

Modern Archery History Milestones

- 1934-Year of the first Bow hunting season in the United States, held in the state of Wisconsin.
- 1937-First use of bow-sights in archery competition.
- 1939-James Easton experiments with making arrow shafts out of aluminum, rather than wood.
- 1941-Larry Hughes uses aluminum arrows to win the American National (archery) Championship.
- 1942-Hoyt Archery co. founded by Earl Hoyt, Jr.
- 1946-Easton produces it's first trademarked aluminum arrows, the "24 SRT-X".
- 1951-Max Hamilton introduces "Plastiflech" vanes to replace feathers.
- 1953-Bear Archery develops and sells the first working recurve bows. Previous bows were straight-limbed longbows.
- 1956-Hoyt Archery develops the first "Pistol grip" bow handle.
- 1958-Easton develops the "XX75" aluminum arrow shaft.
- 1961-Hoyt Archery introduces the "Torque stabilizer".
- 1966-Easton develops the "X7" aluminum arrow shaft.
- 1969-Holless Wilber Allen is granted a patent on his invention of the Compound Bow which he designed 3 or 4 years earlier. His original wheels were triangular in shape.
- 1970-Compound bows and release aids make their national debut in U.S. national archery competition.
- 1971-Andy Rimo develops the "flipper" rest. Pete Shepley starts PSE archery company. Flex Fletch manufactures it's first soft plastic arrow vanes.
- 1974-Freddie Troncoso invents the first dual-prong arrow rest.
- 1982-Cam wheels on compound bows first appear. Previous wheels were perfectly round.
- 1983-Easton develops the first carbon arrow shaft.
- 1992-The Olympic torch, in Barcelona, Spain is ignited using a flaming arrow shot by Antonio Rebollo of the Spanish Olympic Team. Matt McPherson founds Matthews Archery Co., manufacturing bows with single-cam technology.
- 1995-The Compound Bow is included in the World Target Archery Championship competition for the first time.