

2005 USA Archery Coaches of the Year Announced

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - USA Archery is pleased to announce the selections for the 2005 Coach of the Year Awards. Each year the USA Archery Coach Development Committee (CDC) accepts nominations for coach of the year awards for individuals who have distinguished themselves as outstanding coaches and have provided dedicated service to the sport and to USA Archery.



USA Archery National Coach of the Year - 2005

Mark Penaz

Phoenix, Ariz.

The USA Archery National Coach of the Year honor was given to Mark Penaz (Phoenix, Ariz.). Penaz excels at encouraging athletes to compete at elite levels on and off the competitive fields. His passion for archery, his coaching style and his competitive experience has paid off by having two and sometimes three personal students on each of the past five World teams, in both disciplines (recurve and compound), who have brought home world records, as well as gold, silver and bronze medals.

As a former World team member and champion ('99) and National indoor champion ('97), Coach Penaz understands the athlete's needs when competing at elite events, making sure to bring out the very best in every archer athlete. His style of coaching puts the athlete's needs and concerns first and cooperatively includes all other coaching staff members. His coaching and management techniques were instrumental in bringing to the United States 17 Gold individual and team medals, six silver individual and team medals, and 6 bronze individual and team medals in World Championship competitions.

As a World Team and National Team Coach, Penaz has helped to train athletes on several USAT senior and junior teams, camps and other programs conducted at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif.

As head coach for the U.S. Team at the 2005 World Indoor Championships in Aalborg, Denmark, Coach Penaz witnessed several historical “firsts” for the U.S. in both disciplines, including two new world records and a Bronze medal in Junior Women’s Recurve. Also in Aalborg, Mary Zorn set a new world record with a perfect 120 points in match play and won an individual Gold medal. Reo Wilde successfully defended his world indoor title, winning back-to-back individual Gold medals. Coach Penaz’s personal student Lindsay Pian anchored the U.S. Junior Women’s Recurve team and his positive influence on everyone helped the 2005 U.S. World Indoor Team to be the most successful U.S. team in history.



USA Archery - Developmental Coach of the Year - 2005
Larry Sullivan
Hudson, Mass.

Larry Sullivan (Hudson, Mass.) was chosen as the 2005 Developmental Coach of the Year. Sullivan has been developing archers and archery training material for many years for his Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) team, Boy Scouts of America’s National Camping School, USA Archery Olympic JOAD Camps, and, most recently, USA Archery’s Coach Development Committee.

And while direct coaching, PowerPoint presentation development, creation of skill enhancing games, and video technology have often been Sullivan’s development tools of choice, USA Archery expressed its gratitude for his dedication to the sport and the Association by naming Sullivan as USA Archery’s 2005 Developmental Coach of the Year.

As archery director of the Riverside Gun Club of Hudson, Mass., Sullivan runs a very successful program as the head coach of the Riverside JOAD Archers. Many of his archers have developed into successful competitors at the State and National level. One notable archer, Braden Gellenthien, has gone on to establish many archery records and become one of the top archers in the world. Another, Taylor Barton, was a gold medalist in the 2002 JOAD Nationals.

Sullivan was instrumental in co-developing the current syllabus used in all of the Boy Scouts of America's National Camping Schools across the country and is based upon USA Archery's Level 1 Instructor course. This has had an impact on hundreds of thousands of youth learning archery in a safe and effective camp atmosphere.

Sullivan has just completed transforming the newly developed USA Archery Basic Coach course, which will be introduced in 2006, into PowerPoint to be used to assist the instructors of that course. In his spare time, he is the president of the State Archery Association of Massachusetts and has developed a strong board and active committees and looks forward to hosting the New England piece of the 2006 Indoor Nationals in Andover, Mass.



USA Archery Volunteer Coaches of the Year - 2005
Tim & Sandi Scronce
Monroe, N.C.

The 2005 Volunteer Coaches of the Year award recipients are Tim and Sandi Scronce (Monroe, N.C.). Tim and Sandi have spent the last 14 years spreading the joy of archery to everyone they come in contact with. Their involvement started with a small archery program at a Girl Scout camp and has grown into a passion that has taken them across the U.S.

Their energy for encouraging kids to take up archery landed them the position of coaching the only JOAD program in North Carolina. The local pro shop owner saw their

potential and cooperated with their desire to start a youth program. The program grew and so did their enthusiasm.

Tim and Sandi have been NAA certified instructors since 1992. Both love to compete in archery, but they love to teach it even more. Archery is an integral part of the life style for the Scronce family. Both of their children, Crystal and T.J., are archers and instructors. The Scronces work with youth and adult archers in BSA, GSA, YMCA, JOAD, NADA (certifying instructors), and other groups to spread the joy of archery. They are committed to the future of archery and try to expose everyone they can, especially kids, to the sport.

Over the past four years, Tim and Sandi have used archery as a fundraising activity for the Union County Lions Club and for the American Cancer Society. They have worked with two local schools to help start archery programs and have recently helped develop a program for the Davidson Parks and Recreation department to involve families and physically disabled children. They have also worked with the Metrolina Association for the Blind in helping sight-disabled kids to enjoy the sport. Tim and Sandi regularly contribute articles for Archery Focus Magazine and love sharing their enthusiasm for the sport. Their involvement with archery has provided them special thrills, such as getting to meet 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist Justin Huish while at a training seminar at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif.