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## THE COVER

Marvin Almon, Louisville, Kentucky, publisher of AMERICAN BOWHUNTER magazine and officer in the Professional Bowhunters Society, got this (his second) European Wild Boar on the high plateau, near Clark Range, Tennessee.

Equipment used was 54 lb. Kentuckian U.S. Archery bow (he also uses a 56 lb. Coe Wolverine Hunter), Ace broadhead, Kwikie Kwiver, Moore bowstring and cedar arrow.

Marv hopes to line up early Fall and Winter big game bowhunts and write them up in this magazine for readers enjoyment. He is open to suggestions as to top areas within a 1,000 mile radius of Louisville.

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# THE EDITOR'S NOTES

**MARVIN ALMON** Editor  
1429 Longfield Ave.  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Editor:

From reading the AMERICAN BOWHUNTER I see that your views and mine are the same on bowhunting and archery.

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Sincerely, Phillip Durr  
McKees Rocks, Pa.

Dear Editor:

In a letter to Mr. Donald Thompson, publicity chairman of the Professional Bowhunters Society, I offered congratulations and wishes for the success of its effort to promote and elevate the status of bowhunting. I extend that wish to you also.

The formation of PBS should be well received by all persons with similar interests.  
Sincerely, A. C. Labrie, Hunting Director  
National Rifle Association  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Editor:

Keep up the good work for bowhunting. Would you like short bowhunt articles from this corner of the world?  
Sincerely, Russ Logan  
British Columbia, Canada  
(Editorial notation: You bet, Russ, but keep them under 600 words.)



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## BOW AND ARROW HUNTING

By **LEONARD WILKINS**  
Hillsboro, Ohio

What sights the bowhunter sees in the North Woods in October. The beauty of the forest's foliage and the activities of our small game friends storing up their winter's food are always interesting.

Some three years ago I was in Ostago County, Michigan, in a blind watching for a deer's approach. A pine squirrel was gathering cones out of a pine tree and storing them by a stump. Suddenly a hawk passed me like an arrow as it made for the squirrel. It missed! The squirrel started chattering, after the hawk passed and he seemed to be saying, "You missed me that time."

Two years ago while hunting near Pickeral Lake Michigan I was standing on a point between two ravines when three deer came off a ridge toward me. Two stopped but one came on giving me a clean shot. I released, hit, and the deer only traveled about 50 yards before going down. I lay down my bow and started to clean by deer when I observed a dark object move in the brush. I grabbed my bow thinking it was a bear but on closer observation it turned out to be a cow elk. Down in the ravine, forty yards away was a calf elk. The thing that impressed me was every time the cow moved or stopped the calf did likewise. It stayed in the rear like the old cow had taught it, evidently the cow figured she could take care of any emergencies up front.

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Sincerely, Dale Phelan,  
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## FIELD NOTES, AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

A note from Ed Yakima PBS member, of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, says, "For past three years I have been shooting a 62 pound, self-made bow at least 70 arrows a day. Incidentally I designed, as part of the bow, a device to prevent ever getting slapped by the string. I have laid aside my former 45 pounder for the kill power and pride in using a bow I know is humane and has the reserve power to do a clean job." Ed also noted that he was organizing another club in Cherry Valley. He has, to this date, bagged three deer and lots of smaller game.

A note from Gene Meyer, pres. of the Campbell County KBA Bowhunters, California, Ky. says, "Interest is really high here. As deer bow season approaches we get a far away look in our eyes and can't hear a word—at least our wives say that. We are an all-bowhunter club."



A boy, his bow, and his first rabbit, is pictured in person of Leo Henning, Pleasure Ridge Park, Kentucky.

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President Bill Hinton had appointed a nominating committee consisting of Chairman Ken Brashear, Corbin, Ky., Walter Rifee, Charleston, W. Va., and John Whitlow, of Lewisburg, West Virginia.

The mail ballots should soon be in hands of the membership. Nominees for President are Thomas Shupienis, Masury, Ohio, and Charles Gray, of Mount Holly, New Jersey; Vice President-Bruce Oester, Columbia City, Oregon, and Galen Jordan, Gold Beach, Oregon; Three-Year Executive Councilman-Jack Dove, Niagara Falls, New York, and Marvin Almon, Louisville, Kentucky; Two-year Executive Councilman-Bill Hinton. Mouth of Wilson,

Virginia, and Jerry C. Hall, Fort Worth, Texas; 1-Year Executive Councilman-Carl Hulbert, Milton, Wisconsin, and Dale Saunders, Glasgow, Montana.

The above are the Committee's recommendations subject to acceptance by those named to be placed on the ballot and to accept and serve if elected.

Martenia Thompson, PBS secretary, urges members who have not already done so, to send in their order for the seven-color emblem patches. The cost is \$1.50 each, postpaid. Be the "old pro" bowhunter in your community. Let all know you are upgrading bowhunting. Members may order extra patches, if they wish, for use on extra jackets, etc. Address your mail to P.O. Box 6188, PES, Charleston, West Virginia 25302.

## Wisconsin Bowhunters

Llewellyn Laughlin, of Wisconsin's Department of Conservation, advises that the early Wisconsin deer and bear bowhunting season opens on September 26 and runs through November 17. Following that period comes a combined gun-bow season. Then a late deer-bear bowhunting season opens on December 5 running through December 31.

A non-resident bow deer license costs \$10. If non-resident also wants to hunt bear he can do so by purchasing a \$25 small game non-resident license, which also covers the taking of small game. Vilas and Oneida Counties are among the best deer counties.

## West Virginia

A note from Mr. T. R. Samsell, West Virginia chief of the Division of Game and Fish, writes: "We are very familiar with your fine publication and appreciate the excellent coverage given the West Virginia bowhunting program. Should you need more information on this subject please let us know."

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## INDIANA BOWHUNTERS

by C. KENT BROWN  
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A limited-time bullfrog hunt was held one night late in July by the Valley Bowhunters, of Jeffersonville, Indiana. Dennis McFadden bagged the most frogs. The 14 members bagged 17 frogs in the time limit.

Valley Bowhunters are "bowhunters" and will have a realistic broadhead, simulated African Safari hunt on the afternoon of August 9, at their range on Indiana Route 62 north of Jeffersonville (toward Charlestown).

Kenny Renn, Route 2, New Albany, Indiana, dropped in for a bowhunting chat with the editor and told of bowbagging 23 rabbits, in the Knobs section, last season, with young son, Ronald, also taking several.

Kenny says he finds the best killing head to be a three-eighth inch nut screwed onto arrow tip where field point has been removed. He learned this method from a Logan Grant "how-to" in this magazine last fall. Logan is from St. Paul, Minnesota. Ken uses a 55 lb. U.S. Archery Wildcat bow. He hunts with beagles.

### Kentucky

WHAT KBA MEMBERS ARE DOING: Belated deer kill report to us was the deer taken in Meade County by Kenneth Robinson and Tom Reynolds, Louisville. Ken was using a 45 lb. U.S. Archery Jaguar and Tom used a fiberglass bow.

James Miracle, member of the Jefferson County KBA Bowhunters, has two sets of deer antlers (12 and 8 pointers) and skulls of two bucks who fought to their death. Their antlers are locked in death grip. This happened near Payneville, in Meade County.

A swamp boar was taken at Blocher Hunting Preserve, near Claypool, Indiana, by KBA member Richard Brown, Pleasure Ridge Park, Kentucky. Joe Fehribach, a companion, also got a "swamper". Richard's bow was a U.S. Archery Jaguar 46 lb. bow.



## THE EDITOR'S NOTES

MARVIN ALMON Editor  
1429 Longfield Ave.  
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The editor is honored to have been given an honorary membership in the Kencylynn Bowhunters Association, of Pennsylvania.

This all-bowhunter organization has as its president Kenneth Clouser, Jr.; Vice-President-L. Glen Young; Secretary-Barbara Clouser; Executive Chairman-Bob Rightnour; Technical Advisors-Bill Matsick and Harry Dean. Mail address is Box 7, Madisonburg, Pennsylvania, 16852. The club's practice range is on Brush Mountain, in the heart of prime deer country.

This issue of the AMERICAN BOWHUNTER has omitted its "BOWHUNTER OF THE MONTH" feature because the PBS bowhunter who had been selected has now been nominated for a PBS office and in fairness to all the editor deleted the article prepared for this issue. More "Bowhunter Of The Month" features will appear in future issues.

Tennessee game officials have liberalized bowhunting regulations. Now bowhunters may take two deer -- one during either the October 1-31 deer bowhunting special season, or during the combined bow-gun November 23-December 31 state season, and one during the Wildlife Area Management hunts. Either sex deer legal during the special bowhunting season, but only bucks during the combined gun-bow season. Only one wild boar, turkey or bear may be taken except on areas governed by State Preserve regulations. Hunting from sunrise to sunset. Bows must pull 40 lbs. or more.

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## PENNSYLVANIA BOWHUNT

By G. Jack Fike, member  
Professional Bowhunters Soc.  
Uniontown, Pa.

We three, Glen Snyder, Art Christopher and I, had some early season bowhunting in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, last year, and tho we saw deer and had fun we did not connect during the early season.

When the season was reopened, after the drought-caused closing, I was ready. Opening day was raining and the foot of snow melting fast. But work made it necessary for me to wait till the next day.

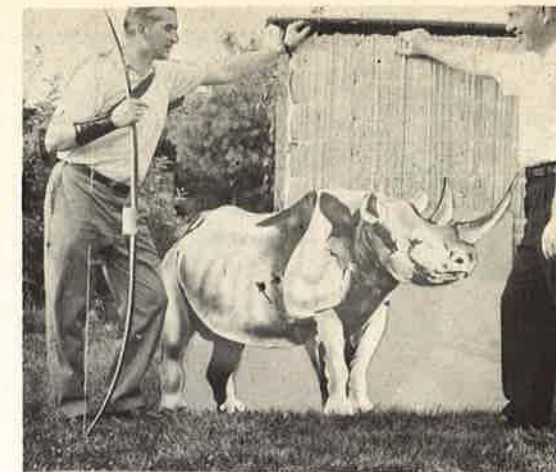
That evening I took a stand on a good crossing where there were both old and new tracks. Darkness came without anything happening.

Next evening I took the same stand tho my hopes were not too high. I had been on stand about an hour when I saw the first deer. It was coming straight toward me. As I raised my 51 pound bow I saw 5 more deer, all does.

But I decided to take the first one that gave a good shot. In a minute one did step into an opening, broadside, and only about 15 yards away. I drew and released but as I released the deer swung its head backward along its side. The arrow struck the head, emerging below the jaw and cutting the jugular vein. The deer dropped in its tracks but regained its feet, ran about 30 yards and was down for keeps. It was a nice doe weighing about 100 pounds.

For lack of space the account of the early season hunt, in which we did not score, is not carried in this story—but we had plenty of thrills. And now my doe was a fitting climax to a thrill-packed season.

And when next season rolls around I hope and expect to again be in the woods enjoying "the greatest sport on earth - bowhunting." Meantime, as regulations permit, I will be adding to the approximately 15 predators and small game I have bowbagged. (Editor's note: Jack has bowbagged a number of deer.)



"So that's what they look like, and that's where you are supposed to hit 'em", the friend is telling Bobcat Swinehart, retiring vice president of the Professional Bowhunters Society.

The realistic rhino target is in Bob's backyard. Bob is to hunt in August and September, in Africa, to try to bag the "Big Five", elephant, lion, leopard, rhino and cape buffalo. No white man, with bow and arrow, has gotten all five as yet. Bob promises our readers photos of the hunt for later issues. His bows range from 60 to 110 pounds.

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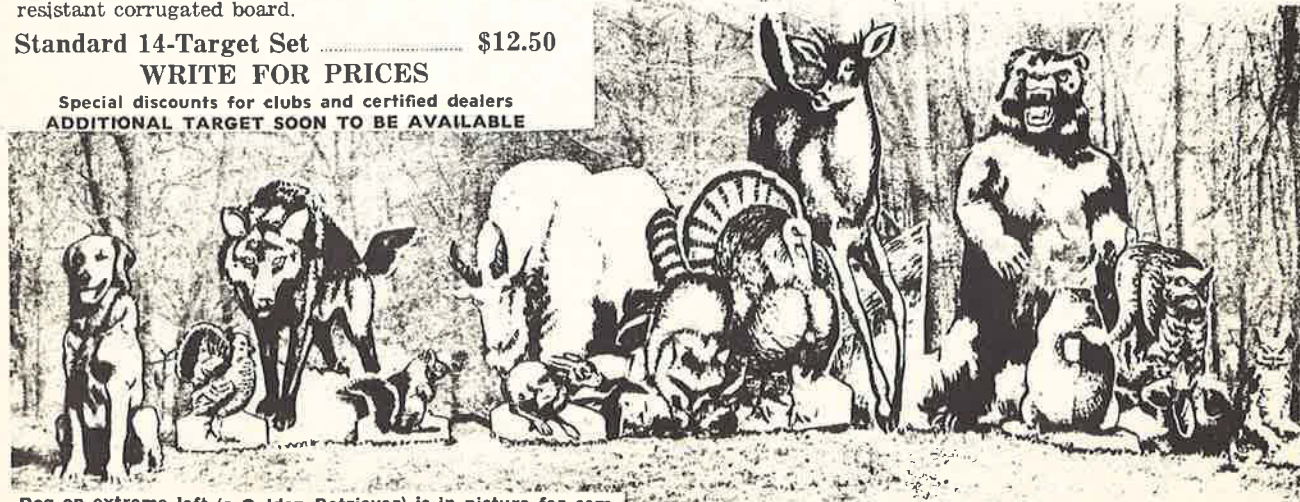
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Officers for the Kentucky Bowhunters Association for the 2-year term to July 1, 1966, selected by a mail ballot early in July, are: President, Norm Fertig, Louisville; Vice President, Ken Brashear, Corbin; Executive Secretary, Marvin Almon, Louisville.

A three-man Advisory Board will be appointed by President Fertig and announced in the next issue.

The KBA's constitution required that an election be held every two years and one was due to be called in June. As the president failed to act to call the required election the officers' terms expired on July 1 and, as the KBA papers stipulate, the executive secretary, Marvin Almon, became acting chairman.

On July 1 Chairman Almon, appointed a 25 member nominating committee to immediately call an election. On night of July 1 the Nominating Committee acted to nominate the above mentioned officers. A mail ballot, one to each paid-up member was immediately sent out with the results shown above. No other members offered themselves as candidates prior to the nominating convention meeting.

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT JUNE 24

Bowmen from everywhere are invited to the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Practice Bowhunt of the Kentucky Bowhunters Association scheduled for Sunday Sep. 20 at Dogwood Road Bowhunters Range, in Louisville's Iroquois Park, off Palatka Road.

The 10th annual Kentucky Bowhunters Championship shoot will be held on Sunday, September 20, 1:30 p.m., Dogwood Road Bowhunters Range, Iroquois Park, Louisville, Ky. This will be a true bowhunters realistic shoot and a time of comradeship just prior to the big game seasons.

At the July Jefferson County KBA's Practice Bowhunt, with 31 registered bowhunters, Clarence Ehinger, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, took first kill score. Hubert Henning, Shively, was second. Woody Henson, Fairdale, took third place on a shoot-off of a tie with Jim Wentzell, Arthur Meyer and Tom Reynolds.



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Joe Brockman, Louisville, took top honors in the Junior Division. Johnnie Hardin was second and Roger LeMaster third.


**TURKEY SEASON**-Arnold Mitchell, Kentucky Director of game management, Department of Wildlife Resources, has assured KBA director Ken Brashear, of Corbin, that he will recommend to the state commissioners, at their June meeting, that a fall and spring bowhunting season be set on turkeys in suitable areas, just as spring and fall gun seasons have been held.

The U.S. Wildlife Service, with state Commission approval, has allowed bowhunting for deer and turkey both inside the Kentucky Woodlands Federal Refuge, in Lyon-Trigg counties, since the KBA requested that turkey be added to the deer season three years ago. The turkeys haven't suffered a single loss from bowhunters during the three seasons-so why not let bowhunters try a few days, fall and spring, in the Cumberland Forest area also! It would provide wholesome recreation even tho no turkeys were taken. The taking of game is just one part of the overall recreation provided by a bowhunt.

**BOWFISHING**-Those Kentucky streams, ponds, lakes, and rivers closed to bowfishermen through May- the best bowfishing month-reopens on June 1 and stay open through September 15; No bowfishing at night; Only rough fish may be taken. There is no size or bag limit.

**SEASONS OPEN**-Only game that may be bowhunted during June and July are grey foxes, ground hogs, crows, and bobcats. The great horned owl may be taken but not many come this far south. The Coopers hawk may be taken but as identification is difficult it is better to leave the hawks be. Also available is snake hunting, and turtles. Bullfrog season opens May 15. A hunting license is needed to bowhunt bullfrogs and a fishing license to bowfish.

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K B A Executive Almon has received notice from State Game Director Arnold Mitchell that bowhunting will be legal for turkey (shotguns also) during the coming Fall and Spring Special turkey seasons the State game commissioners set at their June meeting. The inclusion of bowhunting was at the request of the Kentucky Bowhunters Association and actively sought by its Southeastern Director, Ken Brashear, of Corbin, and at the recommendation of the request by Game Director Arnold Mitchell.

The Fall season on turkeys of either sex starts October 30 and runs through November 1, in Pulaski and McCreary Counties, east of U.S. 27, north of Ky. 90, and south of Ky. 80 (except Beaver Creek Management Area), Perry, Breathitt, Knott (including Robinson Forest Management Area), Clay and Leslie (including Ford Management Area), that portion of Jackson County south of U.S. 460, and Owsley Counties.

A Spring hunt in same areas but for only gobbler with visible beards was set for April 21 through April 25, bows or shotguns.

All KBA members and officials thank Arnold and the Commissioners for this cooperative action.

The Kentucky Game Commissioners, at their June meeting, also met the KBA request that the bowhunting areas be expanded. In setting a 1-day gun deer season in eight new counties they also included those counties for a 32 day bowhunting season (October 15 through November 15). These new counties are: Green, Larue, McLean, Monroe, Ohio, Todd, Wayne and Whitley. These eight added to the 48 counties that were opened last year gives the bowhunters 56 counties to hunt from October 15 through November 15. Commission also opened Woodford and Anderson Counties for bowhunting only. This means 58 counties will be open for deer bowhunting.

Special areas open will be: Pennyryle Forest, Knobs State Forest, and Ft. Knox and Ft. Campbell (post restrictions); Kentucky Wildlife Area open only October 15 through October 31, and Bluegrass Army Depot November 14-15 and November 21-22.

In addition to above the 7,000 acre Primitive Hunting Area, in Bath and Menifee Counties, will be open to deer bowhunting through the October 15-November 15 season. Small game bowhunting may be done there during regular seasons. No modern firearms are permitted in the Primitive Area even during the gun season.

The KBA has been notified by Kentucky Woodlands Refuge manager Paul Sturm and the State game division that portions of that federal refuge will be open to bowhunting for whitetail and fallow deer, turkey gobblers and squirrels from November 2 through November 14, excepting Sundays.

During the above period bowhunters may also take bobcats, feral cats and grey foxes within the refuge's hunting area.

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State small game seasons: Grouse, December 1 through February 28; Squirrel (in East Kentucky) August 29 through November 15, and (in West Kentucky) August 15 through November 15. East Kentucky has another squirrel season from December 1 through December 14. November 19 is state opening date on rabbit, quail and furbearers but closing dates have not been announced at press time.

Mr. Paul Evans, Director of Information, Tennessee Valley Authority, has assured the KBA state bowhunters organization and the AMERICAN BOWHUNTER magazine that bowhunting in the big "Between The Lakes" National Recreational Area (which includes Kentucky Woodlands Refuge) will continue to be an integral part of activities permitted there and will probably be expanded. He said rumors to any other effect are false. The "Land Between The Lakes" national recreational area embraces several hundred thousand acres between the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, from U.S. 79 in Stewart County Tennessee, on the south, to The Canal, near Barkley Dam, including much prime hunting range in Lyon-Trigg Counties in Kentucky. It will be kept "wild" and free of commercial establishments. Camping will be in specified camp area.

Kentucky's Game Commission recently approved a plan setting rules to make possible the setting up of either deer or boar hunting preserves within the state. Persons interested in starting such a reserve are requested to contact Marvin Almon, KBA executive secretary, and Mr. Arnold Mitchell, Game Director.

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# NIMROD Versus the WHITE TAIL

by

Dalton O. Coe



Dalton Coe poses with one of his many Trophies- a 145 pound White Tail. Says Dalt— 'I always use a Coe Bow for that big moment'— A 1948 Coe Photo.

Pursuing the white tail deer, equipped only with the modern tools of an ancient art, is indeed a true sport. It is the type of recreation which gives the Nimrod a chance to match his wits and prowess with a bow and arrow against the natural protective instincts of one of the keenest of all big game animals.

It is not surprising that archery has become such a popular means of taking the white tail, for it is a known fact this method is extremely effective and even the novice archer can be successful, especially if he complies with several of the bare essentials.

## 1. EQUIPMENT

Bows and Arrows are precision built instruments and must match. Also they must be right for the archer. Consult any reputable manufacture or merchant and he will be glad to advise and see that you are properly outfitted. Once you have equipment, learn how to care for it, especially your arrow heads. Keep them razor sharp, or as nearly as possible.

## 2. MARKSMANSHIP

You don't have to be a William Tell, but of course the more accurate you are the better. One well placed arrow is more effective than a dozen missed or superficial wounds. I would encourage any archer to enjoy the hunt even if he has never won a ribbon. My friends would think I had padded the score card if it read 400 on 56, yet success afield during Michigan White tail deer season has been mine each year since my brother, Cliff, owner of Coe Archery Company indoctrinated me into this great sport in 1948. Yet, Field Archery improves one.

## 3. THE HUNT AND THE HUNTER

This is the 4-bell item. With all other things being equal, the Hunt and the Hunter will determine to a great extent his success. You can't bag a white tail

if you can't get a shot regardless of how accurate you can shoot the finest equipment in the world. So, lets get that shot, and a good one too. BUT HOW?

It is important to select a territory where deer are plentiful. This is easy in the State of Michigan, as well as many other States; however, the habit of the animal must be known. Where he eats, drinks, beds etc. It may take a few days to determine these factors but patience and preservance will pay off. I might add that such habits might change in the course of the season. Normally in Michigan we find the white tails fondness for wild cherries lure him to a bountiful grove. Then the acorns may fall after a couple hard frosts, or a near by meadow might be his nightly rendezvous. Usually he will bed in a near by thicket or wood lot, where the noise caused by the approaching archer would serve as a warning for him to spook. Usually the white-tail uses his sense of smell to detect approaching danger from up-wind and his eyes to spot the hunter from down-wind, and of course he can hear from all directions.

The main ways of hunting the white tail are by stalking and from a blind. While the later way proves more fruitful and provide closer shooting, I would like to discuss the former method first, for it is not only my favorite but also requires more skill in various phases of this fine sport.

Stalking should be done when the animal is taken up with something which will make him less aware of the hunter, and keep him within the area; usually this is at his feeding ground. Many articles have been written on how to pursue stalking successfully, but I am sure there is no set formula, but rather basic items which increase your advantage if used properly—use of the wind, following the cover, whether it brush, trees, stump or terrain—watching the animal at all times, you must not be seen, heard or winded.

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## NIMROD versus the WHITE TAIL

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The white tail has a few peculiarities of which have proven valuable to me. He flicks his tail before he takes action; if his head is down and he is eating, you can move in, however, if the tail flicks you better be out of sight, for sure as you are born, up comes the head, it may stare in your direction, but you may not be seen. Motion helps to locate animals, and it helps animals locate us, so slow and easy movements are necessary. Once within range, and I say you can stalk within 30 yards especially if it is a windy or rainy day, it is important to get your shot away without being noticed. I usually draw shortly after the animal puts its head down to eat again, remember they will go down with the head and right back up if they suspect you are around. Concentrate on the spot you wish to hit, and that's not the antlers, then loose the arrow.

Once a hit has been made the process is simple if the hunter knows his game and woodsmanship. The white tail is not usually dropped in his tracks by any weapon, unless by a broken spinal column, and will travel varying distances. Archers have to depend on themselves for finding their game, they rarely have snow, but rarely need it for a good hit on an animal will cause him to bleed out in 10 seconds; at twice the speed of a man, he could then travel less than 200 yards. I have only had one go further, and at least a half dozen have never left my sight before dropping. It is important on a marginal hit to take up the chase scientifically, methodically and with great care. Don't push the animal nor give up the trail for it leads to the game—combing the area is a last resort. Even a poor hit will bring forth game, if the hunter uses his great resources of knowledge of the game and the woods. Always blaze the trees along the blood trail- also, you can crack a running deer in the leaves, sand etc.

Hunting from a blind is probably more popular and carries a greater degree of success, if we judge by the game bagged. The reasons are obvious. The hunter is hidden and the animal will be venturing about in search of food, water, shelter, or maybe other deer. A scientifically constructed blind should be built near a runway or intersection of two runways, in such a manner as to have the wind in the hunters face when he is watching the area from which he has determined the deer will come. Be prepared to shoot in all directions (not at one time) but be able to maneuver while within the blind. We sometimes miscalculate, and much to our surprise get a shot at a deer that is nearly down wind.

Natural blinds are best, so use material as near the natural state as possible. However, if hunting in an area for a few days we have found that a hole about 30 inches in diameter and knee deep make it comfortable to sit and give ample bow room. To this we make a concentric ring of pine bows, oak branches or whatever the cover affords. I carry a small set of pruning shears for cutting on about a 45 degree angle so the brush is easily stuck upright in the ground. Pruning shears are quieter than a hatchet too. I have found the less comotion made in the area you are hunting the earlier in the evening you will see deer.

The lookout from a blind is important, as is its consistency and height. One should not bob up and down in a blind as he might attract attention; but rather gently peek out and scan the area as you would with field glasses. Spot your deer early so you can be ready when he is within range. Use all precautions for shooting as have been previously mentioned.

It might be worthy of mentioning another method used in hunting the white-tail and that is driving. Although it will produce game, I believe, it is less sporty and meets with disapproval of private land owners who would welcome archers using other methods. It takes a large group of hunters to do this successfully, so for most part will be restricted to organized groups.

I have not told of many personal thrills and experiences gained during this October exodus to the great area which nature dresses in all colors of the spectrum, but have tried to give a few pointers which may help you to have an enjoyable and successful hunt. Don't forget, you won't get a perfect shot at all the deer you see. Boners are frequent and fun too; and in that area I have had much enjoyment, but too many of these could cause one to come home with another tag to hang on a beautiful rack which has been on the mantle for many years.

So read to learn all you can but most of all, learn to do by doing, and I'm sure success will be yours; the enjoyment you gain by matching wits with the white tail in his domain, will bring you experiences and thrills which will provide you many joyous hours over a hot cup of coffee for years and years to come.



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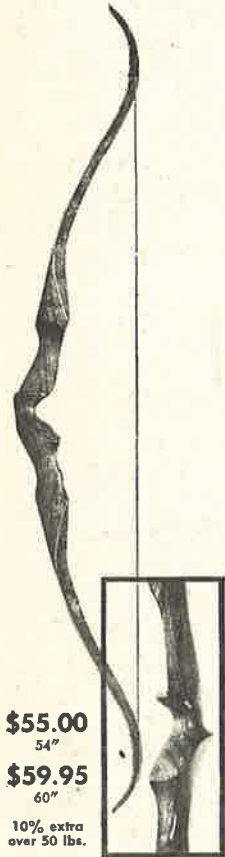
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