

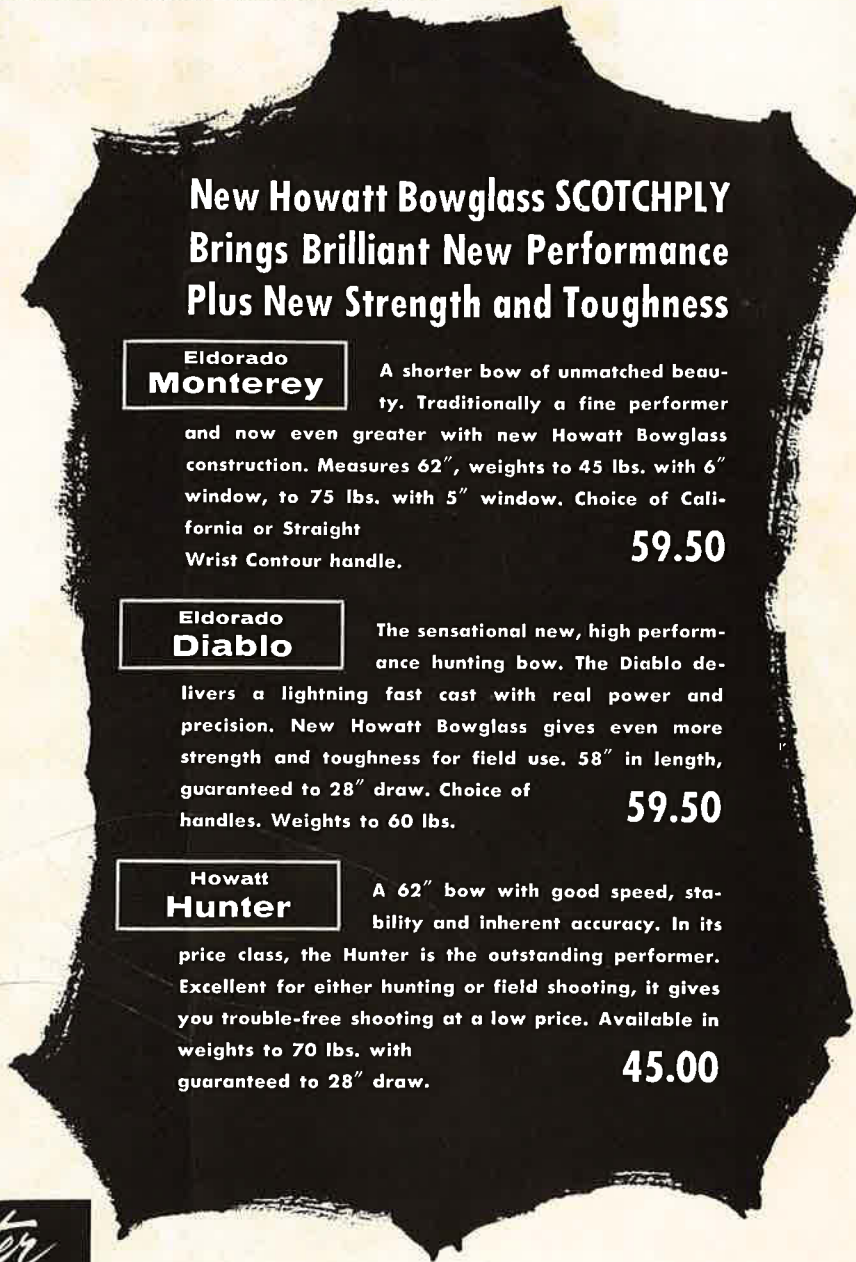
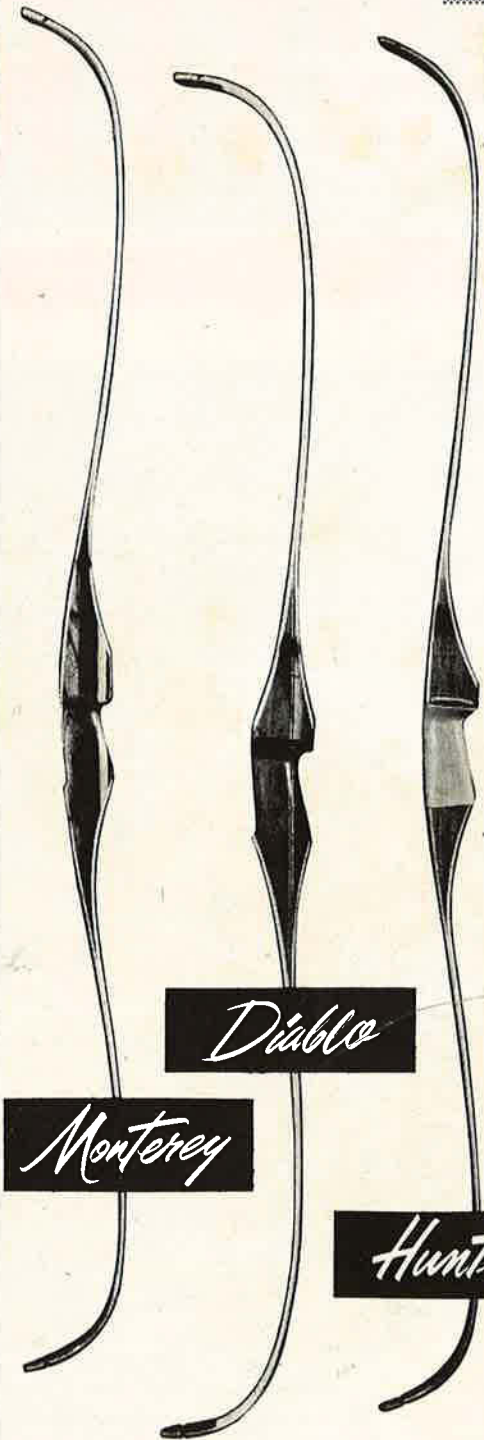
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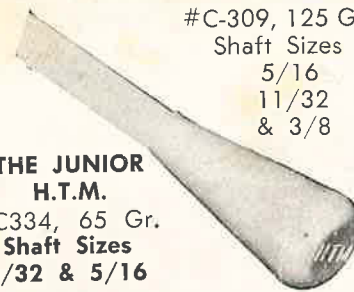
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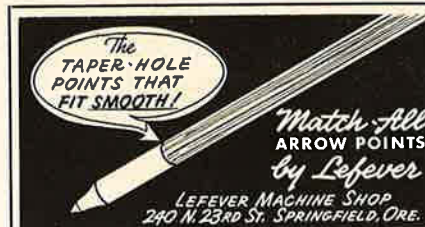
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By Helene B. Huck

The members of this Committee are very happy to announce that once again we will be able to send two teams to Europe to participate in the World Championships!! Individual archers and Clubs responded promptly to our plea for funds, and by the accompanying Box Score, you will see that as of June 1st, the fund shows a balance of close to \$8500.00. Of this \$3500.00 has been received since the first of the year. Our correspondence indicates we may expect additional funds during the months of June and July and these, added to what we have, will assure us sufficient amounts of money to finance our 1959 teams.

For each of the past three years the FITA Fund Committee has been faced with the necessity to raise a sizeable sum of money and this has made the task a formidable one. Therefore we extend our praise and thanks to the archers throughout the country for their loyalty and generosity. We believe United States archers should participate in International matches because this spells growth in our sport. We are glad so many agree in this concept and back it up with their contributions!

The special strength of unity in any endeavor has been demonstrated once more by the substantial contributions received from Field Groups and Field Archers. It is heartwarming indeed to receive letters such as we did . . . for instance, one Club wrote: "Our annual FITA Fund raising shoot brought out a fair representation of the membership. As we have more field shooters than target shooters, we feel that our contribution, though small in comparison to lots of Clubs, is indicative of the spirit behind most GOOD clubs." Another group wrote: "Our club is five years old and is both target and field. We started our outdoor target shooting this year with a warm-up Double American. This shoot was set up to increase the Club Treasury and no medals were to be given. But—just before the shoot we read your appeal for FITA Funds and our members said it would be a good idea if the Club would send one half of the proceeds to help the fund. These members were target, field, free style and instinctive, but they all sensed the importance of your appeal for funds."

With sportsmanship such as this, archery will continue to grow and to prosper.

Working on a nationwide basis, it is always interesting to see how the distribution of support works out. Here is a breakdown of contributions by States of funds received since January 1st, 1959. Please note Sim Hardy's "Monster Club Fund" is treated as one item in this resume. Mr. Hardy's State distribution was given in a previous report:

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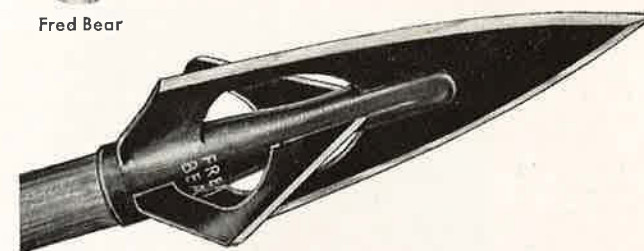
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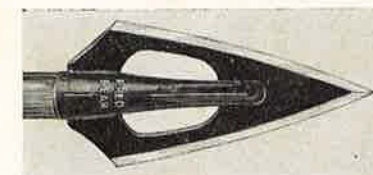
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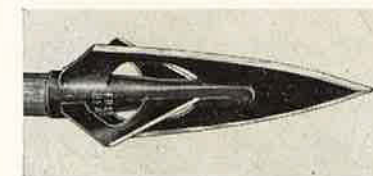
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# "CONQUEST"

By P.F.C. Richard Holmes,  
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October 21 found me waiting impatiently for my leave to come through so I could make the last week of early archery season in Wisconsin.

The days dragged by and finally on the morning of the 27th my platoon leader said, "Holmes, it looks as if you'll get a chance at that big buck you've been talking about since last fall. You can pick up your leave papers at noon."

So Saturday morning I was heading toward Chicago, hardly noticing the drone of the big DC-6's motors, as every minute took me closer to the wonderful days ahead when I would be stalking my favorite birch and jack pine stands after the wary White-tail. Visions of last year's trip, and the deep satisfaction I felt as I thought of the doe which we brought back with us filled my head. My friend and hunting partner Neil Hesseleman and I hit her almost at the same time as she was watching us from across Willow Creek, while we were in despair sitting on a pile of cord wood, about ready to leave for home empty-handed. I hardly heard the stewardess say, "Please fasten your seat belts. We will be landing at Chicago Municipal Air Port in five minutes."

We landed and soon a smaller craft was taking me towards Beloit where I would meet my family, whom I hadn't seen for almost a year.

Let me tell you, those little brothers and sisters I used to wish would leave me alone, looked real good to me then. Greetings were exchanged and we headed for Milton Junction, where I had lived for ten years before enlisting in the Marine Corps in June of 1957.

No sooner had the door opened when Neil appeared with my tackle all ready to go. The trailer was packed and all there was left to do was to stop at Nelson Archery in Mil-

ton and pick up the new Razorheads Erlo Nelson had waiting for me. Neil's vacation started Monday so we wasted no time making plans to leave the next day.

Not much sleeping was done that night and about 2:00 A.M. we decided to leave. All we had to do was to get the trailer hooked up and we were off for Northern Wisconsin. From Milton Junction to Edgerton we tried to remember what we had forgotten, as we usually forget something and have to return for it. Going over a list which appeared in a past issue of the "BOWHUNTER", nothing seemed to be missing.

The miles seemed to roll by slowly as we passed Madison, Wisconsin Dells, Chippewa Falls, Spooner, and finally Hayward. Soon we were there and the soft breeze whispering through the pines, along with the gurgle of Willow Creek, told me that this would be another wonderful and unforgettable week.

Setting up camp didn't take long, and by noon we were strung up and off for a spot where we felt sure we would get shooting.

Working slowly towards the banks of the Chippewa River I heard a rustle in the leaves ahead of me, and there not thirty yards away was a small doe romping playfully, not suspecting that danger lurked near by. I must have watched her for five minutes before it came to me that I was deer hunting. As the bow came to shooting position she caught the motion and wasted no time vacating the area. Just as her flag went up and she started her first bound I got the shaft on its way but it buried into the ground much too low. In a way I was glad I had missed and retrieved the arrow, taking time to sit down on a fallen birch tree to sharpen it.

The breeze was beginning to shift, and feeling it now on the back of my neck, I knew that my chance of not being detected

the rest of the way to the river wasn't very good.

We had planned to meet on a fire break about fifty yards from the river. As I approached it Neil was just coming across the break. Just as we met, two does walked out of a stand of birch and poplars, stopping on a little ridge to look at us, trying to figure out what we were. Neither one of us made the slightest move, and presently they looked the other way. One ambled down the opposite side of the ridge out of sight. There was too much brush in the way for me to get a shot at the other one. She stood with her vital area behind a birch tree, but Neil was ready when she took a step. The limbs of his 52 pound Kodiak snapped forward and the arrow flew toward the mark. There was a loud crack like breaking a stick. The deer bounded away and shakingly we approached the spot where she had stopped. For the rest of the afternoon we hunted for a blood trail or the deer but found neither one. We came to the conclusion that it was a miss as she was on about a forty degree angle from us. It must have glanced up and through the bushy pine tree she was standing in front of at the time.

Wednesday rolled around but we still had nothing hanging from the meat pole. Neil had three shots and I had four so we still felt very much "skunked." The bucks were rutting so it kept the does pretty much on the move. We had seen about fifty deer between us and both agreed that this was the best year either of us had hunted.

That afternoon we spent still hunting by a small lake nestled in the depths of the tall stately pines. The feeling you get while stalking through the forest on a still fall afternoon cannot be expressed in words.

We were still hunting about two-hundred yards apart and working towards a tote road, when I heard what sounded like a whole herd of deer heading straight for me.

Then about forty yards away there appeared an eight point buck and a doe. The buck stopped but the doe kept walking right towards me until she was only a few steps away. Then she stopped, tested the breeze, and started feeding. I wanted that buck so badly that I didn't pay too much attention to her. Slowly I raised the bow and came to full draw. He still didn't move but was looking at me. There was only his head and neck to shoot at with three birch trees in the way. Figuring my chances of missing were much greater than those of connecting, I slowly let the arrow slide forward on the rest, not attempting a shot. I knew I was pressing my luck and doubted that he would stick around long. Suddenly he took a few steps towards the doe, and there was the perfect broadside shot I had waited for. The release was terrible and I had no anchor point, but some how the shaft flew straight to his rib cage and I knew I had my buck. He made a thirty yard run, then died on his feet, as he staggered and fell. I really let out a war whoop and Neil came on the run.

A happy pair of bow hunters left for home Thursday. Although Neil didn't get a deer that trip, he bagged a big doe the opening day of late season at the Necedah Refuge.

The buck dressed out at 170 pounds and was taken with a forty-five pound recurve bow made by Saunders Archery. We both used Bear Razorheads.

# ONCE IN A LIFETIME

J. Dennis  
Great Falls, Montana

Well, here we are again, September 13; The car is all packed, and ready to go. Gas up, check oil, pick up my little brother-in-law, Alan, and we're on our way. I always take my vacation during the first two weeks of bow hunting. This year we are getting a two-day start on the season. We will do a little fishing, laying around camp, and oh yes, scout up a few bucks—if we can.

Up the hill, around the bend, and there it is—the most beautiful tree in the Highwood Mountains. To me it is, anyway, cause that's where I dropped a nice two point the year before, but that's another story. After I paid due respects to my tree, we moved on to the camp grounds. We put up our 10x12 wall tent for sleeping, and our little pup tent for the food. We packed for comfort this year. We have Army cots, a new stove, table and chairs, and the works. This is a haven for anyone who enjoys camping out. We had our choice of camp spots, so we took the one with the barbecue pit and the brand new bridge spanning the small creek. It is hard to believe that there could be camp grounds such as this in these rugged mountains. Forest Rangers work on these grounds the year 'round. They have built tables with benches, bridges to cross the creek, planted grass, built 'out door facilities' and sunken garbage pits, and they even have running water at every spot. They've piped water from the spring nearby and have a spigot coming up through a pine log. All this is only 41 miles from our house in Great Falls. After dinner, we sat in the tent sharpening broadheads and telling Alan what he should do for this, his first year of deer hunting. He had just become 12, the legal age for big game hunting in Montana.

The next day we spent fishing and goofing off. My other brother-in-law arrived that evening. Now the whole family was almost here. My wife Darlene, Alan, myself, and the latest arrival, Buzz. In the morning my mother and father would be here.

We all arise at 4:30, have coffee and rolls and pair off for our first day of hunting at daylight. Alan goes with me, and Darlene will take Buzz. This is also his first year of hunting—with the bow that is. He has the idea this is a cinch, can't see how you can miss a deer when he can put at least four arrows in a little bulls eye' he says. Boy! does he have a lot to learn.

We're going in separate directions, Alan and I toward the brush country and Darlene and Buzz will hunt the timber. No luck in the brush, just a few fleeting glimpses. They sure were spooky this year. We returned to camp to start breakfast for the others. Daylight hunting was all over so they should be along soon. Buzz returned telling of the big buck he and Darlene had stalked. He had four shots at him, but he just couldn't find his mark. Darlene could have had shots at does but she said she had never shot at a doe before and she wouldn't start now even if it meant going without a deer for the third year. It wasn't long before my Dad

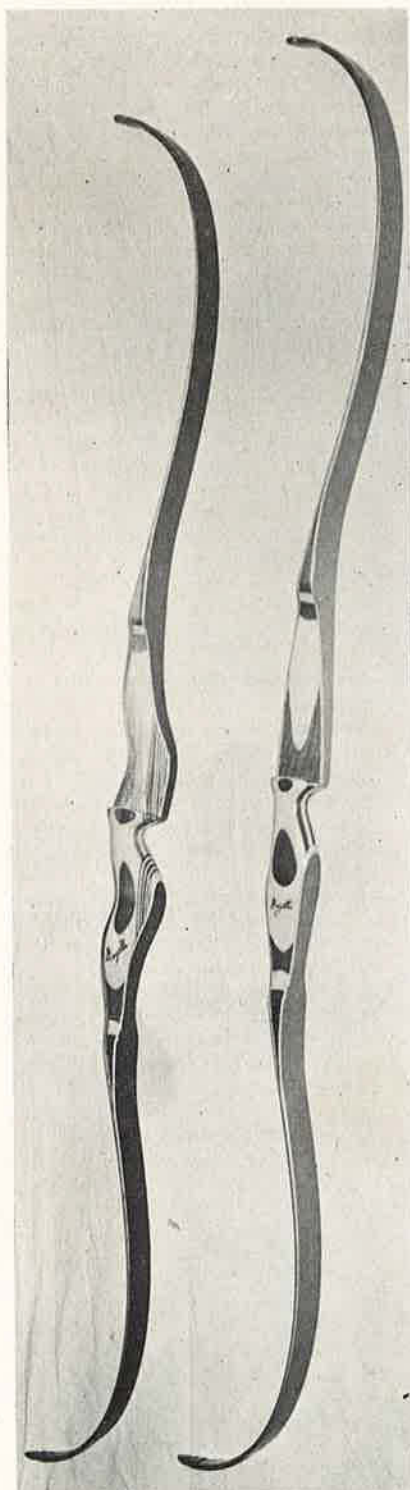
and Mother pulled up to camp. Oh! oh! my dad had that look on his face again. Many's the time he returned to camp last year with that same look, and it always meant he had a deer down somewhere. He walked our legs off tracking but to no avail except once. He got a doe the last part of the season. Yes, we were right, he hit a doe about an hour after daylight and came back for help. First we would eat, then we would all go out tracking. It didn't take long this time. She was lying in the brush still alive. Curt (my Dad) finished her off with a shaft in the neck. Maybe his luck was running better this year.

The next day was pretty uneventful until we were leaving for evening hunting. Darlene and I went together this time and Mom and Curt went to their favorite spot. We intended to drive way down the road to a spot we had hunted last year. Darlene was pretty disgusted. She hadn't even had a shot yet. We weren't much more than a mile from camp when a movement on the hillside caught my eye. This was Darlene's chance, the deer was on my side of the road so I told her to get out and shoot. He looked pretty spooky; wish she would hurry up. If only we had taken the movie camera, this would be some picture! Seemed like an hour before I saw her white arrow streak upward and sink right into the heart and lung section of that deer, a nice two point mule deer in the velvet. The arrow seemed to pop right

back out of him as he jumped and broke the shaft. He ran crazily down the hill right at Darlene. She came running back to the car trying to draw another arrow from her quiver at the same time. As she nocked her arrow for another shot, the buck turned back up the hill and staggering, slowly walked into the timber. She had made a good hit, and that buck looked awful sick at last sight. We marked the spot and drove on down the road to wait. We only had about 45 minutes 'til dark, so we couldn't let him go too long. After half an hour we drove back to the spot to look for blood-trail. There was very little blood, and Darlene's arrow only had about three inches missing. Was that enough to kill? All we could do now was walk in the direction we last saw him go. About ten minutes after we started, Darlene called to come over where she was. He was down, wrapped around a tree. She thought he was dead but he could still raise his head. There was no danger of his getting away. We walked right up to him, but he seemed to be paralyzed. Darlene used all the arrows in her quiver, and mine too but just couldn't hit him in the head. She made some mighty deep cuts in the antlers though. He was about finished now, so I cut his throat to finish him. Well, he was a small one, only about a hundred pounds, but no archer could be more proud than Darlene was right then. In dressing him out, she found that her broadhead had pierced the lungs and lodged in the spine. Of course, she has that spine vertebrae. She had to glue it together though, the spine had been broken by the force of the broadhead.

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## NATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY TOURNAMENT NEWS

### How to Get To Fall River

By  
Edwin C. Park

Now that you've made all your plans for the trip to the big National Field Archery Association tournament at Fall River Lodge during that last week of July, you might be interested in just how to get to the tournament site.

The place to aim for is the city of Bend, Oregon, a nice little town of about 12,000 population resting on the Deschutes River between the foothills of the Cascade mountains on the west and the sagebrush and junipers of the high desert on the east. If you can locate a map of Oregon, or even a map of the United States, you'll notice that Bend is pretty nearly in the center of the state of Oregon. The actual tournament site at Fall River Lodge is just 25 miles south of Bend.

Many of you archers probably have already picked out the route you plan to take or have special routes you want to take to see certain things, friends, or relatives along the way. But I can suggest a few routes that will take you past points of interest.

If you are driving to the tournament from the east, you have many possible routes to take and each will furnish you with something different to see. You might drive out here via one route and go home by another. If you live in the northern states, you might find it interesting to go across northern Montana and stop in for a visit at Glacier National Park. A little further south would take you through the Black Hills of South Dakota, and the two National Parks of Wyoming—Grand Teton and Yellowstone. Still more to the south would give you a route through Rocky Mountain Park in Colorado and over past the Great Salt Lake of Utah. In southern Colorado is Mesa Verde National Park, and to the west in Arizona and southern Utah are Grand Canyon Park and Zion National Park. There is a very scenic tour up through California that might appeal to anyone coming across the southern states. Starting from the south you could drive north through California and see Joshua Tree National Monument, Death Valley, King's Canyon National Park, Yosemite Park, drop over into Nevada to see Reno. (That's where you get divorced—from your money), and finish in the north with Mount Lassen National Park and a view of Mount Shasta. Then just to the north in Oregon is that beautiful Crater Lake National Park. From there it is just a few hours drive to Bend.

One of the most direct routes from the east is U.S. highway 30 which begins at Atlantic City, N. J., runs through Chicago, across Iowa and Nebraska, through Cheyenne, Wyoming, and across southern Wyoming and Idaho. After you pass Boise, Idaho, highway 30 goes north and across Oregon to the Pacific ocean. However, to get to Bend, you will want to turn off at Ontario, Oregon, and go through Vale and Burns to Bend. This is highway 20 from On-

tario to Bend. Across the desert from Burns to Bend, be on the look-out for a sight of that desert speedster, the pronghorn antelope. Large herds are found in this area and are often seen from this highway.

Coming from the south through California, the quickest route is north along Highway 99 to Weed, California, then turn onto U.S. 97 which goes on north into Oregon and through Bend. U.S. 97 also comes down through Washington to Bend.

Once you arrive in Bend, it is simple to get to the tournament site itself. Signs will show you how to get onto U.S. 97 which goes south from Bend. About 11 miles south of Bend is a cinder cone called Lava Butte which is a U.S. Forest Service lookout station. You can drive up and visitors can get a good view of the surrounding country from this viewpoint. A couple miles further south is Lava Cave state park. This is an interesting stop and visitors can walk a full mile back into this cave to see the results of past volcanic action. As you drive south from Bend you will notice that each mile there is a marker along the right side of the highway. The mile post in Bend is 141. The numbers increase until you get to mile post 159. This is 18 miles south of Bend. Just south of this mile post 159 you turn right to get to Fall River. Direction signs are being put up so you won't be able to get lost unless you really try.

After you turn off highway 97, you cross the railroad tracks and follow the red-topped highway. This red-topping is made of red cinders and adds a colorful touch to Central Oregon roads. A little over two miles down the road you cross over the Little Deschutes River. About a mile further is a sign pointing to the left which says "Big Tree." This side trip of 5 miles would net you a view of the world's largest Ponderosa pine tree—

### LATE FLASH . . . .

Joe Fries breaks York **ROUND RECORD**. Shooting a Perry Bow, Joe Fries of the Perry Archery Co. shot a sensational 1046 at Long Beach, California on June 14, 1959, breaking his former record by 33 points. A Perry bow holds the world flight record of 842½ yards.

The full story in the August issue.

### Safari Shoot at McHenry, Ill.

By Irene Adams

The Northern Illini Bowmen are repeating their highly successful Safari Shoot which drew 381 participants last year. Date—July 12. Many awards. There will be 28 targets all in color. Food available. Go west from McHenry on hwy. 120 to first cross road. Turn left and follow signs to the range. Field arrows will be used.

about 9½ feet in diameter at the base. But to get to Fall River on the red-top go to the General Patch bridge over the Deschutes River. There the paving ends, but the 5 miles of dirt road to the lodge at Fall River is wide and kept in good condition. Signs will direct you this last 5 miles to the tournament site.

And if you haven't made plans as to where you'll stay, the Bend Chamber of Commerce will gladly furnish names and addresses of the hotels and motels in Bend. So get out your maps and get the car packed, and we'll be looking for you at Fall River Lodge the last week of July.



ROAST GROUSE

Herbert E. Robinson

A prerequisite of camp cookery is ease of preparation. For a dish fit for an outdoorsman, try roasting grouse on a spit.

Clean bird whole as you would a chicken. Rub the bird inside and out with butter, salt and pepper.

Wrap the bird in three long strips of bacon, or wrap in one layer of cheese-cloth. Skewer bird on spit.

Turn bird slowly over a clean, moderately hot fire, (about 10 inches above hot coals).

Keep the bird well greased—never allow it to become dry.

You can use butter or bacon grease. When the bird has reached a golden brown (slightly darkened) it should be done.



From  
The Den  
Of  
The Old  
Bowhunter

CHESTER STEVENSON  
893 E. 20th, Eugene, Oregon

## Arrow Heads And Quivers

Of more than fifty arrow quivers on the walls of my den, two of them lie before me now on my desk. Both are made from the hides of big mule deer bucks, one chrome tanned and the other with the hair on, and in each case the maker has passed to the great beyond.

One of the many boys who used my place in which to build their bows and other archery tackle, made and gave me this hairy quiver just before he went into the service in 1943. He never came back.

Material for the other was furnished by the late Alex Egelston of Burns, Oregon. Alex was very well posted on prehistoric and Indian lore, and especially in the colored paintings on the cliffs and in the caves of Eastern Oregon. These paintings were made before the time of the Indians, they are in vivid red, a color which has retained its brightness through several thousand years.

Alex found the source of this red pigment, and it was used to color the characters on this quiver. These drawings are exact copies of those in the caves.

Each spring for several years in the 1930's I was invited by Alex to come to the Burns area for a rabbit and squirrel hunt, also to explore the caves looking for arrow heads and other artifacts.

On one three day trip we camped near Malheur Lake. In the gang were Dr. Hibbard, Chas. Schroder, Dale Eggleston, Alex and myself. The first day we hunted arrow heads where the shore line had receded around the lake. Picking was not too good but we found a nice obsidian knife, a couple of spear heads and a few dozen smaller heads. One was a perfect specimen less than a half inch long.

The next day we planned a hunt, the prize to be the arrow collection we had picked up the day before. Game points were to be, peg squirrels one point, rabbits three points, ravens three points and rattle snakes five

points. We started out at eight o'clock to hunt until twelve, every fellow for himself.

Peg squirrels were plentiful, they were a target not much bigger than a fat cigar and hard to hit little devils as they were faster than lightning. They are like a prairie dog in the fact that they are seldom seen far from their den. They duck into their hole at the snap of the bow and are easy to miss. I made a lot of shots and got one occasionally and the tails were adding up. Two fellows can out smart these pegs to a certain extent by hunting twenty five yards apart. You nail one while he watches your partner; but here we were to hunt alone.

By eleven o'clock I had forty tails and was hunting in sight of camp. I could see that Doc was already there, so I decided to go on in, figuring my forty score should be plenty good. Doc is a good shot and when he reported twenty seven, and held up a bunch of tails, I felt better.

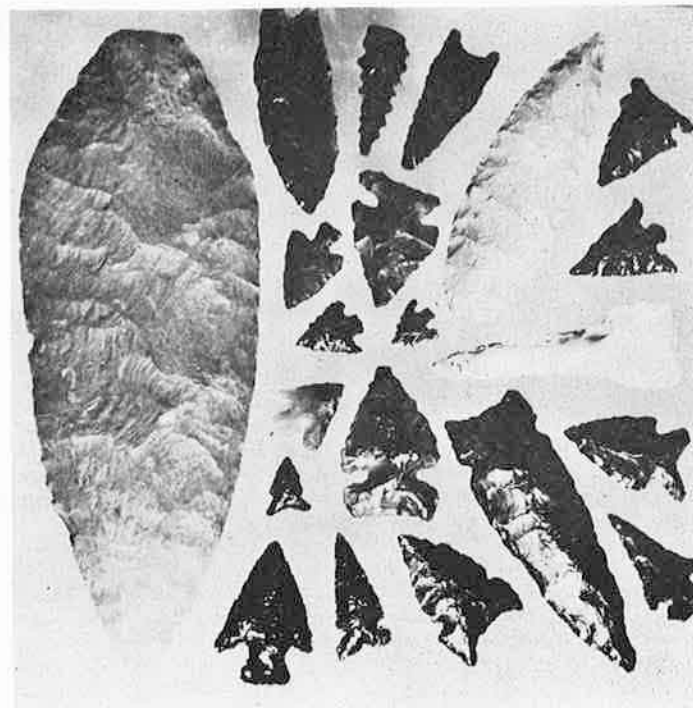
Three of the fellows were still out and we had another hour to go so I decided to try for a few more. A hundred yards from camp I found a snake in the act of swallowing a squirrel. A center shot netted me six more points, a squirrel tail and a set of rattles.

Schroder came up then and he was beaming. When I saw his string of ninety tails, I thought there go my arrow points. Dale and Alex came in and reported lower scores than mine.

Charlie and Doc were remarkable bow shots, especially at short range. They both shot big osage bows, made and given to them by Dr. B. G. Thompson, another bow hunting side-kick.

After lunch we had a match in camp, shooting a bottle cap at twenty five feet. We each shot until we missed, Charlie won with a score of twenty, next high was fifteen and one joker missed with his first shot.

A trip like this affords much pleasure to a bow hunter. I was having the time of my



"The prize arrowhead collections."



"The drawings on the quivers are exact replicas of cave designs drawn by Indians in eastern Oregon."

life, but the best was yet to come. It was the prize arrow head collection. For a joke the gang had ganged up on me, Charlie's big score had included Dale's and Alex's take. They gave me the trophy.

The photo shows most of the arrow points found on the trip, some of them are in color and are very beautiful.

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### Use For Old Bowstrings



Gentlemen:

Don't throw that old bowstring away! I found that it makes the strongest and handiest fish stringer there is. I went bowfishing the other day and forgot my regular stringer. I had an old bowstring in my pocket and made good use of it as you can see in the cut.

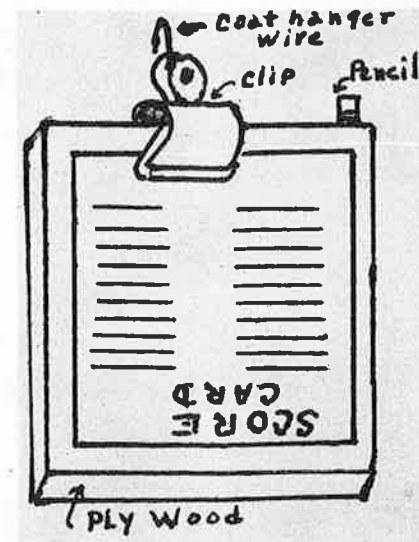
Donald Noel  
Homer, Ill.

### Outdoor Writer Emblems For How-To-Do-It Articles

We want to remind readers that all contributions to this How-To-Do-It column are rewarded with one of NATIONAL BOWHUNTER'S beautiful silk embroidered OUTDOOR WRITER emblems. These emblems are outlined in green to remind sportsmen to keep the outdoors CLEAN AND GREEN and are lettered in red and brown on a gold background for the beautiful fall colors among which bowhunters have the great good fortune to mingle during the fall months. You'll be proud to wear this distinguished emblem signifying you as an outdoorsman and writer.

July, 1959

### Handy Score Card Holder



Dear Carl:

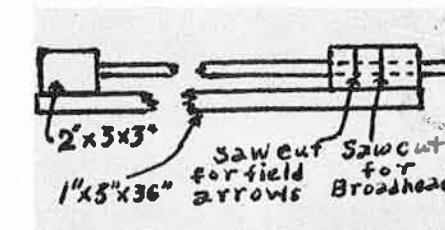
Here's a handy How-To-Do-It for archers who wonder what to do with their score cards while on the roving range.

Material list: 1/4" plywood 3 1/2 x 5 1/2; No. 2 Bull Dog Clip; Wire clothes hanger; 2 x 5 inch piece of cloth or leather; Tacks or staples.

The holder can be hooked to your belt and if you clip your score card on upside down, you can write on it without unhooking it from your belt.

Robert G. Learmont  
14 E. Paddock Ave.  
Waukegan, Ill.

### Arrow-Cutting Jig Speeds Process



Dear Sir:

As I always enjoy your How-To-Do-It department, I thought my idea for a little jig for cutting arrows might be useful. It is very fast and accurate.

Take one piece of 2" x 3" x 6" and drill 3/8" holes lengthwise through it about 1" from the edge. Take 1 piece of 2" x 3" x 3" and 1 piece of 1" x 3" x 36" and nail the short pieces to the ends of the 36" strip as shown in the cut. Measure the proper distance from the edge of the shorter block for your field arrows and make a saw kerf down to the bottom of the 3/8" hole. Another saw cut can be made a little longer for your hunting arrows as shown.

Everett Yoder  
Mattawana, Penna.

### Re-fletching Aluminum Arrows

Dear Hr. Hulbert:

Here is an idea that has proved successful for me and I hope that it will win for me an "Outdoor Writers Emblem."

When re-fletching aluminum arrows use these five steps:

- (1) Remove old paint with a good solvent.
- (2) Steel wool shaft.
- (3) Wipe shaft with vinegar to remove oxidation.
- (4) Give fletching area one coat of clear brushing laquer to stop any more oxidation.
- (5) Paint or base arrow as desired and fletch.

Danny Flynn  
14 No. W. Hazel Dell  
Springfield, Ill.

### How-To-Do-It

Dear Sir:

Here's a little idea my club and I started to use this year for carrying archery tackle. We either bought or made up a case which is normally used for carrying a shotgun broken down. In one side of the case we can carry our guards, gloves, tabs, extra repair equipment, etc. This is a handy and convenient case. A thermos bottle can also be stored in the case. Hope this idea will help other archers.

John A. Dobiclovic  
626 Mill Rd.  
Ravenna, Ohio

### NAA 75th Jubilee Tourney Program Available

Word from Clayton Shenk, President of the National Archery Association, informs us that the National Tournament program will contain the official shooting rules for target, flight and cross bow as set by that organization. These rules will be in addition to the program of events.

A copy of the program will be mailed to those who request it. Requests will be filled on a first come first served basis and "late comers" are not guaranteed a copy.

Write to Clayton B. Shenk, Rt. 1, Ronks, Pennsylvania for your copy.

The National Archery Association's 75th Jubilee Tournament will be held at Lancaster, Pennsylvania on August 17-21. The location of the meet will be on the campus of Franklin and Marshall College. Reservations in the College Dormitory should be made in advance and before August 10th. Mail your request to Mr. Richard H. Winters, c/o National Archery Association, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Write to the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, 33 W. Orange St., Lancaster, Pa., for a list of motels and hotels if you wish accommodations of that type.

Target fees are \$15 and must be sent in advance before July 17th. They will be refunded if you do not compete.



## THE BIGAME HANDI-TOTE The 9-in-1 Tool for the Hunter

By Norm Bigras

Actually the idea and the item are as old as the hills. Years ago back in Canada when we were kids, we used to cut the ends off of large bamboo fishing poles and hollow them out so that we could put buckskin lashes in them to tie up our dogs, drag game out of the bush and also to hang it high enough so that wolves could not reach it during the night.

My mother used to give us strips of cloth to put inside the hollowed-out bamboo so that we could use it for marking trail in getting out of the bush on late afternoons. We also used it to lead us back easily to where we had our cache hanging. Most always we kept a thin homemade knife in there also. These knives had a very slim moosehide handle and over the ends of the bamboo we fastened a little deerskin pouch which had been well saturated in bear grease we had "snatched" from my mother along with matches from the kitchen. We always rubbed the matches on the deer pouch so they would not ignite readily inside the bamboo. We were indeed well equipped for any emergency. These items were used often as we were continuously hunting or running traps.

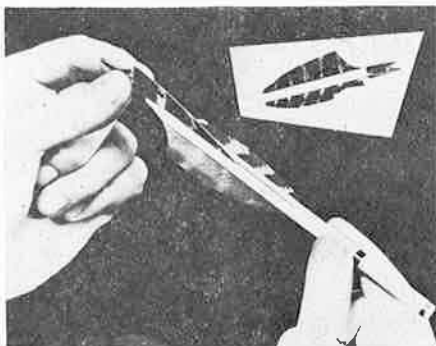
Even if you were alone and broke a leg you could make a mighty good splint with that kind of equipment hanging on your belt. In case of a bad cut, or even a bullet wound, you can make a tourniquet as fast as it takes to slip it around a leg or arm. If a man knows what to do with the HANDI-TOTE it is the next thing to having an experienced guide to help you.

I have seen many hunters go into the woods without their matches, deer tag, rope and other necessary items. Some even get lost and cannot tell you where they last saw the deer they had hit. All that is necessary would be to fasten a piece of paper on a branch where they are taking a last look at their vanishing deer or where the blood-trail ended.

These are the things which have prompted me to assemble this little gadget for hunters. The HANDI-TOTE can be easily fastened to one's belt or slipped into the quiver. It is available at a small cost. I sincerely hope that anyone who spends a lot of time out of doors will have one in his possession.

Editor's Note: The HANDI-TOTE is available direct from BIGAME PRODUCTS INC., Sportsman's Haven, Rt. 1, Alpena, Michigan or from your dealer. Price—\$1.95.

## "FLETCH-LOK" ARROW HAS "SLIP-IN" FEATHERS



The new "FLETCH-LOK" arrow with the "slip-in" feathers makes fletching simple, practical and inexpensive for the handy archer. The feathers slip into precision located slots compressed into the cedar shaft making replacement of damaged feathers quick and easy. No jigs required. The spiral grooves allow feathers to lie flat when pulled through a target. There's less deflection on your bow. Special base-ground feathers, slotted cedar shafts, points and nocks are available separately, or "do-it-yourself" kits for 12 complete arrows, Field \$8.95, Hunting \$12.95. Write to Dept. NB, Wyandotte Archery Co., Wyandotte, Mich.

## Handy Wrist Compass



If you want your compass instantly available at all times, here's a handy one you can wear on your wrist like a watch. Case is of polished brass measuring 1 3/16 inches in diameter. Compass also features unbreakable crystal, agate bearing and high grade leather strap. The compass is available with either plain or luminous dial. Marble Arms Corp., Gladstone, Michigan.

## Blue Seal Archery Products Have Self-Service Appeal

BLUE SEAL ARCHERY PRODUCTS is the name of the newly formed archery accessory manufacturing and sales company headed by Claude J. Newman of the Woodcraft Hobby and Archery Stores of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota.

The company uses distinctively styled packaging on attractive display pegboards designed for self-service point-of-purchase sales. Items of the Blue Seal Line include Bow sights, Bow strings, Bow wax, Target pins, Arrow feathers, Arrow nocks and Arrow points.

For further information write BLUE SEAL ARCHERY PRODUCTS, 901 West Lake Street, Minneapolis 8, Minnesota.

## Nick's Catch-All For Frogs, Fish

Latest and best gadget on the market for catching frogs is NICK'S CATCH-ALL put out by the J. C. Nickerson Co. P. O. Box 43, Highland, Ill. It is simple but cleverly constructed and will grab and securely hold, not only frogs, but snakes, chickens, fish, and about any other small critter that you want to catch without killing or seriously injuring. Frog hunters are wild about it because they can catch 'em at night and clean them the next day.

## Letter

### A COMPLIMENT TO A STAFF WRITER



Dear Mr. Hulbert:

I would like to take the privilege of commenting on Howard Sigler's recent story in your April issue. To me, it was more of a statement of facts and a good lecture.

Howard's article describes the writer. It is evident this man Sigler is a real sportsman in every sense the word implies. In short, I believe he would be a good man to ride the white waters with. That is a compliment we do not pass out too readily up here in the bush country where woods and waters are our livelihood.

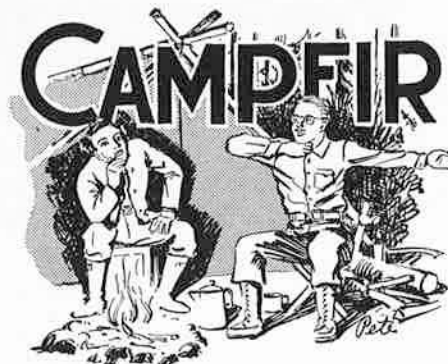
You will be saying to yourself that Bigras makes his living manufacturing broadheads and archery tackle. I do but that is secondary and I only make archery tackle because my creed is for a quick clean kill. So I say, "Hats off and Amen to the Sigler article."

I am enclosing a picture. Howard will appreciate. It was hit just as Howard likes to see them hit.

Norm Bigras  
Rt. 1  
Alpena, Mich.

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# CAMPFIRE GOSSIP



BY MEDA (PETE) ST. PIERRE  
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Duluth, Minnesota

So you're thinking of buying a new bow! Archers are always looking for a bow that will draw smoother and easier and shoot faster and harder than their old one, like golfers who think that if they only had a set of Kenneth Smith Clubs, they would be tops. It won't always make you a winner, but it will give you a lot of pleasure to shoot and can't help but improve your score. There are six or eight bows on the market now that have all these qualifications, and they are so darn good that only the very best experts can tell the difference and even they disagree, as you shall see.

Let's take the 1958 FITA qualifying tournament at St. Louis. Of the 41 better known archers in that tournament, 12 were using Hoyts, 6 Black Widows, 5 Bears, 3 Sanders, 3 Amarcos, and the rest scattered different makes, all good.

Let's break it down further and see what the tops were using. James Casper, 45# Bear; Tim Cantwell, 42# Hoyt; Harold Doan, 45# and 48# American Archery; R. Bitner, 53# Root; L. Baldwin, 41# Sanders; O. K. Smathers, 45# Amarco; Bob Rohde, 47 1/2# Pearson, and S. Chessman, 37# Bear. Among the women, Carole Meinhart, 23 1/2# Bear; Ann Corby, 28# Hoyt; Ann Sevey, 24# Black Widow; Ann Clark, 24# Bear; Miriam Clark, 29# Bear, and Artie Palkowski, 28# Hoyt.

There has to be a certain something they are looking for that they see in a bow which is the deciding factor in their choosing that particular bow. The comfortable feel, cast and smoothness of draw all have to be better than the one they had. However, sometimes a teeny bit of business reason creeps in, but the bow still has to be good.

I see where Howard Hill has finally decided to look forward and came out with a split bamboo laminated fiberglass recurve bow. I was wondering how much longer he would hold out.

I was just thinking back to the first recurves that I saw at the Midwestern Tournament in Racine in the middle 1930's. There were six bows displayed in two purple plush lined carrying cases, like a set of silverware. We just gazed upon them and wondered. We were all shooting 6 ft. stacked yew bows at that time with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. DeSales Mudd of St. Louis, who were the winners, he with a 700 American. They were both shooting short, straight, flat bows which he informed me he had gotten from Ben Pearson, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. From then on the old, long bow seemed to fade away until now all you see are laminated recurves.



The above photo shows A) the wrong, and B) the right way to brace a bow over the hip. In A, the archer has most of the tension on the upper limb which he is twisting as the lower half of the bow is locked flat against his shin bone, also, the leg is not centered over the handle. (My poor old K 2 is taking it here.)

B shows the right way, by hooking it over the outside of the foot and bending the knee forward with the handle in the center of the leg. Now you continue to look down to keep the bow in line while you push the upper limb straight in from the right until you slip the loop over, and there you are.

In 1924, Paul Crouch at Deerfield, Mass., made a flight shot of 309 yds. with an 80 lb. bow. The longest flight, 459 yds. 8 inches, was made by Ingo Simon in France, using a short Turkish composite horn bow in 1913. We often wondered how the Turks could make a bow that shot their over 800 yd. record, and if it were possible for us moderns to make such a bow.

Let me give you a tip! Last March, Danny LeMore shot a 560 gr. hunting arrow 425 yds., 1 ft. and 8 inches at Lancaster, California, and a regular flight shot of 799 yds. and 1 ft. was also made. A couple of years ago, many of the bowyers were having trouble with breakage due to the fact that they were trying to build in more speed and smoothness than the bows would stand, but they have that licked now with the newer improved glass fibers, adhesives and engineering.

It doesn't take much to switch from one

bow to another as you'll see from the following episode. While in Minneapolis not too long ago, I took my 14-year-old grandson downtown to buy him a Drake bow because I used one for hunting and liked it. We ended up going home with a Hoyt Pro "Olympian," although we couldn't find a bit of difference in the shooting qualities of the two bows. He preferred the feel of the handle on that particular bow and that was it.

My pet target bow is a 69-inch Starfire that I have been shooting with a great deal of pleasure. It draws smooth without stacking, and is very fast and soft on the release. There are not very many around here as they are not too well known in this area, but "Once you know."

On the other hand, you see Bear bows wherever you go for they are terrific advertisers and their new bows are good.

Some of us have a rough time trying to brace a recurve in the old conventional way by hooking it in our instep and sliding the loop up into the tip. It takes quite a bit of leverage. Most bowyers just about have kittens when they see a person grab one of their beautiful bows, and they are beautiful, step over it, hook it over their shins and twist it over their hip to brace it. If it has to be done over the hip, the accompanying photo shows how without any damage to the bow.

If you are still confused after reading all this, just keep on looking for I am sure that among the bows now being made you can find one that will satisfy any cock-eyed whim you ever had.

## ABA of West Virginia Sets Program

Don Thompson

At the annual meeting of the American Bowhunters Association of West Virginia, held at Charleston, May 17, 1959 the following officers were elected:

President, William Lechok, Beckley.  
Vice-President, Clement C. Pearce, Charleston.  
Sec.-Treas., Walter Riffe, Charleston.  
State Representative, J. B. Graham, Buckeye.

The winner of the bowhunters shoot held in conjunction with the meeting was Bill Lechok, the new president. Second place went to Dennie Hager of South Charleston.

The ABA of WVA has announced an active program for the balance of 1959:

June 21, Bowhunters Shoot, Kanawha Valley Bowhunters Club, Charleston.  
July, Live Groundhog Shoot at Buckeye, West Virginia.

August, Carp Shoot at Nitro, West Virginia.

September, Archery Golf Meet, Nitro.

September, Bowhunters Shoot, Charleston.

October 3, Organized deer hunt in the Calvin Price State Forest. A survey of the deer population will be made before the season in order to set up organized drives. Calvin Price forest is in Pocahontas County.

November, Deer Hunt in the Bluestone Game Management Area, Summers Co.

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Few hunting shots are taken under ideal conditions; keep this in mind when practicing

# PRACTICE

FOLLOW THIS HAVE A BETTER

A vast number of bowhunters don't know how to practice for hunting. Instead of getting out and giving themselves a practical workout, they are satisfied to shoot bright paper targets over smooth, level lawns. Of course there is no brush around to worry about, no kneeling shots to consider, and no distances to estimate. Before long, they let go—laugh, shout, walk noisily, and pay no attention to the problems that will face them during hunting season.

These "bowhunters" shouldn't expect much hunting success. True, a few will be lucky and get a fine buck, but if they were put beside a real bowhunter and day in, day out hunting conditions, they wouldn't be too proud of their record. The reason being that they haven't practiced with a purpose.

Anyone who has ever bowhunted knows that few hunting shots are taken under ideal conditions. With this fact in mind, every bowhunter should condition himself for the various challenges he will face on the hunting field.

The best way to do this is to begin practicing right now under the actual conditions you will encounter while hunting. It is always best to practice with the very equipment you intend to use while hunting except that field arrows may be substituted for broadheads if they are of the same weight and spine. Beginning a few weeks before hunting season, it's not a bad idea to even take along a quiver full of broadheads to try.



Learn to carry your bow in such a way that it can be brought up to shooting position quickly and with a minimum of motion.

# With A Purpose

By Bill Cochran

VETERAN'S ADVICE WHILE YOU PRACTICE AND YOU'LL CHANCE OF FILLING YOUR GAME BAG NEXT FALL

Most every bowhunter is lucky enough to live close enough to a patch of woods or farm land where he can find ideal practice conditions. When I've found a place that contains both woods and open patches and has a good scattering of hills and ravines along with a peppering of partially rotted stumps, I'm satisfied. Here, the lay of the land allows me to test my skill under every conceivable hunting condition and the stumps provide an array of various shape and size targets. With a wee bit of imagination, I can hunt deer, bear, goats, rabbits, squirrels, and any other game you can name. And all in the middle of the summer!

There are several things to be learned when practicing with a purpose. In the first place, you should never pass up trying brush shots. If you grow accustomed to open, unobstructed shots on the practice field, you will be completely baffled by brush shots when hunting. And brush and hunting go together like salt and pepper. As I look back over the shots I have taken at deer, I can see that the majority were taken through brush. I believe many bowhunters will say the same thing. What hunter hasn't had a "perfect shot" go sour because of one small twig?

Last season one of my hunting companions had an easy 20 yard shot at a deer. All that stood in his way was one small sapling. Of course he could shoot to either side of it, but alas, all three of his shots struck the little

tree, and within a half foot of each other. The deer walked away lazily and unscratched.

Because brush plays such an important part in bowhunting, it is certainly worth while to learn the knack of hunting with it around. The only way to do this is to get out and practice right in the middle of it. By doing this you will learn about how much brush your arrow can penetrate accurately. You will learn when to take or pass up a brush shot. And even more important you will learn how to spot small openings in the brush that will allow you an unobstructed shot. Sometimes leaning to one side or the other or kneeling quietly to the ground will open up a perfect bow shot.

By far the most overlooked practice shot is the very short one. It is no wonder that many bowhunters, including myself, have missed shots at game close enough to be punched in the ribs with a bow tip. Sooner or later every bowhunter runs across a very short shot, so it pays to be ready for it. Be sure to try several practice shots at targets partially hidden in the brush 10 to 20 feet away.

It is also important for every bowhunter to learn to shoot from several kneeling positions. Few hunting shots are taken from the rigid stance of the target archer, yet this is exactly the stance that many bowhunters spend all of their time imitating.

By all means learn to shoot while down

on one knee. With a little practice, it is possible to become quite accurate shooting from this position. In fact, sometimes I believe my shots are a little more accurate from the on one knee position than they are from the standing position. Perhaps I am able to hold my body steadier while on one knee.

If you sometimes hunt from a blind, it is certainly worth your while to learn to shoot from a sitting position. Any effort to stand up for a shot will often send game scurrying out of sight.

When practicing over terrain such as I described earlier, I like to walk along quietly picking out a target here and there, and letting an arrow fly toward it. Because each of my patches of grass, mound of dirt, or stump targets is a different size and distance, each shot I take is a new experience, just the same as each hunting shot. I learn to estimate distances. I learn to shoot up and down hills and at various angles across ravines. In other words I learn to make every shot count. As can be seen, not all of my practice shots are taken under ideal conditions, but neither are my hunting shots.

I try never to take the same path or trail, so that there will always be an element of surprise in my practice. I may be walking along and suddenly spot a black stump at which I send a quick shot. Game will often only allow a second or two for a shot, so it is important to be able to shoot with speed

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Train your arrow drawing hand to speed to an arrow, grab it by the plastic nock and string it on your bowstring.



# LETTER FROM A "RELUCTANT" BOWHUNTER

By Emil Huebner

Hi Joe:

How is the hunting in the hills of Kentucky? What happened, get your hand in a bear trap? Haven't hear a word since you left and I have something to tell that you will never believe. Just found out where you are or would have written sooner.

Remember those fellows we used to see in the brush with the bows and arrows? Well, I got education like I never got before!!! You see, I got me a sister-in-law that is really off the rocker on this bowhunting stuff. She and her husband want me to go along on some Special Season they have in December. You know me, I say no dice real quick like, and let the subject change. We talk about other things, but she always gets back to this bowhunting trip. I finally lay it out real plain: "I don't have a bow, so I should go out and buy one just to keep peace in the family?" They don't speak up, so I add, "Fifty bucks for a bow, a buck and a half per each for arrows, you think I got rocks in the head?" She is smart enough not to answer that, but Bob, (that's her husband) comes up with the opening I needed to put an end to the whole deal. He said, "You don't have to have a new one. I'll look around and see if I can pick up a used one." I really jump at this, so I say, "OK! OK! You find me a bow and I'll go along. Only one thing, I won't pay over five bucks."

Now that slows things up, but Anne, that's the goofy sister-in-law, don't give up. She comes up with a really bright idea. She asks, (and seriously, mind you) "Why don't you sell one of your rifles? With what you get, you could buy a complete outfit." Man, I about blow my top. Me! Selling a rifle to buy a bow!! She might just as well have told me to go cut my throat and sell the blood by the pint. As I go out the door, I fire my parting shot, "Five bucks is tops, no bow, no trip."

I figure Bob won't find a bow for that money, so when he calls, I'm dead. I pick up the phone and he says, "Hello, Bowhunter! Come on over and learn how to shoot your bow." The terms were mine, I couldn't back down.

Well, Joe, they show me how to pull the thing, and I found I've got muscles I never used. Bob gave me a hat full of old target arrows, and we go out to the target to shoot. After a dozen shots I'm getting so I can hit the frame of the target stand that Bob had just set up in the back of his garage. It wasn't hooked to the wall and my last arrow hit the bottom tipping the whole thing forward. When it hit the floor, they each had four of their nice new target arrows in it. They just picked up the broken pieces, never said a word about it, just looked sick. I'm beginning to think bowhunters are nice people.

Time comes for the opening of this late season, so we go up to the Necedah Wildlife Refuge. They tell me about all the deer in the area, all the shooting we will get, but nothing about the fact that we get no sleep the night before. You will never meet

anyone who can get as steamed up about deer hunting as that sister-in-law of mine.

The next morning, about three hours before daylight, we pile in the car and start out. I can't see any reason for the early start until we turn into the road to the section we were going to hunt. Even at that time of the night, we had to park a half mile from where Bob wanted to go in. We walk into the woods along a dredge bank to a spot that looked just like all the rest of the country, and here I get final instructions. Bob says, "We go in here about 200 yards and find a likely stand where we wait for shooting time. At noon, we'll go back to the car for lunch." I gasp, "You mean we stay in one spot until noon?" OK, but after an hour or so, I'll make a few loops to stir something up." Anne laughed, "There will be plenty of stirring, you just sit." Me sit? Who's nuts?

I go in to a spot that looks like all the rest to me. You know how it is; dark, new country, and besides, I won't see anything anyway. I see this windfall with a branch for a good backrest, so I make things as comfortable as possible for a long dull wait, or so I thought.

By now it's light enough to look around. Man!! You never see the likes—Hunters—right, left, front, and rear. It looks like Millers beer stand at the county fair. I'm just about ready to go back to the car and

sleep when I hear a weird click'en and clack'en in the brush. Never heard anything like that in the woods before. Somebody yells, "Here some come." My bow and quiver are hooked in the branches of this windfall (you can't sit very good with the quiver on) so I'm standing there with my bare face hanging out, like a kid watching a parade, when four deer go by about ten feet away. I just get my bow, when three more deer come down the same pike. The last one looks the biggest and I'm all set. When they hit the opening, I let go. At ten feet its pretty hard to miss, but Joe, I shot at least ten feet over the deer. It's lucky the geese weren't flying, I could have lost my license.

I'm standing there wondering what happened, when I hear this click'en and clack'en again. This time I'm really on the ball, only thing wrong, they come from the other side. I swing around and I'm looking a big doe in the face. I shoot, she jumps, and I bag a three inch maple dead center. I finally figure what this odd noise is, though, it's the arrows going through the brush.

This spot I stopped in must have been the crossroads of all the runways in the area. I haven't any idea how many deer I saw in the next two hours, but I was the busiest bowhunter you ever did see. I was shooting and hunting steady, hunting for my arrows, that is. As you must have guessed, I came up empty handed—never moved a hair on any of 'em.

You know, action like this is only on the first morning, but I learned a lot about bow-

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## SUPPOSE THEY'RE SHOOTING BLUNTS?



Dear Sirs:

While reading an outdoor magazine I ran across this article and picture. I think when they talk about safety this seems all wrong. It looks like one archer shooting against the other. No archer in his right mind would do this. I would like to have this published

in the N.B. magazine. It would demonstrate how dangerous it is. An arrow could glance off a rock or log and strike opposite archer.

Yours for more safety,

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THE NATIONAL BOWHUNTER



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The Ky. ABA Bowhunters Association held their annual Jamboree April 26, in Louisville's Iroquois Park. Elected officers are: Earl Anderson, Junction City, president; John Marlow, Louisville, vice president; Executive Council members are Willard Moore, Madisonville; Jack Lewis, Morehead; and Dempsey Slaten, Fairdale. This writer was named secretary-treasurer, after having declined the presidency again.

Recommendations for the 1959 deer bowhunting season included; use of bows of not less than 40 pounds; wood arrows; 6-week any-sex season in all state areas; opening of Knobs State Forest in Nelson County; banning of controversial achery organizational signs on grounds and checking station of Ky. Woodlands Refuge and opening of limited turkey season at Ky. Woodlands. State Game Director Arnold Mitchell was on hand to receive our recommendations and made an informative talk. Gus Slaten, Louisville, won the Hunter-Style state championship. Second place went to Paul Hanlon, Fisherville. Third to Ronnie Bratcher, Louisville.

Section-wide gar hunts were held at Hager's Fishing Camp, Herrington Lake, on May 16-17 and June 13-14. Goodly numbers of bowhunter members participated and all expressed pleasure at the facilities, activities, and handling of the affair. Most credit must go to President Anderson, Sixth Dist. Hunt Advisor Marcus Warner, and to Hager's. The newspapers also cooperated fully.



This 15-lb., 51-inch Gar was taken by Earl Anderson, Junction City, Ky., newly-elected president of the Kentucky ABA Bowhunters, which has been holding well-attended Gar Hunts on Herrington Lake. The state record was taken by Willie Hoskins, Danville. It was 55 inches long.

1955	2,022	16
1956	3,017	19
1957	3,343	20
1958	4,225 (est.)	18

### Bow Hunting Accidents

From 1954 through 1958, there were fourteen bow-hunting injuries but no fatalities. Seven of these were self-inflicted and six occurred in the Necedah National Refuge area in Juneau County.

### 1958 Bow Hunting Casualties

County	Date	Cause of Accident
Juneau, Sept. 20		Victim mistaken for game
Oneida, Sept. 20		Self-inflicted, stumbled and fell.
Dodge, Dec. 20		Self-inflicted, pierced by arrow while swinging on game.

Women registered 150 deer—129 during the early season and 21 during the late season—considerably more than during any previous annual hunt.

### Summary of Bow and Arrow Convictions

Year	Number of Convictions
1951	15
1952	9
1953	44 (40 hunters)
1954	32
1955	100 (97 hunters)
1956	93 (84 hunters)
1957	96 (86 hunters)
1958	91 (81 hunters)

Total 480

Most violations were for the following offenses:

Offense	Number	Per Cent of Total
Transporting strung bow in car	145	30.2
Shining wild animals	88	18.3
Hunting in closed area	64	13.3

Conservation wardens who investigated deer hunting during the annual season reported the following number of wounded and dead deer found:

Year	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Arrow-wounded deer	76	97	60	48	70
Deer found dead later	25	43	20	21	32

### Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

The Necedah Refuge continues to attract more bowhunters than any other deer hunting area in the state.

On the first day of the early season, September 20, an estimated 7,000 hunters moved into the open northern portion of the Refuge, an area of approximately 13,000 acres. A total of 248 deer was taken of which 105 were registered for the opening Saturday.

Sub-zero weather greatly reduced the number of hunters on the opening day of the late season. An estimated 3,500-4,000 bowmen hunted on the first day of the extended season, December 13, and accounted for 510 deer—90% of the late 30-day season harvest of 566 deer.

### Horicon Marsh

Deer bow hunting within the federal or northern portion of Horicon Marsh (Horicon National Wildlife Refuge) was permitted for two days, December 20 and 21. Permits not to exceed 1,000 at any one time were available. The allowable quota of hunters was not reached as only 1,329 permits were issued. Only 26 deer were taken.

## WISCONSIN'S TWENTY-FOURTH BOW AND ARROW SEASON

Ninth Supplement to "Fifteen Years of Bow and Arrow Hunting in Wisconsin"

Publication No. 349-50

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The 1958 Bow and Arrow Deer Season

The total harvest of 1,885 deer in 65 of Wisconsin's 71 counties was the highest in 24 years of established bow and arrow deer seasons.

It is estimated that more than 25,000 bowmen were in the field. The number in any open season cannot be determined definitely, as the purchaser of a deer tag may hunt with rifle, shotgun, or bow and arrow. There were more out-of-state bowhunters than in previous years. Nonresident hunters ac-

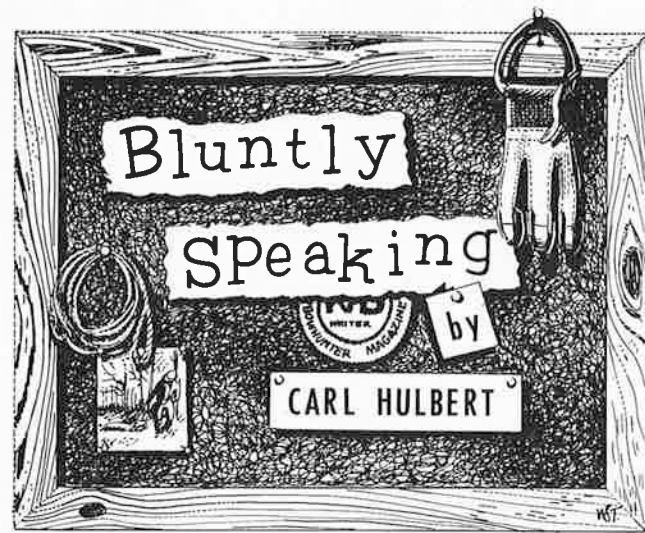
counted for 326 deer, or 17% of the total state harvest.

1958 Nonresidents	Harvest
Illinois	200
Minnesota	62
Iowa	30
Indiana	13
Michigan	11
Ohio	5
Missouri	4
Kentucky	1

Total 326  
Nonresident Archers' License Sales

Year	Number	No. of States Represented
1950	2,401	20
1951	1,337	15
1952	1,016	21
1953	1,169	20
1954	1,370	18

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## UTOPIAN BOWHUNTING GROUP!

Says a reader:

"Why not an organization of bowhunters which would not bar ANY archer because of ANY kind of tackle or ANY method of shooting and which had NO PROGRAM OF COMPETITION!"

The NB answer: Ideal! One we have long stood for! However, it's not new. The WBH of Wisconsin, the MBH of Minnesota, the MBH of Michigan and the new IBH of Illinois all operate on that philosophy. AND they are all healthy and thriving!

## IT CAN BE DONE!

Our "READER", a bowhunter from Kentucky, asks to be kept anonymous. We don't know why. Many have voiced a similar opinion about an organization of bowhunters. The ABA was organized originally by a group with that philosophy and with a few simple changes would fit the description.

Since the NB philosophy is exactly that of our correspondent, let us explain that although we would like to see a national group banded together for conservation and legislative purposes WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE PROGRAM, we are NOT AGAINST the competitive organizations. We suspect that more than 80% of our subscribers belong to some local club or league which carries on an active program of practice. Many excellent BOWHUNTING PRACTICE programs are being carried out by clubs and leagues across the country. They have no national affiliation, adapting their shooting to the peculiarities of the hunting that prevails locally. This is as it should be. One group in Arizona tells of its range and targets made up of a desert flavor. Another strong 600 member league in northwestern Wisconsin, located in deer and bear hunting territory uses deer and bear silhouettes. A club in Georgia and another in Florida tell us of their wild hogs, and southern flavored type targets. Rabbits, alligator gar and other mid-south game give the states of Missouri, southern Illinois and neighboring states the relish for targets of another type. So it goes across the country. These local groups, according to our experience, are very strong but are not publicized except to a limited extent. A recent survey of such clubs in the state of Wisconsin shows that their members outnumber the membership in clubs representing national competitive groups by perhaps four or five to one. Have our readers heard about the NWIB or the CWFAL or the Vilas County League or several other lesser leagues in Wisconsin? Or, have they heard about strong local clubs such as the Edgerton or Cornell or Chippewa Falls or Rhinelander or Park Falls, or Abbey Archers? Not likely, although these are but samples of clubs which are not attached as far as we know to state or national competitive organizations. Or, you may not have heard of the WIB, a strong instinctive state organization in Wisconsin.

Totally the membership of these local groups is very impressive and they carry on an extremely active summer and winter shooting program with emphasis on HUNTING PRACTICE. These unaffiliated clubs are scattered right across the country and are

located in every state in numbers that would be very surprising if one could get the total. Our mail, coming from every cranny and crevice across the country, much of it accompanied by notes and letters about local club activity, bears out this contention in an emphatic way. These archers are the missing hundreds of thousands which make up the large and growing BOWHUNTER fraternity of our country WITH NO AFFILIATION to any archery group except a local club. The total membership of NFAA, NAA and ABA is between 25,000 and 30,000 totally.

Again we want to point out that the really healthy BOWHUNTING groups are the ones which limit their activity to conservation-legislative activity WITH THEIR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN A SEPARATE PRACTICE PROGRAM. We want to point out the vigor of the WISCONSIN BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION and the MICHIGAN BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, both with new highs in memberships for 1958 based on that philosophy. The WBH membership hit about 4000 and has a 5000 goal for 1959. Neither of these state BOWHUNTING groups, and that goes for the Minnesota Bowhunter Association, is controlled by any other archery group. It is to be pointed out that the Wisconsin group, by far the largest in the country, is located in a state with only a little over three million population. With a membership fee of only one dollar, it has for years had a treasury surplus of several thousand dollars due to wise control of publicity costs, which are usually the main drains from archery associations.

So, to sum up our reactions to the "Readers" comment, it is our belief that if and when a strong national BOWHUNTER body is formed, it will be WITHOUT tackle or method restrictions and WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE program but WITH A MEMBERSHIP FREE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY LOCAL, REGIONAL OR NATIONAL COMPETITIVE OR PRACTICE PROGRAM AS EACH WISHES IN HIS OWN WAY!

## More Proof On Interest in Outdoor Sports

We have commented several times about the INCREASE in interest in outdoor sports and at the same time the DECREASE in wildlife areas. This has been our philosophy regarding the value of bowhunting as a means of providing more outdoor recreation for more people. Now Erwin A. Bauer, fellow member of our Outdoor Writers Association of America, presents these new statistics to show that not only are outdoor sports gaining in numbers but he also points out at least one instance in which a spectator sport is waning in popularity.

	1948	1958	% increase in 10 years
Hunting Licenses sold* ....	11,391,810	14,764,124	29
Fishing Licenses sold* .....	14,582,739	20,177,605	38
Outboard motors in use ....	2,321,000	5,525,000	130
Outboard motors sold .....	198,000	316,000	59
Retail expenditures on			
boating .....	780,000,000	2,085,000,000	167
Recreational boats in use ..	3,000,000	7,330,000	144
Participants in rec.			
boating .....	(est)12,500,000	(est)32,000,000	160
Nat. League baseball			
attendance .....	9,770,743	10,164,596	4
Am. League baseball			
attendance .....	11,150,099	7,296,034	- 34
Total major leagues			
attendance .....	20,920,842	17,460,630	- 16
Number of minor			
leagues .....	59	24	-145
Total Minor League			
attendance .....	43,693,698	13,184,836	-231
Station wagons sold .....	225,000	900,000	300
		(1/5 all cars)	
Fish tackle retail			
sales .....	82,000,000	145,182,000	77
Est. Population of U.S. ....	144,000,000	174,064,000	20

\*Figures in these categories are low. They do not include numbers of hunters and fishermen who do not require licenses for numerous reasons. Actually there are about 30 million fishermen and 20 million hunters in the U. S. today.

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## WISCONSIN "PLANNED HUNT" PROGRAM DEVELOPS

At a meeting of the state committee on "Planned Hunts" for bowhunters in Wisconsin sponsored by the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association held on May 14th in Milwaukee the group decided to stage at least three major "Planned Hunts". Dates set include one on October 10-11, location undecided at present, the second at Necedah on October 24-25 and the third on December 12-13, probably in the Shawano area, although the location is indefinite at the moment.

Complete details of the hunts will be printed in these pages well before the season opens. There will be maps and instructions available.

It is to be emphasized that these "Planned Hunts" are NOT organized "drives". Tentatively the plan is to inform bowhunters of the area, which may consist of several square miles, in which they are to hunt on Saturday. Then on Saturday night there will be instructions available at the headquarter as to another location in the nearby area in which hunters are urged to hunt on Sunday, thus providing them with a second undisturbed area for the second day of hunting. It is thought that this plan would be better than to try to hunt the same area for two days.

An attempt will be made by the committee to locate areas that can be reached by roads which will as nearly bound the hunting area as possible. Thus, hunters entering the area will drive the deer into the tract and toward other hunters. The area will be big enough so that most of the deer will remain in the space and be moved enough by the milling hunters so that a good kill will

## Don't Throw Away Your Gut Shot Deer—Eat It

John Schoenike—Clintonville, Wisconsin

I don't enjoy eating spoiled or stinky venison anymore than anyone else, however I have discovered a way to cut up the deer so that I can enjoy the best cuts of meat from a deer which has lain ten to twenty hours with a gut wound.

I mentioned in my last year's tip on what to do after you make a gut shot in the afternoon—not to disturb the deer for the rest of that day, then the next morning you will usually find the deer within 500 feet from the place where it was shot.

I have heard quite a number of hunters claim that they do not want the gut shot deer after it has lain over night. There is no need to tell you that it is a mess to dress one in this condition. I find a roll of paper toweling kept in the car works successfully for wiping out a messy deer.

To cut up this deep after skinning, cut out the two loins by running the knife along the outside of the rib cage, then run the knife down the center of the back next to the vertebrae. Do it the same way to remove the other loin. Then slice small chops in the desired size freezing paper packages and freeze. Cut the meat from the hind hams in three long strips, removing the bone. Trim out the blood veins with the tallow which lies between the muscles in the ham. Cut the three strips of ham into small steaks and prepare them for freezing. The thicker layers of meat can be trimmed off the front shoulders and neck bones for hamburger. If you have an angle gut shot and the broad-head passes through one of the hams, chances are the gases will follow the arrow wound into the ham and spoil the portion near the wound.

It may seem wasteful to discard the entire

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## WISCONSIN ARCHERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

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The results of the Wis. Archers Assn. Archery Golf Tournament held at Mt. Morris on May 16 and 17 are as follows:

MEN: (18 holes—other divisions 9)  
1. Keith Huehnerfuss, Wausau 86  
2. Rod Harrmann, Appleton 89  
3. Arnie Buss, Appleton 89

JR. BOYS:

1. Jim Law, Neenah 45  
2. Robert Jung, Fond du Lac 51  
3. Gary Friess, Fond du Lac 53

CADET BOYS:

1. Tom Miescke, Horicon 50  
2. Wayne Joas, Menasha 54  
3. Russell Eckes, Appleton 56

TEAM EVENT—Four man team

1. Kimberly Recreation Archers  
2. Mar-Wau-Wis  
3. North Fond du Lac

WOMEN:

1. Helen Raulf, North Fond du Lac (10-2's) 47  
2. Eleanor Haufe, Neenah (8-2's) 47  
3. Barbara Patt, No. Fond du Lac 50

JR. GIRLS:

1. Carol Schmidt, Fond du Lac 49

rib cage and some of the thin layers of meat on the bones. However you can enjoy the good meat that you do save. If you cut up the deer the usual way and prepare a meal of venison chops or T bone with the bones left in, chances are that you won't enjoy the meal and will probably throw most of it away, to say nothing about stinking up the house while preparing it.

It seems as though the bad smell follows the bloodveins and bones.

result. At the same time, the expanse will be broad enough so that there will be a reasonable amount of "elbow room" to provide safe hunting.

A map of the general hunting area and the location of the headquarter will be printed in NATIONAL BOWHUNTER, however, the EXACT hunting tract will probably NOT be divulged until bowhunters arrive at the headquarter on Friday evening or Saturday morning. The same will be true of the area selected for Sunday hunting.

It should be pointed out that these "Planned Hunts" are being conducted by WBH purely on an experimental basis. It is sure that we will learn many things that will help as each hunt is held that will improve this method. The committee welcomes suggestions from the WBH membership and from all bowhunters to help make the hunts more successful.

It has been pointed out that many hunters are "lone wolves" and wish to hunt by themselves. The instigation of the "Planned Hunt" program in no way discourages this style of hunting, in fact helps the lone hunter by informing him where the crowd is so that he may find an area that is not being disturbed.

Watch further issues of NATIONAL BOWHUNTER for more information on the Wisconsin "Planned Hunt" program. Non-resident bowhunters are encouraged to join forces in these hunts. It is of interest that the 1958 Otis Bersing Report on bowhunting in Wisconsin shows that non-resident bowhunters killed 326 deer. This amounted to 17% of the total kill. Hunters from 8 states were successful in taking Wisconsin deer with the bow in 1958. An estimated 4,225 non-resident bowhunters from 18 states participated in the 1958 hunting which was the highest number of out-of-state bowhunters on record for Wisconsin. WBH hopes that many of these hunters will coordinate their hunting time to take part in the "Planned Hunts" for 1959.

2. Donna Rimel, No. Fond du Lac 55  
3. Nancy Hohnbach, Milwaukee 58

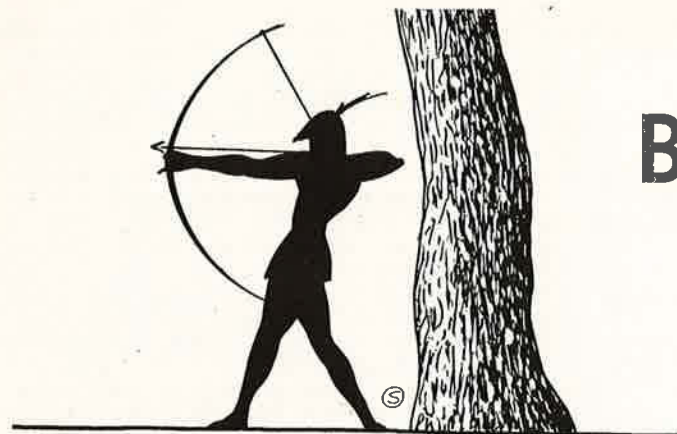
CADET GIRLS:

1. Sandra Patt, No. Fond du Lac 76  
2. Sandra Pray, Fond du Lac 93  
3. Cynthia Henning, No. Fond du Lac 121

Marvin Mather of Waupaca got a hole in one on No. 6, the 99 yards, down the hill shot. I happened to be in the group ahead of him so I was lucky enough to witness it. Bud Zoellner will fill the unexpired term of Earl Dosch as a director of WAA. I received word Wednesday night that Hattie Hahn of Milwaukee had died and was being buried today. Our sympathy goes out to Ted who will surely miss her.

Chris Wildenberg and I attended the Outagamie County Conservation meeting and counted a full 36 people there. Luckily we had no trouble regarding bowhunting. People will not take the time to attend, and yet will gripe if something is passed that is not to their liking. I believe that every man who hunts or fishes has a moral obligation to be in attendance. Here is where a man's voice can and will be heard regarding the state's conservation laws. It is a time to speak for your beliefs. Opinion, is the reason for the hearings in the first place. The commission wants a guide by which to measure its own actions. Some will say that the commission disregards the opinion of the "little man" and follows its own course anyway. The commission can't bend to the wishes of one county alone. It must take a composite view and act accordingly. The man who trods afield in Wisconsin with rod, gun or bow has few obligations to meet for the privileges he enjoys.

The Fox Valley Archers Annual Target tournament will be held at Lakeside Park on Sunday, July 19th. Everyone is welcome and there will be an open division for those residing outside the Fox Valley Area.



# THE YOUNG BOWMEN'S CLUB



JOHN LILLBACK  
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## UNDER THE OAK

Now we KNOW we're on the right track! Look over our new members for this month and you'll see we have a couple of honest-to-jimmy bowshooters from Salt Lake City! Yep, none other than DANNY and JOHNNY BOWMAN! There's a passel more of other YBC members climbing aboard this month, which makes ye editor mighty happy!

Talking about members, and the like, looks from our last count as if Wisconsin is the leading state with the mostest! Yep, right out in front, with Utah making a strong bid with a flock of new club members, right alongside of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey! Illinois, California and Tennessee are in there, too, keeping step with Ohio. Haven't seen many pledges from West Virginia, though, and that's supposed to be one of the growingest states in bow and arrow! Well, maybe the mailman is holding out a sack or two of mail from other states as well . . . and we'll soon be swamped with more and more youngsters that want to get on the YBC bandwagon!

Leaves are pretty crispy in the woods these days. aren't they? Kinda crunch underfoot when you're doing some field roving with your favorite bow. That makes it just about right to do some real Indian-style stalking! Correct! Try it some time, and you'll be surprised how hard it is to walk without making any noise . . . and that's something you'll have to learn how to do if you expect to see any game—big or small! A real smart Indian friend of mine once told me the right way to walk through the woods when hunting or stalking game . . . "Walk one step—then wait three!" Let's try that again for size . . . and mebbe break it down a little . . .

When you walk thru the woods, keep looking in all directions, turning your head slowly. Put your foot down softly, carefully and cautiously ahead of you . . . heel first! Then, slowly shift your weight from your back foot to the foot in front . . . wait for a couple of shakes . . . then repeat the process.

I know, it seems kinda like moving in slow motion! But if you move quietly and slowly, you'll see more game than you ever thought existed right underneath your nose! As a matter of fact, some early morning sneak out into the woods and sit down carefully and quietly . . . no sneezing, whispering or coughing! After five minutes the birds will ignore you, the rabbits will think you're just an old stump, and the caterpillars will start to weave their cocoons right around your left toe . . . and then you'll start to see all kinds of small life. No fair popping that bubble gum, though, sounds like a small cannon!

One other thing . . . lots of folk can shoot a bow and hit a mark as long as they're standing up straight and have lots of room to work that bow arm . . . but can you shoot straight from a crouched position? . . . or from the ground . . . or on one knee? Seems as if most hunting chances always get you when you're all twisted up . . . and by the time you get yourself untangled—whoosh! there goes the game! So once you've learned how to handle that bow, try some experimenting with different positions . . . then you're on your own way to being a good all-round bowhunter!

Got a couple of kind words here for some nice folks who are helping younger bowmen and bowgals . . . like Mrs. Bernard Stusek of the Flambeau Bowhunters, in Ladysmith, Wisconsin . . . J. D. "Fergie" Ferguson, Salt Lake City . . . and Mrs. Holbrook of Saranac Lake, New York . . . salt of the earth, every one of them . . . and I know there are many more around!

### NEW MEMBERS

Dennis Pegg, Newton, N.J.; Jerry Lindabury, Dover, N.J.; Richard McMaster, Barclay Hampton, Jr., Donald Haines, Ralph Dalon, of Pemberton, N.J.; Sally Jean Williams, Bountiful, Utah; Lester Craig, Jr., Tabernacle, N.J.; Velyian Lytle, Eureka, Calif.; Jimmy Henriques, Elmont, N.Y.; Bobby Cowan, Garry Porter, Marty Hendry, Jerry Gill, Danny Bowman, Johnny Bowman, Charles Hargis, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Drew Holbrook, Linda Anne Trummer, William Wallace, Robin Smith, Robert Osborne, Robert Seidonstein, Craig Holbrook, Jeff Newbold, Scott Holbrook, all of Saranac Lake, N.Y.; and from Ladysmith, Wisconsin: Stephen Hanson David Copp; Raymond Frabjord, David Hoef, Brenda Stusek, Dianne Stusek, Bernard Stusek, Jr., Gary Farley, Frank Poquette, Russell Matlock, David Esty, Danny Nezworski, Bill Mestelle, Wayne Haasl, Steve Marine, David Garnatz, Howard Matlock, LeRoy Opsal, Larry Carrington, Joe Jirak, Judy Poquette, Nancy Bay, Gene James, Clarence Moser, Jr., Harriet Gleason, Dennis Bay, Danny Walters and Keith Moser.

### QWAZY QWERY

courtesy of James Berkey, Baltimore, Md.)  
"What insect goes to school?"  
Answer:  
A spelling bee!

### SPECIAL NOTE

We'll be breaking the details of some mighty special awards for you guys and gals in the Young Bowmen's Club, but you'll have to see next month's issue for the complete information on it. In the meantime, we'll be working behind the scenes with many of your friendly adult advisors and teachers, trying to dope out the who-what-where-why and when. So keep a'working on your bowshooting . . . could be there's a surprise or two up our sleeve!

### A TALL TALE

#### FROM MINNESOTA

I am a Public School Bus Driver at Royalton, Minnesota. On February 2, 1959, while driving my route, I saw a fox coming across a field. He crossed the road about one hundred yards in front of the school bus . . . he must have been watching for the bus and not looking where he was going for when his front feet went down in the ditch along side the road he turned a somersault striking his back on a big rock in the ditch . . . this broke his back. I stopped the school bus and a couple of the students got out and killed the fox with a rock.

Hal E. Sawdy

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## TALL TIMBER TALES

By HOWARD SIGLER  
Special Writer for the  
Young Bowmen's Club



During the hot mid-summer days and through their whip-poor-will haunted evenings most of us find it seemingly sufficient to lay back and dream and plan for next "hunting" season," where we'll go, what we will wear and perhaps even exactly how we'll lay low the wily whitetail buck in the autumn thickets. And, it's nice to dream that way, for quite often the thrill of anticipation is greater than that of the hunt itself.

However, it must be remembered that seldom is a harvest reaped without the sowing of some seed and at least an occasional cultivation—and successful hunting (whether with gun, bow or camera), must necessarily follow the same pattern.

After you bought your first bow with its accessories and finally learned to hit the mark occasionally, the seed was sown. There have been occasions when that was all there was to it and the harvest was reaped in a fine buck on the first morning of the season—with a lucky combination of circumstances and shooting. But such is the exception and not the rule. Much more likely to succeed time after time will be the one who does a little "cultivating" far in advance of the hunting season.

There are many tangents to off-season hunting, one of my oft-repeated ones being the use of the hunting bow and hunting weight arrows the year 'round.

Hunting broadheads, especially new or unfamiliar ones, should be given their share of attention during the summer so you will know how they will act and what their killing potential is. Rarely will any two differently designed broadheads shoot alike even if of the same weight. Should you be fortunate in having woodchucks in your locality, there can be found no better game or vermin upon which to test your deer hunting broadheads and other equipment. If you can nail chucks pretty consistently at 40 yards, don't be afraid of making a poor shot on deer, provided conditions add up comparatively.

On the surface, practice stalking sounds pretty dull since there is no potential prize at the other end to bring home with you. However, it really isn't dull at all, it can lead to a habitual manner of woods-walking and can really pay off well when the keen-edged broadhead is on the bowstring. All too often a "hunter" is portrayed as a heavy-booted, clumsily-garbed individual who could only go clumping through the woods, the sound of his approach and passing warning every woods creature within a quarter mile of his presence. Quiet woods-walking may be acquired only through doing it—everytime you are outdoors. Without actually realizing it, in a short time such manner of travel will have become a habit and actual stalking is only a more cautious refinement of quiet walking. Right now, in the middle of the summer, is the time to begin. Then see how much easier it is to sneak up on game next



Did anyone say woodchucks don't climb trees?

fall. It is well to bear in mind, however, that during the summer months the going is pretty good with plenty of soft material underfoot while in the autumn most of the leaves and grasses will be in various stages of dryness and usually noisy. Even at that, you will still find it easier since you will have become more conscious of how and where to place your feet to make the least noise.

Along with moving quietly, proper clothing is of equal importance especially as to color. It should go without saying that rough, raspy materials are out as far as the bow or camera hunters are concerned. One needs to wear nothing fancy, just so it's soft and comparatively noiseless when coming in contact with branches, twigs and the like. Likewise they should be of some dull shade in order to blend in with the outdoor background. Clothing made of the standard camouflaged materials, such as those of the Kamo brand, are fine but almost any drab shade will serve equally well. All a "camouflaged" jacket does is break up your outline and bulk so they blend off into your surroundings. Work from that standpoint and you can't get far off the track. Guard against contrast—that is, anything very light colored against a dark background, or anything which will appear as being very dark or black against a lighter background. The new bright hunting coats, etc., may be very fine to keep you from being shot but they're pretty safe for the game too. For all practical purposes one might as well attempt to still hunt or stalk his game in a white Arrow shirt . . .

Whatever you plan to wear for next fall's hunting, give it a thorough testing in the field this summer. This doesn't apply to cold

weather gear, of course, but anything of the lighter weight nature has its place in the off-season picture just as much as when the big foray begins. You should give a few "dry runs" to every piece of new equipment, whether it's a broadhead or a hunting hat. In the past I have had a bad habit of "saving" such items, but now I use anything new I get, become accustomed to it and by regular huntin' time it feels like I've had it for years.

You might find it interesting to dress appropriately, camouflage your bow and then fare forth to stalk an old he-woodchuck with your bare face shining at him across the weed-tops. I have done this purposely just to see how far away I would be spotted. It has also been done with my face covered but with the bow shining under a well-rubbed coat of wax. Rarely did a shot develop through such antics—and when one did, you could figure that chuck to have surely been asleep at the switch.

Camouflage stick works nicely on any bow, though a heavy coating of wax should be applied first. As far as the face is concerned, a mosquito head-net may be worn (keeps off the bugs too) or the procedure used as described in last month's "tale" of using a cloth mask to cover the lower portion of the face. The Kamo camouflaged netting parka is fine for summer hunting as well as in the fall. It fills the bill even when worn over a white T-shirt.

Still speaking of camouflage, don't forget your arrows, especially if you use a bow quiver. A couple of years ago I was chuck hunting with a friend, he on one side of a meadow and I on the other. It was late evening and he blended so completely into his hillside background that I could barely detect him even with binoculars. Yet I knew where he was every minute! He was using a bow quiver filled with white arrows and may as well have been carrying a torch.

Even though they're easily tracked and found later, I don't own a white arrow. White is almost completely foreign to the woodlands (except the outside fringe and under side of a deer's tail where it belongs) and any creature will notice it readily. I believe yellow or orange to be more compatible with the outdoor scene and are just as easily traced as white. Of course these colors offer some contrast too, but they are basically familiar autumn colors and are not out of place in the summer picture. However, I break down the contrast by home-done camouflaging with auto touch-up lacquer. Choose any color you might like or find available (cost is about 60-70c) and simply smear your arrow in candy stripes or blobs, being sure to keep the lacquer smooth and even so it won't unbalance the shaft, letting plenty of the basic color show through. I have used red, dark blue, green and brown with equally good results. At a little distance the camouflaging effect is ample and yet the arrow remains easy to track and find because of the basic color.

And so, through these long summer months we will continue to dream of the hunting days to come—but let us make some of those dreams working ones so we will be really ready when the Red Gods sound their trumpets and the wild geese cry down from the midnight skies of autumn. Good hunting and clean shooting.

# STRINGING A BOW THE HARD WAY

BY ERIC WAHLEN

Stringing a bow doesn't present any particular problem to an experienced archer as we see from these pictures. Regardless of its strength, whether a light fifteen pounder or a husky sixty pounder it is all the same to our archer. Oh, Yeah?

Note the ease and grace that is displayed by our hero as he shows our readers the exact method of tackling this difficult problem.

Bowhunters the country over will thank us for this educational and enlightening series on How-To-Do-It pictures which will enable thousands of archers to master what has been in the past a troublesome and dangerous task. Just follow these easy directions and almost overnight you will have your bow strung and . . . well . . . anyway . . . almost strung!



"Now, what kind of a string is that, six inches shorter than the bow!"



"An expert archer always finds a way to do this simple job. Note the ingenuity."



"So! I'll just stretch the string and bend the bow at the same time. It's easy. . . ."



"This method always works in a PINCH! OOPS!"



"Course, sometimes you have to use both hands on the bow. Funny thing!"



"See? Anyway, if one finds himself firmly attached to the bow it now becomes an easy thing to just string the bow in the regular way! That is. . . ."



# The ABA Report

## THE AMERICAN BOWHUNTER'S ASSOCIATION

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From all accounts there are two major misconceptions about the ABA currently prevalent in the archery public and neither one of them has any basis on true fact. It is quite possible these have developed through misinterpretations of what has been said about the organization and to clear the air the following information on each of these ideas is presented with the hope it minimizes the misunderstandings.

The word is being circulated which says the ABA looks with disfavor; objects to; opposes, etc., any dual or multi-association membership status on the part of its own membership. The origin of such an assumption is not known. It is true the ABA has repeatedly emphasized the point that the Association is for the Bowhunter; it is not competitive, in the normally accepted sense of the word and has informed various interested club and associations of the ABA affiliation requirements, but neither the Association Constitution or the writings of the officials contain information which establishes prohibitory measures against multi-membership status. It is quite possible the affiliation condition used by the ABA is misconstrued to some extent because it does set a precedent in the sport, but the Association has every right to establish and enforce such a regulation.

This affiliation requirement calls for the establishment and maintenance of 100% national ABA membership on the part of any club or other group seeking an ABA Charter. There are some very good reasons for this kind of an arrangement. But just how this condition can be interpreted to prohibit affiliation or membership in other associations is not quite clear.

The second item which has been subjected to varying degrees of misinterpretation concerns the ABA equipment specifications and their application. This one has probably been twisted even more than the above subject of memberships.

It is being said the ABA (1) requires its members to exclusively use heavy equipment at all times, both within and outside the Association, (2) does not recognize light equipment, (3) frowns on and opposes the use of metal/glass arrows, etc., etc. The fact of the matter is the ABA is probably the ONLY organization on written record who recognizes the right of any individual to use the equipment and shooting style of his/her choice.

To substantiate the foregoing statement and counter the misinterpretations applied to this subject let us examine the written record which governs the ABA organization, the Constitution.

Article II, paragraph 1 establishes the basic policy of the Association by providing an interpretation for the term "Bowhunter". And this interpretation considers the **Heavy Bow and Wooden Arrow To Be The Most Appropriate** for the taking of wild game. (Note: there is nothing here which says light equipment and metal/glass arrows will not kill wild game.)

Article II, paragraph 2B in expressing one of the purposes of the ABA, states in full:

"Encourage and require the use of a Bow and Arrow, in hunting of all legal game, that is equal to or greater than the minimum requirements as established by law, and that is of suitable weight to accomplish THE TAKING OF THE GAME HUNTED IN THE MOST HUMANE AND SPORTSMANLIKE MANNER."

Article XIII establishes the Instinctive shooting style for the ABA.

Article XIV provides the equipment specifications as they currently exist and states in part:

"Bows and arrows shall meet the equipment specifications established herein and SHALL BE USED AT ALL TIMES WHEN PARTICIPATING IN ANY SHOOT, CONTEST OR GAME UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE ABA AT THE NATIONAL, STATE OR CLUB LEVEL."

(Note: there is nothing here which requires exclusive use of heavy equipment by the membership.)

Article XIV, paragraph 3 states in full:

"The ABA fully recognizes the right of any bowhunter to use any kind of equipment he or she selects, or any other shooting style desired, when participating in events other than those scheduled under ABA rules. THE EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS AS ESTABLISHED HEREIN AND THE SHOOTING METHOD OF ARTICLE XIII, ARE THE BASIS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORT OF BOWHUNTING, BY ABA INTERPRETATION, AND REQUIRED IN ALL SHOOTING EVENTS IN KEEPING WITH THE INTENT OF ARTICLE II OF THIS CONSTITUTION."

The Association does require the use of specified equipment and shooting style IF and WHEN the member participates in any event scheduled and sponsored in the ABA name. The Association has every right to establish and enforce such a regulation.

And in keeping with the interpretation and the purpose as expressed in Article II, the ABA has firmly held to its stand that heavy equipment (including wooden arrows) is the BEST bowhunting equipment and the program has been built around shooting arrangements which place emphasis on group hunting and fishing excursions in lieu of marathon tours of a field range. Further, metal/glass shafting materials are recognized as being entirely appropriate in the BOWFISHING function as the best possible answer to moisture effects.

The ABA has openly agreed, numerous times to be exact, to the compatibility of and the desirability in the use of light equipment and metal/glass arrows for target purposes where precision accuracies are the paramount requirements for obtaining the scores necessary to this highly competitive phase of the sport of Archery.

The ABA has openly recognized, on numerous occasions, the ability of light equipment and metal/glass arrows to kill wild game. BUT the ABA feels for all-around, general hunting usage heavy equipment and wooden arrows are the BEST because this combination provides the BEST inherent possibility of gaining a HUMANE kill. It is noted the gun fraternity is fully cognizant of the lethal capability and the target accuracy of the .22 rifle, but when a rifleman goes out after Big Game he selects a weapon of larger caliber and more power as a matter of insurance. So it should be in Bowhunting.

In order to encourage the use of heavy equipment, the ABA requires it in its own games and group hunts with the intention of developing a greater understanding of its use AND the humane requirements associated with being a bowhunting sportsman. The ABA has but ONE commodity to sell and this is BOWHUNTING. The ABA does not and will not hide this product under another cloak or attempt to conceal it in the interest of some other phase.

and bear targets. Field points will be used in all events except the August 30 shoot at which broadheads are to be shot.

The league is composed of nine clubs with a membership of about 600 members.

The schedule follows: Menomonie—May

24; Barron—June 14; Ellsworth—June 28; Elmwood—July 5; New Richmond—July 12; League Shoot—American Round at Barron—July 19; Amery—July 26; St. Croix—Aug. 9; Bruce—Aug. 16; Ladysmith—Aug. 23; League Brodhead Shoot at Menomonie—Aug. 30.

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### N.W.I.B. League Schedule

Edwin Olson of Amery, Wisconsin sends us the schedule of shoots that the NORTH-WEST WISCONSIN INSTINCTIVE BOWMEN have set up for the summer. The shoots are all 28 target events using life-size deer



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## WBH CARP SHOOT NETS TWO TONS OF FISH



Irvin Sheedy, Commander of the Suamico VFW Post No. 9409, poses with one of the big carp taken during the WBH Shoot. The Suamico Post hosted the shoot.

Nearly two hundred members of the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association shot more than two tons of rough fish along the Michigan Lake shoreline near Green Bay on June 6-7 to initiate what is expected to be an annual bowfishing event. Almost everyone had success and some had exceptionally good luck. Take Richard Siefert of Ladysmith for instance. His 19 pound 10 ounce lunker won the NATIONAL BOWHUNTER Big Carp trophy. Right behind him was Hank Shorkey of Milwaukee with a big one that weighed in at 18 pounds and 4 ounces.

The girls proved that bowfishing is not only for men when Gladys Fancher of 8445 N. 66th St., Milwaukee brought one in that tipped the scale at 10 pounds and 10 ounces. Dennis Hulbert's 9 pound 8 ounce fish won



Dennis Hulbert of Milton, Wisconsin brought in a 9 pound 8 ounce fish that won the junior boy's trophy.

the trophy in the junior boy's division. Dennis is from Milton, Wisconsin.

The fish averaged over four pounds each and were hauled away for mink food by a local mink rancher.

Bowfishermen came from all over the state for the event and went away extolling the merits of the sport. Most of them waded the shoreline using hip boots while a few brought or hired boats for easier transportation to the fishing grounds. The water was clear and the fish wary so considerable skill was required to bag them. Morning fishing

## Chippewa Valley League Shoots

The Chippewa Valley League, composed of members of the Durand, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Cadott, Cornell, Stanley, Augusta and Gilman archery clubs in Northwest Wisconsin have scheduled summer shoots at the following places and dates: Durand—May 17; Eau Claire—June 14; Chippewa Falls—June 21; Cadott—June 28; Cornell—July 19; Stanley—August 2; Augusta—August 9; and Gilman—Sept. 6. Shoots are of the hunting type with silhouette targets at hunting ranges. In addition to the shoots listed above, there will be shoots at Stanley on August 30, and at Eau Claire on September 13 at which regular broadheads will be used.

Officers of the league are, President, Dennis Gisvold, Stanley; Vice-President, Lawrence Kapsy, Gilman; Sec'y. Treas., Vic Frye, Chippewa Falls.

## Poultry Shoot at Hartford

The Nan-Do-Bim-Wa Bowhunters of Hartford, Wisconsin will hold an invitational archery Poultry Shoot on Sunday, July 12th from dawn to dusk. (Rain date—July 19) The Shoot will be held on a range located on highway 60 between hwy. 41 and 175.

Clubs invited are Ojibwa Bowhunters, Sherwood Forest Bowmen, both of Milwaukee; Sinissippi Bowhunters of Hustisford and the Horicon Marsh Bowmen of Horicon. However, all archers who wish to attend are cordially invited.

proved the most rewarding with a big share being taken during the early morning hours.

The Suamico VFW Post No. 9409 of Suamico, Wisconsin was the host. They provided headquarters for the event and the women of the organization served meals at the headquarters building.

There's likely to be another bowfishing event staged by WBH next year. Plan now to go to it!

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## Rescue In

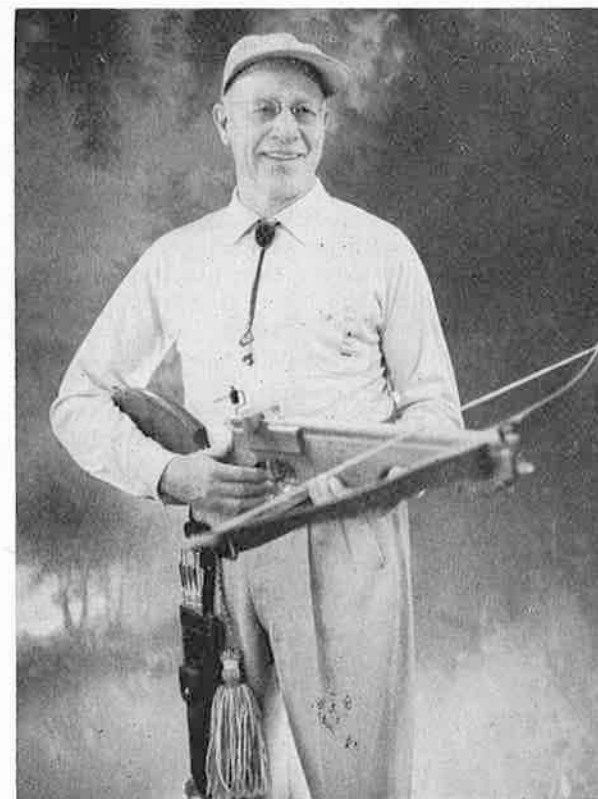
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Second Queen's Lady—Margaret Breneman .....	1958

### Men

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# 'T WAS EVER THUS

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The location for this hunt was the Foster ranch on the Chittenden road in Santa Cruz county. Not many deer had been seen in this area, but one three pointer was known to inhabit the brush on the top ridge many long miles from any paved road. To reach this ridge meant a long go by car and then at least a mile or more on foot, all this on top of a three mile walk hunting squirrels that morning and afternoon.

The sun had about three hours to go when we started. "We" being Bill the seven year old, Bob Shaggy who knew the country, and owned a mountain goat plymouth sedan, and me, Buck Rogers, who should have known better than to try such stunts after an already full day.

Roads are roads, but the trail Bob picked after reaching the top of the first ridge couldn't be classified as more than a dim path through the tall grass. This was only the beginning. About a mile from the main trail a gate opened into another field and Bob said, "If we can make this hill we can go the remainder of the way, if not we'll just have to walk." Three tries and we were at the top, but only the top of that ridge. Two more ridges and then Bob stopped the car and remarked, "This is as far as we can drive, now we walk to where I think there should be at least one buck."

Thirty years age difference and too many filter tips had me puffing before we reached the top of the first ridge. Bob and Bill were doing fine so after a brief pause we were off again. Two more ridges and then Bob's statement that "This is it. You and Bill stay here and I'll 'dog' the brush. If that buck is here he should come out and up this draw to you." Those were words we could understand. Bill was told to be very quiet and sit down in some weeds where he could look down into the draw. I took a position in front of Bill and watched Bob disappear over the next ridge. Some minutes later he reappeared at the far edge of the brush and signaled that he was going down. The light was still good and we could see him going through the brush, and faintly hear his shouts. About forty yards of progress and then a movement in the brush. This was it!

"See him Bill?"  
 "Yes, daddy, are you going to shoot him?"  
 "I'm going to try if he comes up this way."  
 But the buck had other ideas. He started up and then while still in the brush turned down hill toward an open spot below us and about sixty-five yards away. Bob got off two arrows while the deer was in sight but still in the low brush—both misses. I had that one chance at the open spot. Arrow

and deer got there together but the arrow was a bit high—and thus ended the hunting for that day.

Bill saw all of this action and when all was quiet again came over and patted me on the shoulder and said, "Don't worry, daddy, I'll come back next year and shoot him for you."

Maybe not next year, but not too many more years and Bill should be able to do

just that, the only hope is that I can be there to see the kill.

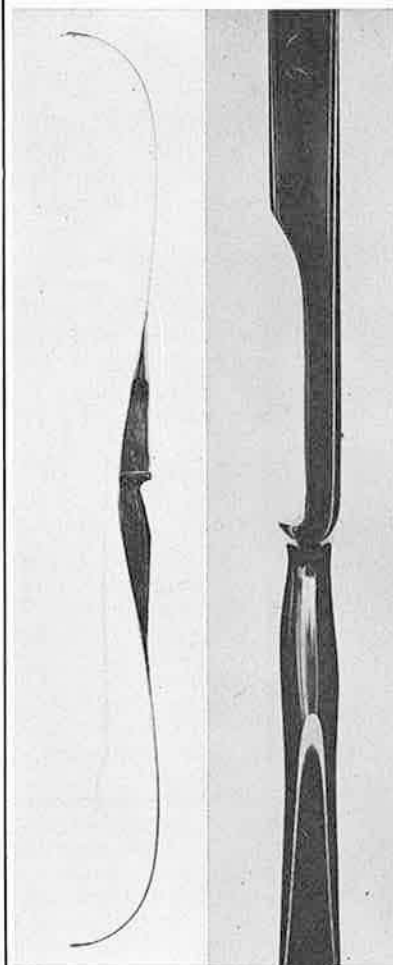
Those ridges didn't seem too rough on the way down and the car not too far away. Of course the fact that the fog had come in below us and we became lost trying to find that gate on the way back all added to the memories for a seven year old. When we did finally reach the Foster ranch house sometime later, Bill's first statement to his mother was, "Mamma, daddy shot at a deer and missed. I'm going to kill him for daddy next year."

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By Joe Clark

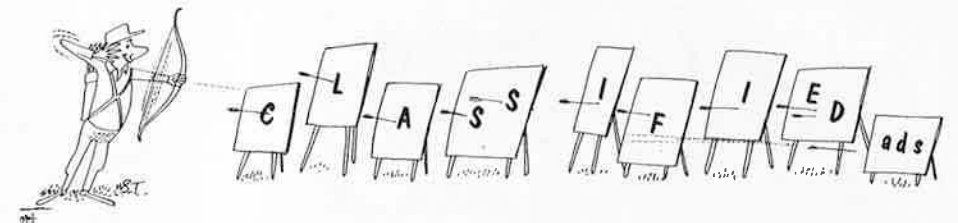
We felt bad at first. After all, we had driven one hundred and twenty miles to fulfill a dream my son, Terry, and I had carried in the back of our minds for almost nineteen years, ever since the day Terry and I had slipped away from Portage and his classes to go fishing up at Packwaukee. We could always depend on real sport there and I wanted my son to have the experience of latching on to a good one. He did and he never forgot the thrill a seven year old boy can get when he lands his first twenty-four inch northern. Since then I had run across many people who had had exceptional luck right in our old spot. What I didn't realize was that I hadn't met any in the last five or six years.

We left Milwaukee one fine Thursday evening about seven-thirty and pulled into Packwaukee just at dark. I should have realized something was wrong when the first boat livery we visited told us we should try and get a boat several doors north because their boats were pretty old and leaky. We located a nice boat though and with the aid of the owner and a flashlight we soon had it in the water, loaded with our fishing gear, and ready for our dawn attack on Old Mr. Northern.

After receiving permission from the owner of the boat to park on his lot and sleep in our car over night, we headed for Endeavor and some supper, then back to our car cushion innersprings for some so-called sleep until time to head out on the lake. I'll only mention that the weather was hot and the month early July and I think the mosquitoes had been taking lessons from the old time northerns I used to know.

Buffalo Lake is a widening of the Fox River in Wisconsin and truly a beautiful place and as three o'clock finally wandered around, we headed for the boat. We could hear the fish feeding and in our hearts we both figured "this is it." As the morning mist rose from the water we gradually worked our way toward the sounds we connected to the "feeding" fish. After about an hour of following those elusive splashes we began at last to wise up. The noise seemed to be louder just south of the roadway that crosses the lake here and by crouching low in the boat we were able to make our way under the bridge and into the southern section of the lake. Here we found it. Not northerns, bass, or walleyes, but a Bowfisher's dream come true.

Spotted here and there over an otherwise open lake were patches of lily pads about the size of three or four city lots and each patch was alive with carp. We had no bow-fishing equipment along so all we could do was sit and drool. We drifted into the pads and as we did the action would quiet down but if we sat still for a few moments it would begin again. We had carp two and



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three feet long rolling over within twenty feet of our boat. Needless to say, we made plans for a return engagement with proper equipment as soon as possible. Circumstances prevented us from going back again last summer but this year we will be there as soon as the weather and the local regulations permit.

I hope to see a lot of other bowmen there 'cause there are plenty of carp and we only examined a small section of the area. There is, I believe, almost two miles of water full of lily pad patches bordering on marsh land so may your arrows fly true and your lines be strong and we'll see you there.

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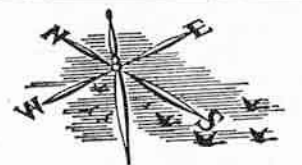
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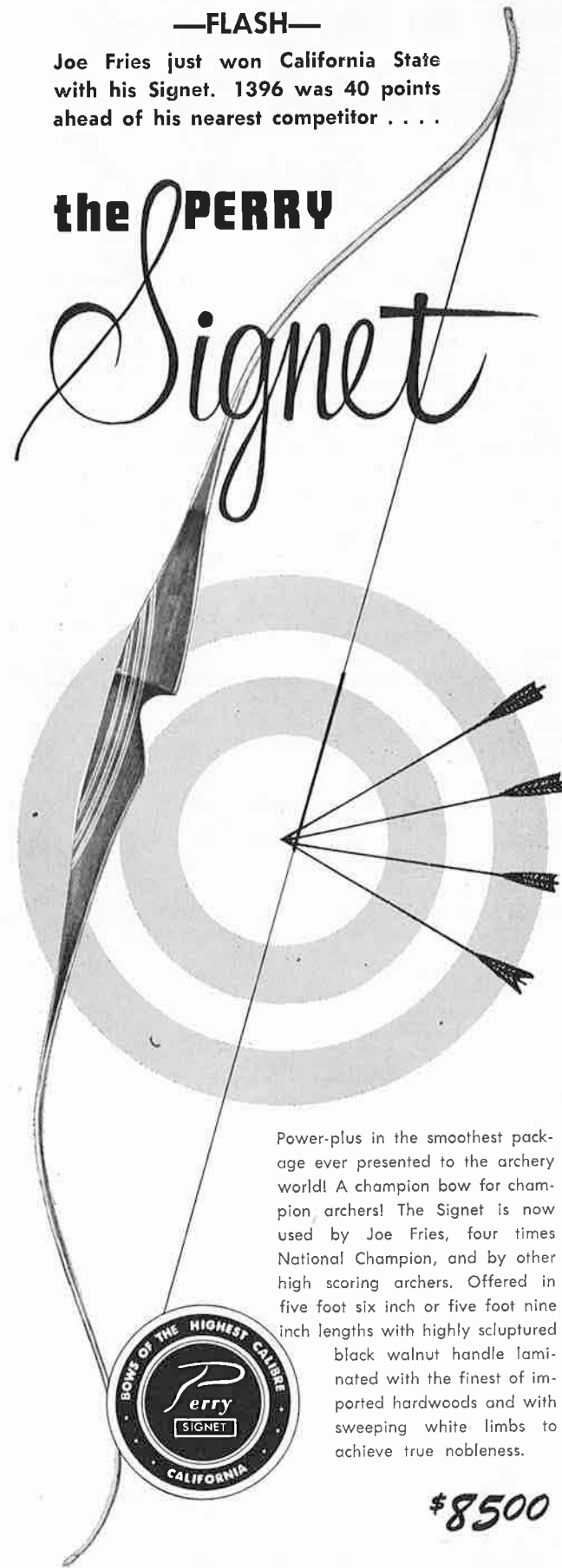
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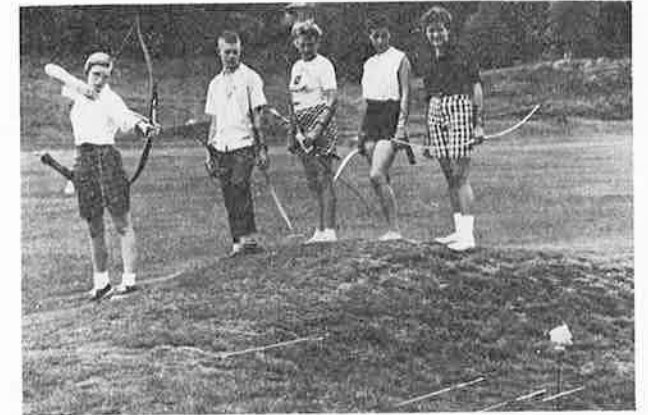
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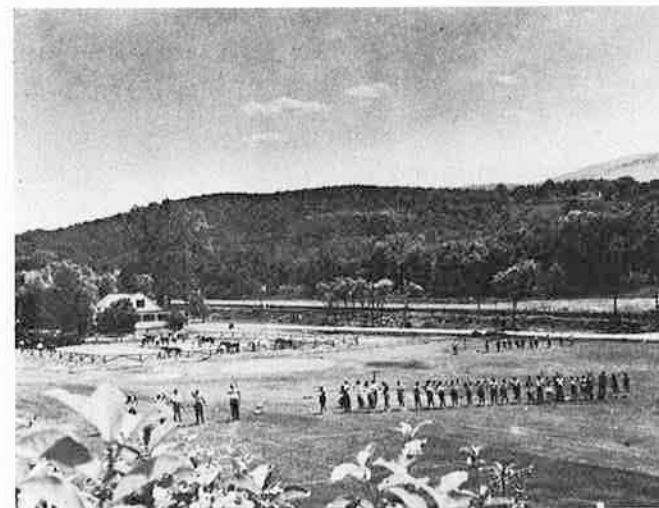


Dr. C. N. Hickman got his "fish"! Dave Crawley also got a nice shot with his Speed Graphic. Grace Robertson is pleased as she guides the boat.



Ollie Crouch shows a group of young adults, who are attending TWAC, the finer points about archery golf. They will go back to their homes in Illinois, Massachusetts, New York and Maine hoping to influence others to play this game. The Crouchs' coached the Phoenix, Arizona High School archery team to the National Scholastic championship breaking all former records.

Photo by David Crawley



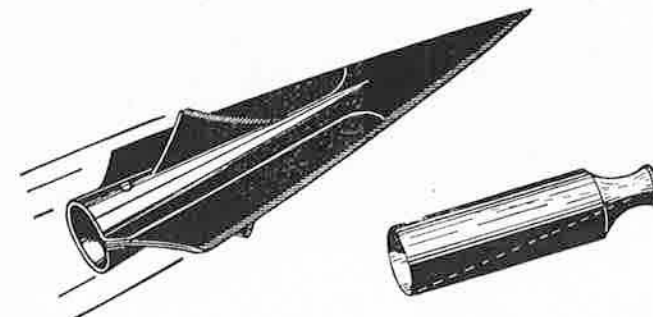
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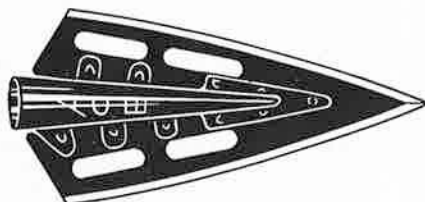
**THE F.I.T.A. BOX SCORE**

Balance received from Dr. Paul W. Crouch		
January 1, 1959 .....	\$4,960.52	
Funds received from Jan. 1 to May 1, 1959 .....	1,558.86	
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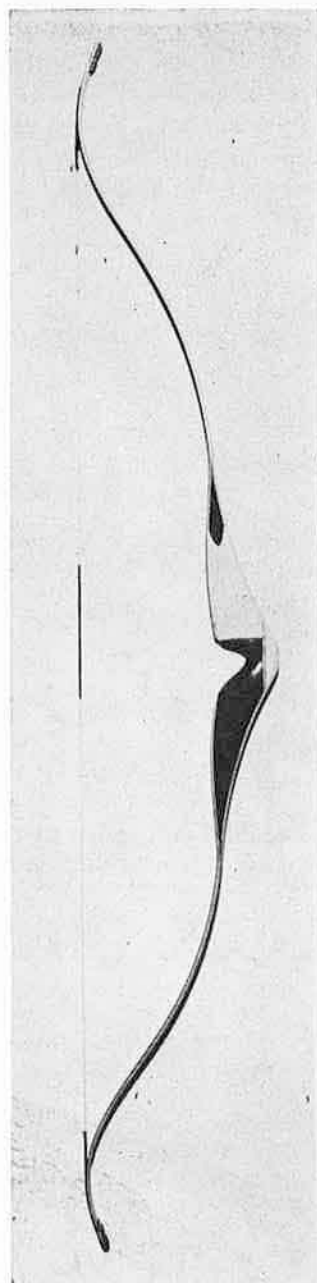
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## Addition To Canadian Bowhunting Report

A letter from G. Felkl of Regina fills in a portion of the missing information on bowhunting in the Canadian provinces. Mr. Felkl informs us that in Saskatchewan a special season for archers of a month previous to gun hunting is provided. A minimum bow weight of 45 pounds has been established and arrow shafts must bear the name and address of the hunter. The Saskatchewan Archery Association membership is about 80 and it is known that at least 50 hunted with the bow. Of these, at least 8 were successful in taking deer and it is known that at least one non-member took a deer.

Mr. Felkl says that no member of their club has taken an antelope, moose, or elk but that several have taken bear in past years.

## JACK RABBITS

By Abe Massey 2706 McAllister Topeka, Kansas

On the plains of western Kansas there are thousands and thousands of long-legged jack rabbits. They are very large and fast, and provide excellent sport for the bowhunter. The best time to hunt them is in the early morning or at night, but hunting during the day is not bad. The terrain is very flat and sandy, and running through this sand is an occasional river or creek (usually dried up), rabbits often hide behind the plants. When the rivers and creeks are dried up, the jacks often gather around wells or farm houses.

On this particular hunt, I was alone, hunting for jacks and coyotes. I chose an area that abounded in rabbits to hunt in.

I was in very good rabbit country now and I could see about 500 jacks running about 100 yards ahead of me. Every few

minutes a jack rabbit would suddenly jump up from no where and I would take a shot at him as he ran. I had a lot of close misses and I finally connected on a jack running full speed away from me at about 30 yards. The arrow (field) hit him in the back and penetrated about 9 inches. The arrow fell out as the rabbit ran up a small hill about 50 yards away and turned a backwards somersault. I yelled like an Indian and retrieved my prize.

After that encounter I sneaked up on a sitting jack, but missed as he thundered away. I then walked over to some farmer's sorghum patch and stood still. A rabbit came tearing down the row I was standing in and when he saw me he screeched to a stop in a cloud of dust. I shot him through the heart at 7 feet and carried him away.

A funny thing happened to me after that. I was walking along and a rabbit ran in a circle around me. By accident, I had placed a blunt arrow in my quiver. When I drew

an arrow from my quiver and shot (you guessed it) it was the blunt one. It struck the rabbit squarely behind the front leg at about 20 yards. The rabbit never faltered but kept right on running.

My blunt arrow had bounced off of the side of the jack rabbit. (Evidently, blunt arrows are not too effective on jacks unless they are hit in the head.) After my shot with the blunt arrow, all my shots at rabbits were running and I never connected again. After 2 days of hunting I had killed 2 rabbits and had a very interesting experience with 2 coyotes which I will write about later.

—End—

## Letter from a Reluctant From Page 16

hunting and bow hunters those first two days. The hunters are the same people, so it must be the fact that they are out for the sport and not just the meat. When you meet them in the woods, they don't look the other way, hoping you will leave. More than likely they come to meet you, share the time of day, have a smoke, wish you luck, and then back to hunting. You'll see Ma, Pa, and all the kids, having the time of their lives.

You know how long I have been trying to

get my wife, Lorraine, to go out hunting with me. Well, she has traded her size four shoes for a pair of insulated boots three sizes too big, and you can believe this, Little Beaver has her bow all set to go any time we can get away. That alone would give you some idea what this bowhunting is really like.

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—End—

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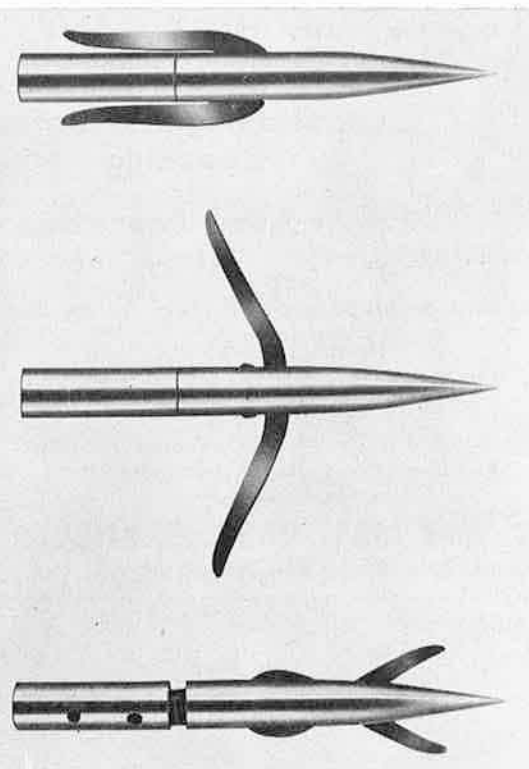
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## Letter From India

Dear Mr. Hulbert:

Many thanks for your letter of February 23 which I could not acknowledge earlier due to other preoccupations. It has indeed been very kind of Mr. John Batten to make me a gift of this year's subscription to the National Bowhunter magazine—I shall be writing separately to thank him on this account. Meanwhile, I should be grateful if you would kindly accept my cheque, which I am enclosing with this letter, towards next year's subscription.

As regards bowhunting in this country, very few of our sportsmen have, as far as I am aware, taken to this form of sport with the kind of modern archery equipment that is now being used in Europe or in the United States, although the bow and arrow had been the traditional weapon in India from time immemorial and still continue to be the main hunting equipment among most of the primitive and tribal races in this large country. I have also come across reliable records describing in great detail the widespread use of the bow as a hunting weapon among the well-to-do sportsmen of India up to the early years of the 19th century, before the use of firearms had become general in this country. As I feel that you would be interested in the matter, I shall try to write you again at a later date giving all the information that I can collect on the subject.

Personally I am a novice in this branch of sport, having been initiated into it by the generous gift of a complete set of archery equipment from Mr. John Batten during the last year and a half, and I still have to secure my first big game trophy with this weapon. If I have any interesting experiences, I shall gladly send accounts to you with such details as might be expected to interest you and your readers.

(R. K. Ray)  
1 Lansdowne Rd.  
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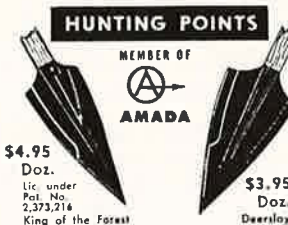
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### Practice With A Purpose

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and accuracy and with the least possible body movements.

If it takes 10 seconds of clumsy movements to unquiver nock, draw, and release every arrow you shoot, you'd better brush up on your form. In the first place, learn to walk and carry your bow and arrow in such a way that you can bring it up to shooting position quickly and with a minimum of motion. Learn to draw rapidly and release instantly, while striving to be accurate all the while. Snap shooting (or fast shooting) is frowned upon by many bowhunters, but I believe it to be a trick worth knowing. Unfortunately, somewhere along the way the terms snap-shooting and sloppy-shooting have become mixed up, thus when snap shooting is mentioned, many believe it to be a bad habit. However, when the occasion demands it, anyone who can draw and release an arrow instantly and accurately is certainly using a bad habit to his advantage. By no means am I advocating snap shooting as a habit, but when a slower more accurate shot is out of the question, knowing how to snap shoot accurately is a mighty handy trick.

It is also important to learn how to get off a second shot quickly, accurately, and with a minimum of motion. Adjust your quiver so that your drawing hand can speed to an

arrow, grab it by the plastic nock and string it on your bowstring in one quick movement. It is possible to do all this without taking your eyes from the target if you train yourself to feel for the small ridge or welt on the arrow nock. This little ridge parallels the cock feather and enables you to get it to the outside of your bow by feel alone. If you have a difficult time quickly and smoothly drawing an arrow from your quiver and nocking it on your bow string, try practicing before a mirror. I believe every bowhunter could cut previous seconds from his shooting time if he would but take the time and effort to train himself to do so.

When practicing with a purpose, it's not a bad idea to completely cover your arrow shafts with a bright yellow paint. Even then you will lose some and very likely you will break a few, but that's a small price to pay for building up both your confidence and accuracy which will later on fill your game bag.

—End—

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It was pitchdark by the time we returned to camp, and Curt and Mom had had no

luck. We were a tired foursome that night, so we retired early. Curt and Darlene had visions of filling out their second deer tags, while Mom and I just dreamed of hitting a deer.

Time passes too quickly in the mountains. One week of bow hunting was gone already and all I had to show for it was a lot of excuses. In the past week I had had a lot of near misses and a lot of fun, but now it was time to get Darlene and her buck home. We kept our daughter home from school for a week so Darlene would have to stay home the rest of my vacation.

I couldn't stand to stay home for longer than one day. I had to get back up to the mountains to get my deer. I left early in the afternoon and got up to camp just in time for evening hunting, but that didn't do me much good, I didn't see a thing. I awoke the next morning feeling as if I was in an igloo. It was the first snow of the season, and it was mighty cold, but it should be perfect for trailing deer. Got myself thawed out with a fire and hot coffee.


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thing was just perfect. There were rocky ridges running up the mountain. The deer was to one side of it so I would go up the other side. The wind was in my favor. The fresh snow would muffle my footsteps, and the deer didn't know anyone was around. After quite some time of crawling, falling and climbing, I reached the spot where I figured the deer should be. I nocked my arrow and slowly climbed over the ridge to see if all my work was going to pay off.

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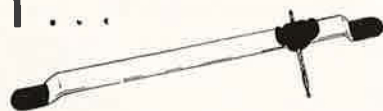


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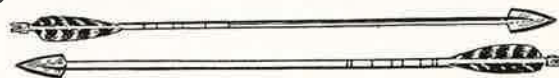
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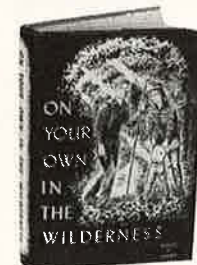
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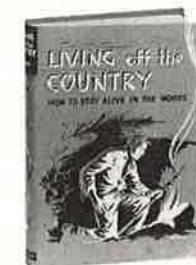
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I had time to draw another arrow, but Mother Nature fouled me up this time. My hands were so stiff and cold that I just couldn't pull that arrow from my back quiver. As I was fumbling, the deer suddenly came alive, stood up, and with the meanest look in his eye, swung around right at me. He was bent on getting even with me for that crack on the head. I've never felt so helpless in all my life. I was too close to him to run, so my only defense was my bow. I guess I lost my head for a minute. I just kept beating him with my bow as though it were a baseball bat until I turned him

down the mountain. Next thing I knew, I was back up to the spot I had started from, and the buck was walking down the other way, staggering, and probably wondering what the h— had just happened. Well, he could just stay there as far as I was concerned. That was enough for me. I checked my bow; it was still in one piece, but it sure had a lot of chips that weren't there before. I went back down to where I had hit the buck to look for evidence of just what had happened. There I found some splinters that previously had been my shaft, and my broadhead, which looked more like a fish hook now. No one was going to believe my story when I got home, so I thought I'd

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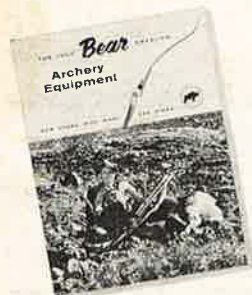
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