



Volunteer Spotlight: Diana and Terry LaBeau

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Diana and Terry LaBeau have been involved in the sport of archery for over half a century and have volunteered to drive their RV from their Arizona home to Salt Lake City to support the Hyundai Archery World Cup next month.

“I got started in archery as a high school swimmer, who got locked out of the school in Michigan in the weather and went and stood in the building where the girls archery was shooting because I had to wait for the late bus,” shared Terry. “Eventually, the guy who co-organized the team became my mentor; he’s the father of a famous archery beauty queen named Ann Marston. That evolved into me shooting field archery for years, and then I switched to Olympic recurve archery in ‘71 when we heard that archery was coming back to the Olympics.”

Terry eventually became the coach of a junior college team where Diana was recruited and he went on to coach her to the two-year college champion title and All-American honors. They later began dating and have been together for over thirty years, bonded by a passion for the sport of archery.

From there, Terry was recruited to run tournaments for the colleges in the region. At the time, all the coaches would become judges to cut costs, so Terry and Diana got certified as judges and began judging archery tournaments around the country.

Today, Terry and Diana are still grateful for the friends they have made in the sport and the gratification they receive from archers who appreciate their hard work. Terry added: “I feel lucky to still be able to still do this stuff; as I approach my 75th birthday, to still be able to feel physically able to do these kinds of things. When you talk to people at tournaments and tell them how old you are and you’re still throwing mats around, they’re kind of amazed. But if you didn’t do it every year and all the time, you wouldn’t be able to.”

The LaBeaus encourage others to come out and try volunteering for the Archery World Cup this summer: “I think the main thing for anyone who is interested in volunteering is not to be afraid to just jump in,” commented Diana. “Let them know that maybe you don’t know how to do something but you’re glad to learn how to do it and be open to suggestions and some instruction.”

Terry chimed in: “There’s always room – many volunteers just show up and say, ‘what can I do?’ The first year we have them handing out water or helping with parking, but as



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come back year after year, we see them returning and say, 'hey that guy can be really good.' There's always a place for you to do something."

"I think one of the great things about having the world cup in Salt Lake is that some of the kids will get to go and realize that if you put the time in and you work hard, you can do stuff like that," Terry continued. "That's the future of our sport."

Diana added: "I think Utah as a whole really impresses me as a great community. And there's always a place for you, no matter your physical capabilities, you shouldn't be afraid to volunteer. There are so many jobs, they need greeters, bus stop attendants, I'm sure they'll give you maps and guide you to what you need to know."

The Hyundai Archery World Cup Salt Lake is seeking support from local volunteers to fill many different roles. There are opportunities for volunteers with longstanding roots in the archery community, and those who have not yet tried or seen the sport. This weeklong event, running from June 20-25, will feature a qualification round to rank the 300+ athletes competing from over 40 different countries. Then, athletes will compete in exciting head to head bracket-style elimination matches in individual and team events. June 24 and 25th, we will have the finals matches for all events, which will be streamed live on NBC. There will also be a huge archery festival to bring archery fun and games to the Salt Lake community!

To learn more about volunteer opportunities and sign up, [click here](#) or contact volunteer.hawcsl@gmail.com.



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