

## **Bob Browne**

I was born in Boston Massachusetts on July 6, 1938. My father was working in the Boston Naval shipyard when World War II began. He was transferred to the San Francisco Naval Shipyard when I was in the first grade. We lived in San Francisco, but when I was about 12 years old I began working on a friends' dairy farm in Ferndale California during the summers. This arrangement continued until I graduated from High School in 1956.

I joined the Air Force in 1956 and was sent to Weapons Mechanic School in Denver Colorado. Then, to Massachusetts, Morocco, and North Carolina. While there I enrolled in San Mateo Junior College and got an early discharge in 1959 in order to sign up for classes in the fall semester. I met an attractive young lady there. We married after the fall semester.

I enrolled in San Jose State College in 1960. Graduated with a BA degree in Entomology, (i.e. the study of insects.) I applied for a position as an entomological research technician at U. C. Berkley and was accepted. After about a year my supervisor suggested that I apply for Grad School. I did so, and graduated with Master's Degree in Agricultural Entomology. We had two children, Nicole and Michael while at Berkeley. I heard of a position for an Agricultural Entomologist at a Washington State University Field Station in Wenatchee, Washington. I applied for it and was accepted. We moved there in 1972.

My wife, Barbera, did not like rural life in Wenatchee, and she deplored the snow and cold weather. We divorced in 1978. She moved back to California. I was a single parent with two children. Nicole, was 12. Michael, was 10. They both graduated from high School in Wenatchee. I became a dealer at gun shows. I bought, sold, and traded guns. I also made and sold Plains Indian replicas. Bows, arrows, war clubs, etc. I built, hunted with, and shot in competitions with muzzle loading rifles. When not shooting muzzle loaders, I engaged in Cowboy Action shooting. That is, shooting single action revolver, lever action rifle, and double-barreled shotgun at metal targets against the clock.

I met a lady, Sharon Bell, in 1982. We dated and married within a year. We purchased a ¼ acre lot on a small lake about five miles south of Wenatchee. We built a house on the lake and lived there until she passed away in 2014. Meanwhile, Nicole and Michael had moved back to California. Nicole to a job at U. C. Santa Barbera. Michael to become a wine maker. I moved to Windsor in 2015.