



Jan and Joe Huber, 2010 Volunteers of the Year

"It's the excitement in their faces that keeps us coming back," exclaim Jan and Joe Huber of Wausau, the Badger State Winter Games' 2010 Volunteers of the Year. "They're all just so happy to be there!"

Since 2004, the Hubers have enthusiastically volunteered their time and energy to help provide a positive, exciting experience for athletes of all ages and skill levels at the Games' Archery competition. "We do everything we can to help make everything run smoothly...t-shirts, scorecards, check-in, you name it. We want everyone to feel welcome and have a good time," Jan explains.

For more than 30 years Joe Huber has been a member at the Rib Mountain Bowmen Archery Club located just north of Wausau where the Badger State Games' Archery competition takes place. He and Jan (she doesn't shoot but loves to go along for the fun) had volunteered at other shoots over the years. When they heard about the opportunity to help with the Badger State Winter Games, they signed up right away and "have been there ever since."

According to Jan, Joe feels very strongly about the sport of Archery. "Joe encourages everyone, especially the kids," Jan said. "They're the future of Archery and it's important that they have a great experience from the start."

Archery Commissioner Karl Hanke sees firsthand the impact the Hubers make at the Games year after year. "Their enthusiasm is phenomenal," he said. "Jan and Joe always have smiles on their faces and they make sure all the athletes and spectators have a great time. Their excitement is contagious."

"We don't think of it as work," insist the Hubers. "Yes, it's long hours, it's busy, it's hectic, but it's fun. We love to see the same people year after year. We sit and visit and watch their faces light up. It's just a happy feeling."

The Hubers' dedication and service to the Winter Games allow athletes to enjoy that happy feeling too. "Young or old, experienced or not, they all do the best they can. You can just see how much they enjoy being there with family and friends," Jan said. "That's really what it's all about – it's what keeps us all coming back."