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THERESSA A. CARTER  
October 1, 1912-

"A BAREBOW CHAMPION"

Born Bowbells, North Dakota, moved to San Francisco in 1944

Theresa started shooting in 1956, electing to join her husband and son Darel in archery rather than remaining a spectator. In 1957 they joined the San Francisco Archery Club. While active in Archery, Theresa gave many demonstrations, including Boys Town of Sonora and Big Brothers of San Francisco.

Standing slightly over five feet tall Theresa shot a 35 pound recurve. During the 1960's she was a formidable and frequent winner at many local, State and National tournaments in the Barebow Division, winning her first major tournament at the age of 48.

Major Tournaments Won:

1960 California State (CBH) Target Championship

1961 N.F.A.A. Field Championship

1962 N.F.A.A. National Indoor California State (CBH) Field Championship

1963 California State (CBH) Field Championship

1965 California State (CBH) Field Championship

1966 N.F.A.A. National Field Championship Senior Division

Theresa Carter a True Champion  
Inducted 1981

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ISHI  
Died March 25, 1916

A True American Archer

For Ishi, archery was not a sport or a game but a sacred art that enabled him and his people, the Yana Indians, to live. No aspect of his archery was taken lightly, from the careful selection of a perfect piece of Mountain Juniper from which to make a bow to the careful cresting of each arrow.

Having lost all of his people, Ishi joined the white mans world with the grace of a visiting dignitary. His doctor Saxton Pope became one of his closest friends. They spent many hours in Golden Gate Park shooting various types of bows. Ishi taught Pope the love and lore of Indian archery. Many trips were taken hunting small game with their bows and arrows. In 1914 they returned to Ishi's native land. Pope learned the skills and secrets of real game hunting with a bow and arrow.

In 1915 Ishi contracted TB. He remained at his home in the Museum of Anthropology in San Francisco until 1916. Ever uncomplaining he preferred to be among those he knew. To quote Saxton Pope "His soul was that of a child, his mind that of a philosopher". With him there was no word for good-bye. He said "You stay, I go." He has gone and he hunts with his people. We stay and he has left with us the heritage of the bow."

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THOMAS PAUL (TOM) JENNINGS

July 17, 1924-

Manufacturer-Promoter- Dedicated Archer

Born Jonesboro, Arkansas, moved to California in 1929

Tom started making bows, arrows and other archery related equipment as a young schoolboy.

In 1954 with M.R. Smithwick, Tom formed S&J Archery Sales located in North Hollywood. They manufactured and sold the Citation bow (named after the famous racehorse); one of the better recurves of its day. During the 1950's and 1960's Tom conducted many experiments on fiberglass and stress. He was also the technical editor for several publications, including Bow and Arrow.

In the early 1970's primarily through Tom's efforts, the "COMPOUND BOW" became the bow to shoot. In 1972 Tom with John Williamson formed Jennings Compound Bow Inc.

Although not the inventor, because of his functional design improvements to the Allen Patented Compound 4-wheel bow, the popularity of the compound grew that by 1980, 80% to 90% of the serious archers shot compound bows. In 1975 Jennings Inc. developed the 2-wheel compound named the Model T, a bow everyone could afford as well as enjoy.

Tom Jennings Bow Maker Extraordinary

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JOHN SLACK

NOVEMBER 20, 1935-

ARCHERY' S CHAMPION

It wasn't hard for John to get involved in Archery with two very active parents, Red and Lorna Slack of El Monte, California.

John soon became active in local archery, such as President of the El Monte Archery Club, and of Southern California Region then Secretary Treasurer of CBH in 1964. He became President of CBH in 1970 and served till 1972. From then on all archery learned that the name "John Slack" spoke not only for California, but for all of archery.

A fighter of causes for big and small

Parliamentarian- Intertmediator-Archer-Organizer

John was awarded the N.F.A.A. "Medal of Merit" by CBH in 1978.

He is now the California Director to the NFAA and Parliamentarian

Past President of CBH as well as serving on the Executive board  
of the California Archery Hall of Fame.

A Friend to All Archery

Inducted 1981

(John subsequently was elected President of NFAA and served 1970-1971)

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