location dubbed the “preview area” has recently been completed just inside the main front entrance of Bass Pro Shops in Springfield, Missouri, the permanent home of the Archery Hall of Fame & Museum. This “preview area” has the beautiful mural which is shown in the photo below. The large (approximately 8 ft. x 12 ft.) original canvas painting by Adam Wolken, depicts Ishi, Dr. Saxton Pope, Art Young, Howard Hill, and Fred Bear with a line of familiar 4-color targets in the background. This eye-catching mural further represents the Hall by having Olympic medals adorning the corners of the title banner which reads “Heroes and Legends”.

Completing this sneak peak preview area is a large 3-dimensional AHOF logo and walnut exhibit cases which give a snap shot of what is to come when the actual AHOF & Museum is complete within the next year.

When you are in Springfield, be sure to stop by and see the progress!



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Remembering The Class of 1998
"Bill" Wadsworth 1916 - 1991

Bowhunter, Educator, Influence on the Sport



The founder of the National Bowhunter Education Foundation

- Executive, Boy Scouts of America, 36 years
- Founder, President and Life Member Central New York Bowmen
- New York State Field Archers, Vice President for Bowhunting
- Life Member, National Field Archery Association

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- hunting & Conservation Committee
- Recipient of 1st Conservation Award Pope & Young Club
- Recipient, North American Association of Hunter Education Gladney Davidson Award
- Hall of Fame, North American Association of Hunter Education, 1989



Remembering The Class of 2000

Dr. Stacy Groscup 1920 - 2005

Contributor to the Sport

- One of the World's Greatest Instinctive Archers
- His trick shooting exhibitions gave extensive exposure to the sport
- Educator of conservation, archeology, Native American lore and natural history
- Methodist minister with doctorate degree
- Chaplain at West Virginia University
- Promoter of youth archery in the US and Canada
- Appeared in many TV shows and films promoting archery
- Featured in Newsweek, Time and Reader's Digest promoting archery
- Life Member, National Field Archery Association



Bob Swinehart 1928 - 1982

Bowhunter, Influence on the Sport

- Tireless promoter of bowhunting
- First bowhunter to take a black rhino - appeared in Ripley's Believe It or Not! - 1968
- First bowhunter to harvest African Big Five: lion, rhino, elephant, leopard, and cape buffalo using the conventional bow
- Author, Sagittarius, considered a bible by traditional bowhunters
- Harvested virtually every species of North American Big Game



Remembering The Class of 1999
Floyd Eccleston 1918 - 1991

Contributor to the Sport

- Charter Member, Michigan Bowhunters Association
- Member, Michigan Bowhunter's Hall of Fame
- Michigan Bowhunter of the Year, 1979
- Active committee member for numerous national archery tournaments.
- Promoter of archery and archery retailing for over 60 years



Tom Jennings

Influence on the Sport

- Served in the U. S. Air Force during World War 11 in the China/Burma/India theater of operations
- Life member of the NRA since 1940
- Pioneer of many cosmetic and functional improvements in laminated recurve bows
- Other design advancements included large risers, recurve wedges and decorative overlays
- Introduced the first 4-wheel and 2-wheel



compound bows

- Life Member, National Field Archery Association



Dick Lattimer

Bowhunter, Contributor to the Sport, Influence on the Sport

- President, Archery Hall of Fame, 2008-2009
- Author
- Began his archery career as Fred Bear's Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager in 1966
- Founder and Executive Director, Fred Bear Sports Club
- Served on the National Rifle Association's Hunting & Conservation Committee, Bowhunting Subcommittee and Public Affairs Committee
- Served as the volunteer executive director of the American Archery Council (AAC) for eight years
- Television Chairman and Communications Committee Co-chairman, International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
- Vice President - The Archery Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc.
- Board of Directors, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
- President/CEO, Archery Manufacturers & Merchants Organization
- Decorated U.S. Navy Veteran, Navy Cross, WWII

