



# Archery Icon



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## G. FRED ASBELL AND WILL "CHIEF" COMPTON INDUCTED INTO THE ARCHERY HALL OF FAME DURING POPE & YOUNG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archery Hall of Fame's 26th induction was held April 7th in Rochester, Minnesota, in conjunction with Pope and Young's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Archery Hall of Fame President, M. R. James, welcomed all and introduced those Hall of Famers present for the occasion.

A sell-out crowd watched as G. Fred Asbell joined his peers to become the 66th member to be inducted into the Archery Hall of Fame. Will "Chief" Compton was inducted posthumously and became the 67th person to join those who came before him. Marv Cochran, President of the Compton Traditional Bowhunters, was the presenter for G. Fred.



Hall of Famers present were left to right:  
Jim Dougherty, George Gardner, Len Cardinale, Ann Clark, Dave Samuel,  
M.R. James and G. Fred Asbell



Joe St.Charles & T. J. Conrads

Archery Historian, Joe St.Charles, was the presenter for Will "Chief" Compton and Traditional Bowhunter founder and Editor, T. J. Conrads accepted.

The evening ended with a special tribute by Executive Director, Diane "Moose" Miller, in memory of Pope & Young founder, Glenn St.Charles.



Marv Cochran and G. Fred Asbell

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# From The President

By M. R. James



THE POPE AND YOUNG CLUB/ST. CHARLES MUSEUM located just off I-90 south of Rochester, Minnesota, is probably one of our sport's best-kept secrets. Fortunately, the word is finally getting out as more folks discover this amazing repository of archery and bowhunting history. It's

no hyperbolic exaggeration to say the facility is home to the largest collection of archery and bowhunting memorabilia and artifacts to be found anywhere.

If you've not yet dropped by, add a visit to your must-see bucket list. If you've already made a tour, you'll probably want to stop by again. A single tour simply can't do justice to properly viewing the thousands of bows, arrows, broadheads or impressive big game mounts of North America's big game species. Additionally, there are informational storyboards and dioramas spotlighting five pioneers of the sport, all of whom are Archery Hall of Fame members: Dr. Saxton Pope, Art Young, Ishi, Fred Bear, and Glenn St. Charles. There's also an extensive research library of archery and bowhunting books, magazines, catalogs, and other periodicals dating back to the 1800s.

Of special interest to readers of this newsletter is the up-to-date text-and-photo "Wall of Fame" display featuring all AHOF inductees, plus a traveling exhibit featuring items from the Archery Hall of Fame's own collection of historical items, including one of Geronimo's bows. In turn,

a Pope and Young Club/St. Charles Museum display will be included in the AHOF's new home at Bass Pro Shops' facility in Springfield, Missouri.

For the record, the Pope & Young Museum is located at Club headquarters in Chatfield. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free. As Pope & Young founder Glenn St. Charles would say, "Such a deal!"



OUR EARLY APRIL Board of Directors' meeting was both busy and productive. My personal thanks go out to the officers and board members who took time from their busy personal and professional lives to attend. News highlights from that meeting are found elsewhere in this newsletter and more details will be forthcoming in the near future.

It goes without saying the positive update on construction work progressing at our new permanent home in Springfield, Missouri, was met with collective enthusiasm and relief. We look forward to sharing news of additional progress and announcing a 2012 open house and induction ceremony later this year.





# George and Betty Gardner pledge \$100,000 to help continue "Our mission"

George and Betty Gardner recently expressed their continued support for the Archery Hall of Fame and Museum by pledging \$100,000 to further assist in the Hall's mission, as well as the expansion of the Museum complex located in Springfield, Missouri.



The Gardners' pledge is the second largest, following the Ann and Earl Hoyt contribution, since the Hall's inception in 1972.

The archery community thank George and Betty Gardner for believing in "The Dream" and helping to make its existence possible. Their work in the archery industry, passion for the sport, and sense of history make it possible for the Archery Hall

of Fame and Museum, Inc. to honor all who have distinguished themselves in the sport of archery.

Thank you George and Betty for believing in "The Dream."

## Our Mission.....



It is the mission of The Archery Hall of Fame & Museum, Inc., to honor those outstanding members of the Archery Community through the process of induction into its Hall of Fame.

As an integral part of its existence, the Hall seeks to preserve the history and tradition of Archery and Bowhunting for future generations.

To educate and inform those persons wishing to pursue their interests in Archery and Bowhunting, the Hall maintains and operates a museum and library in Springfield, Missouri, as a repository for memorabilia, literature and research material related to the Sport of Archery for the public to view and for scholars to utilize as a resource in researching the sport and industry of archery.

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