

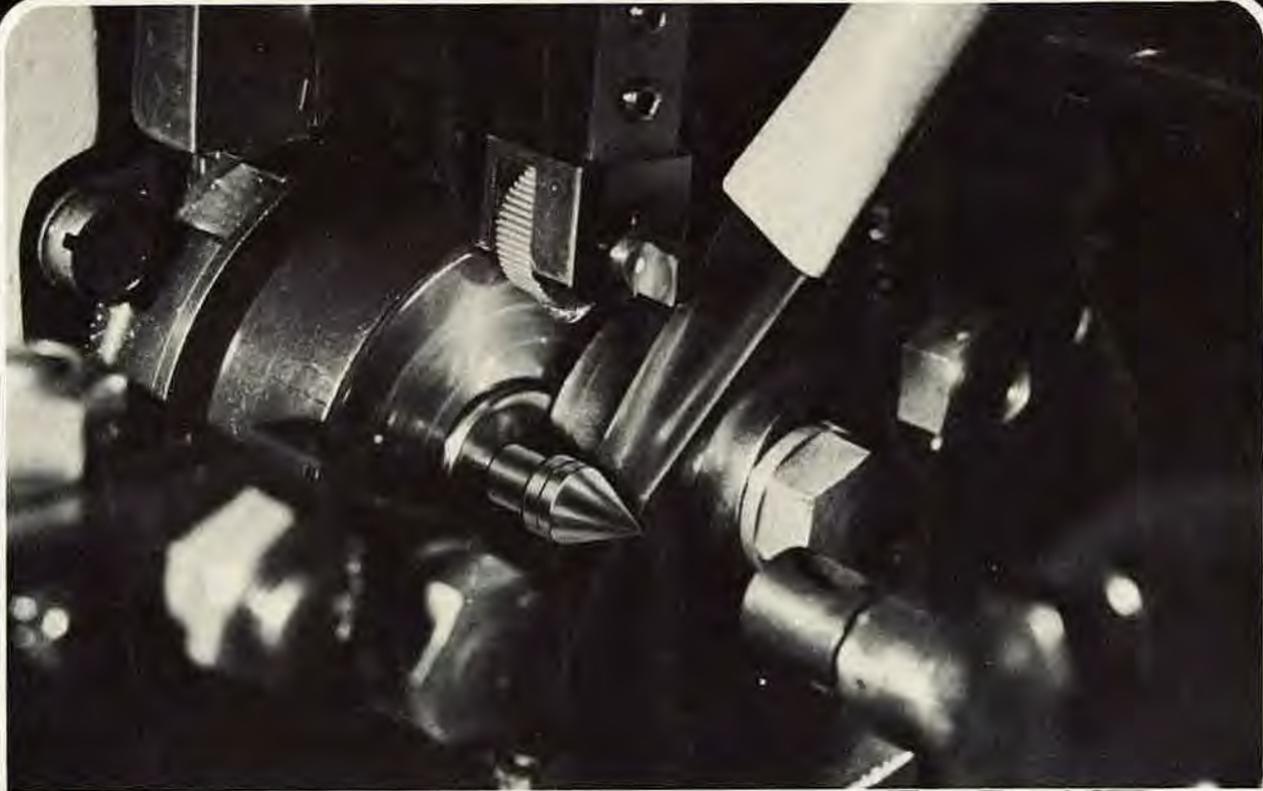
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What is archery?

LACK OF IDENTITY, lack of wisdom and a lot of selfishness have recently caused archery much trouble. To do something about our current problems, we must first have *identity*. Everybody and everything must have identity. Just what is archery?

Archery is a *shooting sport*. It is not a single *game*. You can have games within a sport, but you cannot make a single game out of a *sport*. Golfing is a game; boating is a sport. Tennis is a game; fishing is a sport. Chess is a game; gun shooting is a sport. It would be laughable if someone tried to pass a set of rules that said everybody must use 100 lb. test line whether they fish for trout or swordfish. Equally ridiculous would be to require a dingy class sailboat to compete with ocean-going yachts.

Rules

The man says, "All games have to have rules." Quite true. The key word here is *games*. However, a sport cannot have one set of inclusive rules. Have your rules for the indoor PAA round, but don't try to apply these rules to the hunting archer, field archer, outdoor target archery, archery golf, bow fisherman, flight shooter, etc. If a man wants to play the many other games within the sport of archery and uses different tackle and methods of shooting — that is his right and privilege. A word of caution to self-appointed rule makers: be very careful about setting up hard and fast rules in your chosen game. There is room in any game in archery for everybody who pulls a bow, no matter what kind of bow or how he releases it.

The man says, "We have too many divisions in archery now, why make a place for release aid shooters." *Hogwash!* As long as there are enough people in archery interested in a method of shooting or type of tackle, there should be a place for them! People shoot a bow for fun. It's not like having to get up and go to work at a job you don't like. If they don't have fun, then try another sport.

The man says, "All the different games and divisions confuse the public." *Hogwash again!* Gun shooting sports have dozens of divisions. Boating has divisions all the way from one man scull to unlimited hydroplane racing boats. The public is not stupid. Separating different divisions in archery will not tax the human brain.

Challenge

The man says, "The release makes archery too easy." *Double hogwash!* No matter what the equipment or method of release, there will always be plenty of challenge in archery. It is one of the most difficult sports in the world. People have come and gone from archery by the hundreds of thousands because they could not even begin to master it. What is wrong with giving the less physically and mentally endowed a helping hand in hitting the target? No matter what the method of shooting or type of tackle the man that has the most skill, works the hardest and has the most mental backbone will win. The people who are against finding room in archery for compound bows and release aid are either very misinformed or have selfish motives. The rules and edicts the AAC tried to impose on the sport of archery were conceived with monstrous lack of wisdom.

The man says, "The Compound bow and release aid will ruin archery." An officer of one of our national organizations said to me, "Tom, you have created a monster in the compound bow." I asked him just what he meant. He just repeated the statement. I know the compound isn't pretty, but we weren't trying for a beauty contest. We just wanted to give the archery public a better product. I have yet to find the man that can tell me *just how the compound bow will ruin archery*. They mumble something about what will come in the future. Anybody knows if you worry too much about the future these days you might be inclined to commit suicide.

I can cite many reasons why it is and will be good for archery. We have a one-armed man that shoots with his teeth and turns in a very respectable field round soccer. He sent me a picture of a fine deer he shot last season. He credits the compound. Women can now reach the 80 yard target on the field round and score. We have hundreds of women and older men able to hunt big game past the time they are able to pull a conventional hunting bow. They send us letters every day. We have thousands of average archers improving their scores throughout the United States. We have hundreds of archers getting back into the sport who had lost interest. The sight of an arrow flashing to the target with a flat trajectory has rekindled their enthusiasm for archery. The acceptance of this bow by the people that shoot a bow is phenomenal. Some that want to rule against this bow don't even shoot a bow anymore. Can this be bad for the sport? Will this drive people away from archery? I think not.

Releases

The release aid is as old as archery. It has much to offer modern archery. I recently shot a 28 target field round (with a release) after a long layoff from tournament shooting. With a little practice I scored a 474 for 28 targets. Now this wouldn't beat Vic Leach, John Williamson or Vic Berger, who shoots with his fingers, but it made me happy. Just a little more practice and I know I can break 500. It's a thrill to hit the target and no fun missing the whole butt. Without the release I don't have the time for practice or the ability to shoot 500 field scores. I'll never beat the top shooters for many reasons, but I am going to tournaments again.

The release aid has cured thousands of archers with "mental block" (freezing) which has plagued our sport for years. Many experts believe this malady has caused more drop-outs in archery than any other single cause. At the above recent shoot I competed in, I ran into an old friend who had been fighting the freezing malady

for years. He had just posted a 488 and was as happy as a kid with a new toy. This is bad for archery?

In the Las Vegas U. S. Open this year, four men in the unlimited division (compounds and releases) tied for first place with perfect 600's for two rounds. The resulting shoot-off held the crowd of 1,000 spectators spellbound for nearly an hour. Everybody said it was the most exciting finish of any tournament they had attended. Can this be bad for archery?

The man finally says. "OK, you have been making a lot of noise in this editorial. What do we do?"

Unity

First, we must realize and believe that no matter whether an archer shoots wooden arrows, a self wood long bow without even a nocking point, or he shoots a compound bow, and a release aid with a mirror sight, *ee is an archer and a brother*. Archers *must* unite. This will never be achieved by restrictive rules that every archer must observe or get out of the sport. One of our national organizations recently sent a letter to their members and in essence said, "Follow our rules or get out." I wouldn't argue that this directive was not their prerogative, but I do know this organization is losing members ten times as fast as they are gaining members. We need a national organization that will look out for all archers, but will not try to tell them how to play their game within the sport. This is not out of the question. The NRA has several *million* members and they did not achieve this by telling everybody they have to shoot a muzzle loading rifle. Remember, archery is a shooting sport.

Secondly, this mother organization should cut across club, city, state, and sectional boundaries and be a true national organization of archers. You should not be required to belong to a club, or state organization to belong to this association. The only requirement should be that you shoot a bow, any bow, any way. There is a lot more that could and should be done, but if we only do the two above things, archery will grow far beyond its present size.

About this column

ARCHERY is pleased to introduce this new column. We believe there is a need for an editorial page whereon archers can speak their minds about their sport. There are many issues in archery which are actively discussed "behind the scenes" at tournaments and meetings, but which are rarely discussed in print. Forum is the place to present opinions on such issues.

Any responsible spokesman may contribute, whether to offer a new viewpoint or to respond to a previous editorial. Opinions which appear on this page will be the writer's, not necessarily those of the magazine or the NFAA. Contributors should state their case clearly and concisely, in an

article between 1,000 and 1,500 words in length. Personal attacks on individuals will not be permitted, nor will critical articles which merely complain at great length without offering positive suggestions.

Forum is the place to better inform thousands of concerned archers about the directions archery is or should be taking. Certainly we need better communication in archery before we can have better archery. This month Tom Jennings, well-known technical authority and bow manufacturer, leads off as our first contributor. If you have something to contribute, write: ARCHERY FORUM, Route 2, Box 514, Redlands, CA 92373.

On tour sans bow

THIS PAST SUMMER I toured some of the western parks of the United States with my family. Although I have hunted in Arizona, Utah and Colorado, there was precious little time for sightseeing except in the specific localities where we were hunting. On this summer's jaunt, I didn't bring my bow with me, limiting activities of that nature to fishing in Yellowstone Park. Nevertheless, I found my eyes seeing things only a bowhunter would notice. You may have had a similar experience.

Until we got past Chicago, it was mostly a rat race with little time to think about archery or bowhunting. But in a small town in Iowa I spotted a sign pointing to a local field archery range and thereafter I began noticing backyards sporting practice butts and other pleasant evidence that archers and bowhunters were about. The terrain began to look gamey too and woodlots surrounded by cornfields and overgrown islands in the Missouri River became hiding places for those fantastic big whitetails for which the corn belt has become famous. While the only deer I saw were small editions of the "big boys," that simply whetted my appetite for more.

In South Dakota I saw my first antelope outside of a zoo. We were in the Badlands examining the grotesquely eroded cliffs when I picked up a tiny white spot out on the plains that my binoculars confirmed as the rump of a buck antelope.

Wyoming, of course, is billed as prime antelope country and it certainly lived up to its reputation. We must have seen a hundred altogether, many of them quite close to the road, and we pulled our Dodge Sportvan camper off of the pavement so often that day we made poor time. I tried to visualize what it would be like to hunt those sharp-eyed speedsters with so little cover to use in a stalk and decided that hunting from a blind would really be necessary. They paid little attention to me as I stepped from the camper but if I tried to get nearer for a better photo, they were gone fast.

We didn't see many muleys although we spent a

great deal of time in mule deer country. We saw three nice bucks at night in Yellowstone, but we spent two nights on the Kaibab Plateau in Arizona, and saw nary a buck. Some people at the campsite told of seeing several and even suggested a back road which we tried, but we only spotted a couple of does and that was it.

The Kaibab Forest brought back some pleasant recollections since it was a national hotspot back in the days when I first took up bowhunting. Archery Magazine was seldom without an account of someone bagging a big muley from the Kaibab Plateau. The Febru-



Don Lehman with his cougar taken on the Tavaputs Plateau in Utah. The author's "tourist trip" last summer recalled the enjoyment of this earlier hunt.

ary 1953 issue had an article and some photos by some young looking guy named Hoff with a "cheshire cat grin" showing off a nice buck. Fred Bear, Judd Grindell, Tom Imler and Chuck Kroll were also along on that hunt with Roy. But, like all good things, the deer bonanza came to an end. Deer are still there but not in the numbers that led to their downfall nearly two decades ago.

One thing for certain, Kaibab country was beautiful and had I been able to hunt there, it would hardly have been necessary to see deer to make the trip enjoyable. I'm sure if we had taken more time and gotten off the beaten track on foot, we'd have spotted more mule deer, possibly even one of those old mossy antlered bucks. As it was, we only visualized what they looked like.

We took an overnight pack trip into the mountains of the Wind River Range, just southeast of Jackson Hole in Wyoming. I was hoping to spot some elk and although the wrangler took me out that evening on horseback to some of the most beautiful mountain "parks" I've ever seen, we didn't find any elk. Moose were different though. We saw them all along the trails and we got close. In one park at nearly 12,000 ft. altitude, we spotted a real big bull, black as the ace of spades, feeding in the middle of a huge meadow. I rode as close as I could and shot a few pictures, then spurred my horse for a try at a real closeup. The bull stood for none of that nonsense, however, and he was back into the timber pronto.

I've always wanted to make a pack trip hunt for elk and that overnight jaunt on horseback with my wife and daughter simply fanned the fire. The country was beautiful, it was quiet and the water was clear as crystal. A bowhunter could venture into that country and get skunked, yet come home considering the trip successful. Our wrangler ran a hunting camp in another location each fall and seemed mighty skeptical that anyone could bring down an elk with a bow unless he was plain lucky. I couldn't argue with him but I assured him I was going to give it a try in the not too distant future.

Pope and Young revisited

Our elk sightings were limited to Yellowstone Park where we saw and photographed some huge bulls grazing nonchalantly alongside the road south of Mammoth Hot Springs. We purposely went into the Dunraven Pass area where nearly 52 years ago, Saxton Pope and Art Young collected several grizzly bears with their bows for a museum in California. The event was described in Pope's book "Hunting with the Bow and Arrow" first published in 1923. His words describing the expedition and their encounters with the huge grizzly which they killed with their bows made the whole area come alive to me.

Unfortunately, we did not see any grizzlies and only saw three of the black bears for which the park is famous. The rangers explained the actions the Park has taken to get these bears out of the tourist areas and I can only add that they have been mighty successful. I cannot disagree with their objectives, but I do like to watch the bears and I was disappointed.

Yellowstone also provided my first view of a big-horn sheep. I didn't see him initially myself, but some keen-eyed youngster saw him and kept telling his father to "look at the goats." Finally, after several minutes of looking for white animals, I spotted two dead brown rams, one with a three-quarter curl, picking their way

along a steep cliff browsing as they went. I could only speculate how to hunt those animals in such impossible terrain with a bow and arrow. My estimation of sheep as a trophy with the bow has always been high but it went even higher at that moment.

South of Salt Lake City we passed by the general area where I bagged my cougar and mule deer in 1965. We could see the Tavaputs Plateau off in the distance, but time was short and we had to keep moving. How I would have liked to get up on top again to see those hordes of mulies that populate the Pleateau where the Wilcox Ranch, run by Don and Jeannette Wilcox, is located. On my '65 hunt, my partner and I counted over 100 mulies between the ranch gate and the ranch house and we stopped counting at 100. That is truly a paradise for the bowhunter, a place I'm going to hunt once again, I'm sure.

After leaving the Kaibab we made the long, hot drive south through Arizona then east to the Four Corners, winding up in Durango. I must say it was good to arrive in the wooded area of Colorado after the hot drive across the desert. We saw very little in the way of wildlife on this leg of our journey, except for some mulies in Mesa Verde National Park. Those cliff dwellers must have had some great hunting with

Tip of the Month

Boots squeak? Apply paraffin wax to the bottom of the innersoles. Bowstring fraying a problem on your hunting bow? Use one with a couple of extra strands and avoid the worry. Feathers collapse on your hunting arrows when it's damp? Douse them liberally before your trip with a liquid car wax containing silicone. Wind direction a problem? Tie a ten inch thread on the tip of the upper limb of your bow as a wind sock. Need advice on hunting? Seek out a local bowhunter who scores consistently and tell him your problems.

their ancient bows if the mule deer population then was anywhere close to the numbers we saw.

We did some horseback riding in the forest of Colorado but saw no big game and very little sign. I had hoped to go back through the Grand Junction/Rifle area to visit with Jerry Byrum and Bob Morrison about the hunting prospects, but had to eliminate that tour because of time problems. I hunted with Jerry and Bob in 1968, but I failed to bring home the big mulie they got me a shot at.

Although I saw numerous target butts in yards and other evidence of archery activity, I didn't see anyone shooting a bow for the entire three weeks of our trip. My wife and I had thought of packing our bows, but the space limitations of our camper, even with a bubble roof, were too formidable. I can assure you I would have enjoyed a bit of stump shooting in many of the places we visited. After many years of hunting, it seemed strange to be in such beautiful hunting country without my bow in hand. We arrived home on Friday night and I was at the field range first thing Saturday morning. My wife and I spent the entire Sunday shooting, and the following Saturday I left for Quebec to hunt for caribou.

I can truthfully say I felt lonesome without my bow on the trip but even without it, it was as a bowhunter that I made my "grand tour" of the west.



OUR ROVING ARCHER VISITS

AL HENDERSON

WINNER'S COACH

“WHO CAME FIRST, the Pro or the Coach?” In archery, as in most other sports, a good coach is likely to be a former champion who has retired from active participation and now tries to pass on his mastery of a sport to others. Al Henderson, a PAA coach since 1965, is something of an exception. Since he began shooting a bow in 1937, he has never held a title or won a major championship. Al says that he has never had to win anything to achieve personal satisfaction from archery.

A quick glance at the records of Al's former students dispells any doubts one might have as to his coaching ability. Since 1950 there have been: one World Champion-

ship Team Member; one Fifth Place winner, World Championships; five National Champions; 12 Regional Champions; 41 state champions and six collegiate All-American Archery Champions.

Throughout his long career as both a shooter and coach, Al's love of the sport, combined with his desire to help others improve their scores, has helped neophytes become good archers—and good archers to become great archers. Al, who has always shown a special interest in young people, currently is active in the Junior Olympic program. Archery instructors from many schools in the Phoenix area often seek his assistance in solving the shooting problems of their Olympic

hopefuls, and for the past several years he has held annual clinics in Phoenix to acquaint archery coaches and physical education students from Arizona and California with the latest coaching techniques.

Today, Al is the owner of Henderson Archery Lanes, 1534 West Van Buren Street in Phoenix. He moved to Arizona in 1945 from Missouri, where he served as president of an archery club in Sedalia. When he moved west, his interest in the sport went with him. During his first year in Phoenix he persuaded the city park board to include archery in their recreation program. The park board then turned the tables and asked him to be the first archery instructor, which

he was.

Al was one of the organizers and first president of the Arizona Bowhunters and Field Archery Association, of which he is now a life member. He also holds membership in the NAA, is a PAA certified instructor and former member of the board of directors, and is currently on the board of directors of ALOA, the Archery Lane Operators Association.

As we talked, Al showed me through his pro shop and adjoining target lanes. He sells top-notch target bows such as Hoyt, Bear and Carroll, as well as a complete line of popular hunting bows. Ten years ago he used to give four free shooting lessons with every bow he sold, but had to discontinue the practice as his volume of sales began to rise rapidly.

Al's eight lanes with walk-up targets are just as much a going concern as the pro shop. Archery lanes, like bowling lanes, are kept solvent largely because of organized leagues, and Al's are no different. Three leagues of 32 shooters each keep the arrows flying three nights a week. The rest of the week the lanes are open to the public at a rate of \$1.50 an hour with Bear equipment for rent. Since he opened the lanes three years ago he has had to employ as many as six instructors at a time to assist him in coaching new students.

The Henderson style

Al coaches each of his students as an individual. Watching a student as he shoots, Henderson analyzes him, trying to ascertain how this particular shooter's physique, emotional temperament and choice of equipment contribute to his style. Al emphasizes that each archer has a shooting style of his own if he has been shooting for any length of time at all. Unless he is doing many things drastically wrong, Al feels his job is to polish that unique style rather than change it.

Al thinks it would be hard to watch any group of his students shoot and see anything that could be identifiable as "the Henderson Style," although at any major tournament it isn't too difficult to dis-

A warm welcome at Henderson Archery Lanes brings in three leagues of 32 shooters each, three nights a week.

Release aids have pin-pointed the critical aspect of the bow arm.

tinguish the students or former students of certain other coaches. He believes this is caused by coaches who can only solve a shooter's problem if they have experienced the particular problem themselves. Consequently, when the shooter solves his problems through the guidance of his coach, his style becomes more like that of his coach.

A strong bow arm and a smooth release, in that order, are the two most important facets of what is loosely referred to as "good archery form," according to Al. Several years ago he was often criticized by contemporaries as being "release happy" because at that time he was one of the few coaches who recognized the vital importance of a flawless release. He still contends, however, that the bow arm is the most critical aspect of shooting, and that the many release aids now in use have pin-pointed this critical area. "A man with a strong, steady bow arm and a release that allows him to shoot without disturbing the bow arm can have a lot of other problems and still be a good shot," says Al, with a grin indicating he's seen a few shooters like that.

Over lunch we had the opportunity to discuss various topics of interest to archers in general. I asked Al what his feelings were concerning the current controversy over the various proposals to legalize the compound bow for national competition in all categories. He replied that part of the problem is the fact that the proposals are being opposed for both personal and technical reasons. While the technical aspects of the bow's legalization may be settled, many people may still remain opposed to it for reasons described as "aesthetic" for lack of clearer definition.

As a shooter, coach and owner of an archery pro shop, Henderson has been besieged by letters and other literature from members of both factions — pro and con compound bows. He recognizes the desire by many archers to shoot the fastest, most powerful bow available, but his personal opinion is that the compound bow should not be legalized for competition in all categories. Al emphasized, however, that this is his view as a shooter, and that in his roles as a coach and pro shop owner he has tried to stay outside the controversy. This does not mean that Al is against change or that he avoids controversy; the contrary is true.

Years ago, when the use of a sight was the center of discussion in archery circles, Al was one of those who helped establish the freestyle category. He does think, however, that the current controversy over the compound bow is hurting organized archery more than any other similar problem in recent years. He is greatly disturbed by the high-pressure tactics that the factions involved have employed to try to win their respective cases.

The 1972 Olympics

Speaking as both "an old-fashioned patriotic American" and an archer, Al said he would like to see America's archery teams win in this year's Olympic games more than anything else. Realistically, however, he has doubts that we will be represented by the best archers available, or by the best coaching staff. Money, or rather a lack of it, could prevent the best amateur shooters from traveling to the games in Munich.

Henderson fears that the partici-



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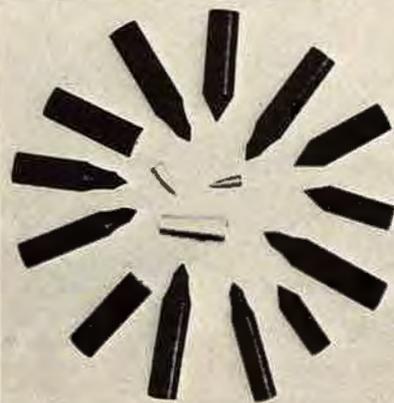


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pants may have to defray much of the expenses themselves and that the people who can afford to go may not necessarily be the best archers. He feels our chief competitors will be from the communist bloc countries, and that those shooters will have an unfair advantage. Contestants from these countries are often members of the military or otherwise subsidized by the state and as such receive all necessary equipment and training free. By comparison, an American athlete would lose his amateur status if his equipment were provided for him.

As for the coaching staff, Al said that the National Olympic Committee had presumed that PAA members would serve as archery coaches. The Russians are fighting this concept, however, demanding that the archery coaches must be amateurs. Al scoffs at this idea, comparing it to forcing someone to submit to surgery performed by a medic rather than a doctor, but he does not doubt that the Russians can succeed in getting the matter suited to their demands.

Contest in the mind

As I gathered up my camera gear and notes prior to leaving, I asked the question that I knew Al had been asked many times before. "What separates the truly great archer from the others who never quite make it?" In the final analysis, according to Al, mental self-discipline is the key to becoming a great archer. He says that Bill Mills is one shooter who has that degree of self-control; who, as Al puts it, "has it together upstairs." (Mills certainly has confirmed Al's appraisal by putting together back-to-back 300's two years running at the Las Vegas Open.)

Henderson cited several other examples of individuals who had near-perfect form and the finest equipment available, but who weren't able to separate their emotions from their shooting. In a tournament, says Al Henderson, the person whose shooting is dominated by his emotions to the degree that he cannot think each shot through is his own worst enemy.

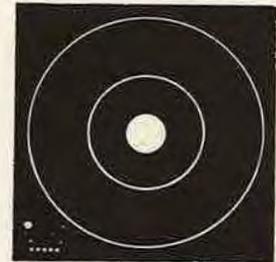


On the line with other archery "Kings and Queens" at the Las Vegas Open, Henderson talks shop while receiving an award for 25 years of service and participation in archery.

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THE PICTURESQUE 32 mile island of Galveston, formerly inhabited by the cannibalistic Karankawa Indians and occupied in 1817 by the notorious buccaneer Jean Lafitte, is situated on the Texas gulf coast.

Picking up my latest copy of *True*, I propped myself back in my easy chair and prepared to spend a nice quiet day in the cozy cabin. Before I had turned a page, I heard a slight noise and in the doorway stood my fishing buddy, W. T. "Buz" Sinclair.

Instantly, I had a foreboding of some emergency. What else would bring a man out in such a storm? Before I could think, I exclaimed, "What the hell's the matter?"

He immediately put me at ease with a hearty outburst of laughter. "Hurry up! Put on your rain togs, and get your bow and arrows. The gars are running!"

Well, I had experienced mackerel runs, red fish runs, even tarpon runs, but never had I heard of a "gar run."

Buz couldn't be persuaded to wait until I brewed a pot of his favorite Louisiana coffee; by the sparkle in his eyes, I knew something extraordinary was going on. So I quickly donned my slicker suit and boots, picked up my bow and arrows, and out we went. As we climbed into Buz's pickup truck, I was hoping no one would see us for surely they would think us crazy going out in such a storm.

Buz, who would have fit per-

"Get out," Buz yelled, "you can't shoot gars in the cab of the pickup."

"Where's any gars," I yelled back, trying to make my voice heard above the whistling of the wind and the din of the pelting rain on the side of the truck.

In answer, he jumped off the pickup, shouldered his tank and spear gun, and stood by the side of the road next to the flooded pasture. Before I could get out of the cab and gather my archery equipment, I heard a zing, a shout, and a commotion in the water all at the same time.

By the time I got to the side of the road, Buz and the five-foot long alligator gar (*Lepisosteus spatula*), he had shot were thrashing around in the shallow water. In a moment Buz had the subdued slick gar in his arms, carrying it as if it were a child, and was laughing and wading to shore. (After watching several similar "knock-down-drag-unders" such as this, I ceased to worry about him, as this seemed to be his element as well as the gar's.) After removing his spear, he put the critter in the back of the pickup, and I chalked up my first lesson in "gar gaffing."

Buz pointed out several of the

Going for Gars

The historical port city of Galveston occupies about one-third of the island's upper end. The rest of the island is mostly pastures, lagoons, and rapidly developing subdivisions. Every day of the year, surfers can be seen gliding along the mild surf. Sport and commercial fishing contribute to the island's brisk economy.

Yet, the sport of "gar gaffing," which takes place within sight of the city's skyscrapers, is probably news to most Galvestonians, as well as to the rest of the country.

A fresh spring storm was blowing rain in horizontal sheets across the island. My beach cottage, situated midway on the island, shuddered again as another strong squally gust pounded it. For once I was content to be shut up in the cabin, and I wondered what it would be like out on the bay or in the gulf during such a storm.

fectly into a professional football defensive line a decade or two back, was born on the island. He built houses in Galveston and Houston for a living, but his heart was in fishing and hunting. He had an intimate knowledge of all the island's wildlife—everything that walked, swam or flew. I was a sixty-eight-year-old retiree and spent part of my time in Galveston — hunting and fishing kept me out of "mischief."

Buz had his spear fishing outfit which consisted of a carbon dioxide tank and heavy steel arrows that he used on large fish out in the gulf. I was armed with a 45-pound Bear Magnum bow and a dozen fiberglass arrows with Bear broadheads.

We had just gotten started, going less than a quarter-mile, when Buz pulled up on the side of the road near a small lake. The ditches on both sides of the road were running full of flood water.

shadowy forms in the murky water before I finally spotted one. I took a quick shot — and missed. We worked along the edge of the small lake without getting any more shots. We saw several roll too far out for accurate shooting. The fare-stinging rain was easing off as we came to the end of the lake where the water was overflowing, less than a foot deep, through a fifty-foot wide depression, into another small lake about two hundred yards away.

As we started to walk along the edge of this shallow channel, Buz shouted, "There's one," and pointed.

I located the gar in the shallow water only thirty feet away and told him I didn't want to shoot that one — it didn't have a sporting chance.

"Shoot, shoot," he hollered, "it's your shot. Those critters eat their weight in fish every day. They're hard to catch on hook and line, and this is our best chance to thin them

out."

So I half reluctantly took aim as it slithered through the shallow water. The first arrow went "chug" as it connected with the thick-scaled hide; and it took two more hits before it quit thrashing enough to be dragged ashore. All three fiberglass arrows were broken. (During the three days of gar shooting, I broke twenty-four arrows in the tough, armor-like gar carcasses.)

We each shot two more gars by noon. It was about an even contest: my longer range with the bow versus Buz's "gar savvy." The wind and rain had quit by now. When we started out earlier in the morning, we were alone; now the pastures were dotted with gar hunters of various interesting descriptions. This was anything but an exclusive sport! However, most were onlookers and those distinguished gourmets who were skilled in gar culinary art. This gallery followed us and would take possession of the gar as we beached them.

I had had enough for one day, and Buz had to look after his business; so we knocked off and agreed to meet again first thing in the morning.

The gars take advantage of the spring floods and high tides to come

Buz Sinclair was just as much at home in the water as the gars.

While we were watching some hilarious contests, Buz spied a big one sneaking along in the brimful ditch alongside the road. He got off a quick shot with his spear gun, and, in spite of the combined assistance of one fellow holding his right arm and me holding his left, the gar pulled Buz into the waist-deep water. The crowd went wild as Buz wrestled with the six-foot long gar. Several times he was completely submerged, and a loud cheer went up from the "gallery" as he carried his prize up on the bank.

The crowd was something to remember — the happiest "mob" that anyone could ever see. White and Negro were about equally divided, and there was also a good sprinkling of Mexicans and Louisiana Cajuns. Too bad that the folks from race-disturbed areas as well as racists of all shades and descriptions could not have been there to enjoy the fun — and forget all about their differences.

Galveston, a seaport with a large Negro population as well as many other ethnic groups, has always en-



action. As soon as the gar was gaffed, it would make a terrific lunge and would most likely submerge the gaffer if he held a tight line. If the line were played out, the gar would generally circle, tripping on or two of the other close gaffers.

Whenever a gaffer was dunked, a roar of spontaneous laughter would rise from the crowd looking on. The tripped gaffer would put on his own unique kind of amusing show trying to avoid the inevitable dunking. A two-hundred pound man was no match in the initial struggle with one of these five-foot-

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in Galveston

by ELVIN EVANS

up the creeks and lagoons to spawn. This spring was especially favorable for a great gar run, as the persistently strong easterly winds had raised the gulf and bay waters three feet higher than normal. The copious rains of the last two weeks had changed ditches into flowing streams and pastures into lakes, all of which were connected to the bay from which the gars migrated. These conditions reached their climax during this weekend.

The next morning, Saturday, Buz and I started out early. We expected to have some company, and we were absolutely right. When we pulled up where Buz shot his first gar, we couldn't find a place to park! Cars were bumper to bumper on both sides of the road. We finally found an opening a hundred yards down the road and walked back to the previous day's starting place.

joyed good race relations. It is not unusual to see the mansion of a prosperous businessman in the same block with the modest cottage of a poor but respected Negro.

They were all here today. Some would shoot or spear the gars as they passed through the culverts; however, most of the gars were scattered over the flooded pastures in water knee deep to waist deep. Occasionally a gar would be seen; but most of the gaffers would wade slowly until they bumped into one, and try to dispatch it with whatever device they were using — and this took some doing.

Those using a line on the end of a gaff or spear were getting the most

The author demonstrates that alligator gars are well-equipped both offensively and defensively.



Lost Hornet

Freddie:

I'm having trouble finding Hills Hornet 3-blade broadheads, which I read about in the story, "The deer that stumped him," in the November issue of *ARCHERY*. Can you help?

John Nicholas
Ringwood, Okla.

The Hills Hornet has been out of production for some time, according to Hugh Rich Archery Co. of Glendale, Calif. You might try Robin Hood Archery Co., 215 Glenridge Ave., Montclair, N.J. 07042.

If you cannot obtain any, the Hi-Precision 3-blade head is about as close as you can come to the Hills Hornet.

About bow tuning

Freddie:

I have heard that there are places where you can have a bow properly tuned by shooting a bare shaft with only a nock and target point installed — no fletching whatsoever.

Apparently they match your bow with various spine weight shafts and have you shoot until you find the right spine; that is, the spine that groups best is the shaft you should use, no matter what the weight or spine may be. I would like to know if you have ever heard of this method of bow tuning. If so, I'd like to know where I can obtain more information.

I have read a dozen or more books on how to tune a bow, but I've never read anything about the above method. I'd sure like to get more up-to-date information on proper tuning of modern bows.

Barry La Mantia
Midland, Penna.

Before I start shooting holes through any particular

method of tuning and setting up of a bow, I will refer you to Max Hamilton's "Plastifacts," available from Arizona Archery Enterprises, 310 N. Crismon Road, Mesa, Ariz. 85207 at \$2.00 per copy, or "Sensabout Bow Tuning," available from Emery J. Loiselle, 361 Cambridge St., Burlington, Mass. 01803 at \$3.00 per copy.

I personally do not believe that grouping should be considered the deciding factor in determining choice of arrow shaft. There are many archers who can't group, period! I say shoot the shafts which fly best. The shaft selection charts by Easton, Micro-Flite are guides which will generally assist you in selecting a shaft to give you optimum flight and good grouping characteristics — providing you aim and shoot them properly.

Tackle checks

Freddie:

I'm writing to you a second time for advice. First of all, I'm shooting a Hoyt Pro Medalist bow, which is 34 lb. at 28 in. and stands 70 in. I have a pull of 27½ in. and plan to use 1814 X7 arrows from Easton.

I bought a new bow string (Pro) that is 45 to 55 lb. Is this right? How many strands must I use and what is the difference in weight and strands? Will Dacron strands with monofilament serving be okay? I use a rope release and enjoy shooting it very much. I find the Hoyt bow easy to draw but a little heavy due to the weight it has. Should I change to a lighter stabilizer?

Mr. Jones

The 1814 X7's should work well according to Easton's shaft selection chart. The bowstring you recently purchased may be a little on the heavy side. Try a 12 strand string which should work well indoors and out. Yes, monofilament is recommended for the serving area of the bowstring.

Using a release, you may use lighter stabilizers or do without any at all. I have shot some fair to middlin' scores without any stabilizers whatsoever!

Spine information

Freddie:

I shoot a 44 lb. Bear Alaskan bow. No dealer in town has a spine chart for Micro-Flite arrows. I draw 29 in. Could you please tell me what number arrow I should use? I would like to know what number for hunting and for target use. Also, do you think 44 lb. is enough for mule deer hunting?

LeWayne Garrison
Pueblo, Colo.

The manufacturers of Micro-Flite shafts recommend using #8's for both target and hunting use.



GOT A PROBLEM?

WRITE FREDDIE

1851 Orange Avenue
Monterey Park, California 91754

Yes, a 44 lb. bow will kill a deer providing you hit him in the vitals using sharp broadheads. I personally advise you to shoot 50 or 55 lb. if you can handle the added weight. The more pulling weight, the greater the efficiency and penetration.

Unknown release inventor

Freddie:

In the latest issue of Bow and Arrow magazine, Col. Elliot describes a release. He claims he has no knowledge as to origin or identity of the original inventor. Can you shed some light on this subject?

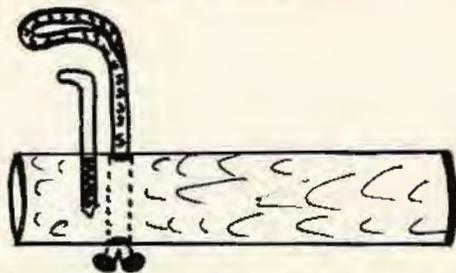
John Ramer
Reno, Nev.

Yes, I believe I can pass on some accurate information concerning the rope-spike release.

In January, 1970, following the first U.S. Open in Las Vegas, Jim McDonald, owner of Jimbo's Archery Lanes in So. Gate, Calif., was quite impressed with the performance of my Double-Legal rope release as well as the Halter hook-ledge release. On the way home from Vegas, Jim was sitting in the back seat of his Olds trying to come up with an idea for a release that would give the best shooting qualities of both the rope and ledge releases.

A week later I showed Jim one of my original two-piece rope releases which was mounted on a plastic pulling bar which intrigued Jim immensely! Within a week Jim evolved the "rope-spike" release or lawn-mower starter, as many people call it. Jim had cleverly replaced one of the rope loops with a metal spike which had a bent tip. The release is shot by squeezing — exactly like the ledge release.

Since that time, many people have shot some eyebrow-raising scores with this release or copies of same. Again, I'd like to mention the inventor, Jim McDonald, who now resides in Oakridge, Ore.



This release is very simple to make and consists of a 3½ to 4 in. length of wooden dowel, ½ to ¾ in. in diameter. The only other materials necessary are a small length of 1/8 in. nylon rope and an L-shaped 1½ in. screw hook obtainable at any hardware store. Simply cut off part of the L-shaped hook leaving about ¼ in. lip on the hook. Sand and polish the end of the hook by buffing. Insert the nylon rope into a 3/16 in. drill hole in the pulling block and burn both ends of the rope so they will not pull through.

Note: The nylon loop should be about ½ to ¾ in. longer than the "L" hook since it goes around the bowstring.

To shoot, simply place the nylon loop around the bowstring from right to left, and onto the "L" shaped hook. Pull with index finger, maintaining more pressure on the index finger while drawing. To release, squeeze with middle and ring fingers similar to making a fist. You will find this release exceptionally smooth and quiet. I'm sure most will agree that this is the only way to it.

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BY
ROY HOFF

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Bill Mills (l) shot back-to-back 300s at Las Vegas for the second consecutive year, but was not good enough. He seems pleased to congratulate Ken Ostling, winner of four-way tie sudden-death shoot-off. Note small size of snake-eye.



The third annual U. S. Indoor Open Tournament, sponsored by Easton Aluminum, Saunders Archery Co., Shakespeare Archery Co., Thunderbird Hotel and Bow and Arrow Magazine has been documented for archery posterity. It was concluded at the same time the Dallas Cowboys were scuffling with the Miami Dolphins in the Super Bowl. Each was a whale of a big event, make no mistake about that. But just how much excitement was produced in either event depended upon for whom you were rooting or in what division. In the Super Bowl the amount of excitement was regulated by the lopsided score. So it was in archery. But in the latter event it was a quadruple tie score which compounded the measure of excitement dealt to the spectators in a packed grandstand.

Advance publicity, and there was considerable, pegged Victor Berger and Ann Butts as strong favorites to win the Limited Division in their respective classes. Each ran true to form. Berger toed the line Friday morning and shot a perfect 300; backed it up Sunday with another 300 and was home free. Though Art Robinson hung tough most of the way, he dropped two arrows Sunday for second best. Jim Pickering, Vic Leach and Allan Werner were barely in the picture each with a 594 and \$395 in the bank. For his efforts, Vic pocketed \$1250; Art, \$625.

In the women's division (Limited) it was a truly run race, but the issue never was in doubt. Ann Butz lived up to her advance billing and took home first place money in the amount of \$500. Pat Meinecke and Lucille Starnetz see-sawed back and forth, and came to the finish line in a dead heat. Each pocketed \$200 for their 584 scores. In fourth place was Jody Hansen two points back.

At the conclusion of the Limited event, Victor Berger received a round of applause from his fans behind the shooting line. But that, in my mind, was that.

In contrast, let's take a look at the Unlimited gang. There were nine 300s shot during the first round in the men's division and seven in the second. At the conclusion of two established 12-end rounds, four archers were tied for first place. Ken Ostling, Bill Mills, John Williamson and Dick Slagle each turned in back-to-back 300s. But before any one of these super stars could pocket any money there was a slight detail of just who would be entitled to the most.

Joe Johnston, tournament director, and his official helpers had anticipated just such a finish and provided for it as follows: Each participated in a lottery to see who would end up on the crack-the-whip line, pressure-wise, that is. I use this term because, in my estimation, the guy who shot last would have to sweat out three arrows shot by his opponents before he got a turn.

When the whistle blew to start the first series, Mills was to shoot first; following in order were: Ostling, Slagle and Williamson. Mills' first arrow rang the bell, as did those of the other boys. Each of the shooters rested while the officials pulled the arrows and documented the scores.

At the end of 15 arrows, each of the original foursome was clean and riding tall in the saddle. An intermission was called to allow time for the officials to replace the target faces with the new giant-killer progressively-diminishing-in-size targets.

As Mills drew his first arrow he knew this was sudden-death and there could be no fooling around. The new bullseye was now 2-1/8" in diameter instead of the standard 3-1/8" PAA five ring. Bill put his arrow in there. His three opponents were copy-



Pretty blonde bombshell, Terry Ostling, has her own method of congratulating the winner.

cats. This was now arrow-for-arrow. The first guy to miss would be out of action.

All four went clean on the 2-1/8" face, first arrow. Slagle dropped his second arrow and was eliminated. The three left went through the first round when the face was cut in size to 1-1/8". Williamson dropped his second arrow and now it was Bill and Ken nocking heads. Bill's third arrow was not fat enough and was out in the blue. It was now up to Ken. He could also miss and prolong the agony. Talk about pressure and excitement! I know of two gals who couldn't take it any longer and looked the other way. Ken was making no mistakes! He pulled the stopper on the pressure cooker with a dead-center hit in that snake's eye.

If Ken were listening he would have heard a packed grandstand cheering and applauding. I doubt if he

did, as suddenly a blonde bombshell landed on his neck and gave him a big smacker! I hasten to add she was his pretty wife, Terry.

First place money was \$1250. The next three places each took home \$490.

I suspect by now our cover girls, Mary Lynn Snyder and Darlene Collier will feel slighted considering they are coming in on the tail-end of my report. I am sure Mary Lynn Snyder will not mind, considering she is the only competitor to have her photograph printed in full color and on this month's cover. Score-wise it was a narrow squeek between these two gals. Only one point separated them at the finish line. The order of finish was: Snyder first with 594; Collier tied for second with Nancy Sanderson, each with a total of 593. Ann Schooler came in fourth two points behind. First place was worth \$500; second and third, \$200.

Having participated in most of the big money shoots since the inception of the Ben Pearson Open, I feel qualified to pass along some observations: Joe Johnston, as tournament director, did a masterful job of engineering at the Las Vegas Open. The officiating and management were as near perfect as anyone would want. Over 400 shooters toed the line Friday morning

at 8:30 and 1:30 in the afternoon. By the time dinner was over scores were posted and pamphlets available showing a complete run-down on who shot what, how much, and upon what target they would be assigned for the following day. Further, along this line, the last arrows were loosed by mid-afternoon of Sunday, and before we hit the sack all of the tournament results, bound and stapled into a nice booklet were available. A tip of the hat to Joe, his secretaries and officials.

The attendance was disappointing. My tally shows 437 archers shot in this year's event; last year, if memory serves, there were around 600 shooters. In discussing the situation with top contenders we found a segment who figured the event was held too soon after Christmas holidays and that many potential competitors were still trying to pay off incurred expenses and could not afford another economic burden so soon. The majority felt there was too much indcision as to which division an archer should enter. To wit: limited or unlimited. Several big name archers switched back to a tab release-aid and finished up the track. These fellows are not accustomed to second billing. Human vanity, being what it is, demands excellence. Also there is a little matter of economics. Surely these people did not



A study in concentration as John Williamson draws his arrow in four-way tie sudden-death shoot-off. All shot back-to-back 300s during U. S. Open Indoor Tournament at Las Vegas, Nevada, January 14-17. Archers are: Bill Mills of Phoenix, Ariz.; Ken Ostling, Phoenix, Ariz. Dick Slagle, Hayward, Calif., and John Williamson, North Hollywood, Calif. Site was Las Vegas Convention Center.



Limited Division winners, Victor Berger of Springfield, Ohio and Ann Butz of Suffern, New York, inspect perfect 300 target shot by Berger during his back-to-back 300s performance in the U. S. Open Indoor Tournament at Las Vegas, Nev.

travel to Las Vegas for the ride. Will they change back? We'll see.

Gary Lyman, super star of last year's NFAA annual tournament, decided to rub shoulders with the Pros. And why not? He took them all into camp at Cedar City, Utah. Gary did some mighty fine shooting, down one point in each round. Now that Gary has his feet wet, the pressure of Pros breathing down his neck may not be felt as much.

There is much to do in Las Vegas for entertainment after the shooting. The Thunderbird Hotel was headquarters for this year's event and provided big name shows and plenty of casino entertainment. Considering seven and eleven are synonymous with casino, I figured when I was assigned to target seven for the first round, it might be lucky. I backed it up with an eleven, but it was not a winning combination. I won eleventh place in flight two. (This was one point out of the money with a total score of 591. To be able to win in a flight certainly attracts at least half of the archers. After the cut, this year, there were ten flights. Babe Bitzenburger won fifth place in the tenth flight and was awarded \$20 which was good enough to pay for a lot of yanks on the one-armed bandits. Scores of both men and women were grouped together for these flights.

There were two types of team events this year. One was: When you registered, it was necessary to give your average indoor score. You were then assigned to a target with three others whose scores matched yours. These were known as mixed team events. There were two flights in each division. Winners of the first flight, and assigned to target 46, were: D. Collier, M. Stratman, M. Stanislawski and E. Hoffman. Limited division winners, assigned to target 33, were: J. Pickering, L. Stametz, F. Didonato, and E. Helgason.. Total scores were: unlimited, 1194; limited, 1177.

There were 22 foursomes in the sponsored team events. Winner, was Carroll's No. 1, with a score of 1194. Team members were: Perry Olson, Wes Hagemeyer, Jack Lancaster and Bill Mills. In second place, one point back, were: Vic Leach, Don Hallock, J. Taylor and Roger Kimbal, representing Shakespeare Co., one of the tournament sponsors.

An added attraction was the King and Queen Shoot, which proved to be very popular and entertaining to the young shooters. The only requirement to qualify for entry in this event was you had to have been in archery competitively or otherwise for a quarter of a century or longer. A popular couple was Irl and Christine Stamps of Seattle, Washington. Irl, who is now a retired telephone company employee, is 78 years



Popular couple in the King and Queen Shoot was Irl and Christine Stamps of Seattle, Washington. These retired citizens spend each winter at Palm Springs, California and are shown practicing for the big Las Vegas event. Note the white ball which Mrs. Stamps is holding. This is her "point-of-aim." She places it approximately mid-way between target and shooting-line then, at full draw, places the point of her arrow on the ball as a sighting method. This is a sure cure for "freezing off the target face," which plagues many archers. Mr. Stamps is seventy-eight years old, has been in archery more than a quarter of a century, and was the first white man to bag a deer in his home state of Washington.

old. You'd never know it the way he shoots. He was a "hot-shot" back in the late twenties and early thirties, having been state champion. Irl also holds the distinction of being the first white man to bag a deer with bow and arrow in the State of Washington. His lovely wife, Christine was a champion in her own right and made a hit with the spectators with her method of aiming. Few of the participants ever heard of such a thing as a "point-of-aim." An accompanying photo shows what this little gadget is. To explain, the archer places an object, a golf ball, or something of that nature, mid-way to the target. The archer, at full draw, sights with the tip of the arrow aimed at the ball. This would cure an archer of freezing off the target, for you'd never see it. This method was universally used in target archery, not in field. Not openly, that is. Incidentally, this couple has reservations to attend this year's World Championships at Munich.

We were assigned targets in alphabetical order. Babe Bitzenburger, four times National field champion,

was on target number one. Mary Easton and Phyllis Saunders, the better half of two of the sponsors were in there flinging arrows like old times.

What made this event so popular with the fans was the introduction by Joe Johnston. He asked us to stand mid-way between target and shooting line, after which he read over the public address system the profiles of each competitor. It took him several minutes to complete Ann Weber Hoyt's profile which included winning everything from the World Championship down through, National, Sectional, Regional and Local. She is the only woman to have won both divisions of the NFAA National, bare-bow and free-style. On the non-competitive side, she regularly bags her deer.

Two oldtimers who were scheduled to shoot were: Doug Easton, one of the sponsors, but was recovering from recent surgery and didn't feel up to drawing a bow. He did take a bow and awarded the prizes. Our referee was Rube Powell, five times National NFAA champion. Rube was recovering from an auto accident.

He flipped his sports car and cracked up a few ribs. He is recovering nicely, but not up to pulling a bow.

Space does not permit a complete run-down of profiles on all contestants. We will give you a list of those who competed in the event.

We shot four five-arrow ends on the gold center Junior American target. Scores were not provided. I do know Milan Elott went straight and was acclaimed King of the event. Ann Weber Hoyt won the title of Queen. Each was presented with appropriately engraved plaques. Each of us was awarded a certificate printed on parchment symbolizing the event. This was a very nice gesture on the part of the sponsors and is much appreciated. Following are the names of those, other than the King and Queen, who participated:

Bitzenburger, "Babe," Sherwood, Oregon.
 Burgess, Keith, Mar Vista, California.
 Caldwell, Joe, Sun Valley, California.
 Deane, Douglas, North Hollywood, California.
 Easton, Mary, Van Nuys, California.
 Elott, Sandy, Atlanta, Georgia.
 Fritz, Claude and Genevieve, Sierra Madre, California.
 Garver, Dick, Sr., and Maysel, Sunland, California.
 Hamilton, Max and Jewel, Flagstaff, Arizona.
 Heidtman, Donald, Reno, Nevada.
 Henderson, Al and Violet, Phoenix, Arizona.
 Hoff, Roy, Palm Springs, California.
 Hoyt, Earl, Jr., Bridgeton, Missouri.
 Jennings, Tom, North Hollywood, California.
 Love, Clarence and Irma, Denver, Colorado.
 Martin, Hollie and Iva, Chadron, Nebraska.
 Mills, Loren, Venice, California.
 Olsen, Harold and Erma, Muskegon, Michigan.
 Reeder, Grover, Woodland Hills, California.
 Rich, Hugh, Burbank, California.
 Saunders, Chuck and Phyllis, Columbus, Nebraska.
 Saxman, Harrison, Sterling Heights, Michigan.
 Slack, John L, El Monte, California.
 Stamps, Irl and Christine, Seattle, Washington.
 Turner, James, McGill, Nevada.
 Wetherill, Proctor, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania.

WINNERS — CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

UNLIMITED, MEN

Name	State	1st Rd.	2nd Rd.	Total	Prize
1. Ostling, Kenneth, Phoenix, Ariz.		300	300	600	\$1250
2. Mills, Bill, Phoenix, Ariz.		300	300	600	490
3. Williamson, John, No. Hollywood, Ca.		300	300	600	490
4. Slagle, Richard, Hayward Ca.		300	300	600	490
5. Bringham, Bob, Pomona, Ca.		299	300	599	310
6. Hallock, Don, Folsom, Ca.		300	299	599	310
7. Haglamyer, Wes, Ednia, Minn.		300	299	599	310
8. Groves, Dick, Albuquerque, N. M.		299	300	599	310
9. Taylor, John, Carmichael, Ca.		298	300	598	116
10. Olson, Perry, Rosemont, Minn.		299	299	598	116
11. Perea, Joe, Toole, Utah		299	298	598	116
12. Wilkerson, Bill, Vancouver, Wash.		300	298	598	116
13. Stratman, Mike, Livermore, Calif.		300	298	598	116
14. Lyman, Gary, Baywood Park, Ga.		299	299	598	116
15. Marino Tony, Hacienda Hgts., Calif.		300	298	598	116
16. Winder, Ivan, Moab, Utah		299	299	598	116
17. Lancaster, Jack, USAF Acad., Colo.		299	299	598	116

LIMITED, MEN

1. Berger, Victor, Springfield, Ohio		300	300	600	\$1250
2. Robinson, Art, Garden Grove, Ca.		300	298	598	625
3. Pickering, Jim, Salt Lake City, Utah		297	297	594	395
4. Leach, Vic., Sacramento, Ca.		297	297	594	395
5. Werner, Allan, Mayfield, Hgts., Ohio		295	299	594	395
6. Clark, Larry, Pinole, Ca.		297	295	592	310
7. Roth, Frederick, Bellerose, N. Y.		292	297	589	300
8. Chapman, Billy, Phoenix, Ariz.		295	293	588	280
9. Chaney, Duane, Woodside, Ca.		294	294	588	280
10. Didonato, Frank, Pittsburgh, Pa.		295	293	588	280
11. Young, Dave, Niagara Falls, N. Y.		291	296	587	255
12. Barrie, Bob, Waseca, Minn.		295	291	586	250

UNLIMITED, WOMEN

1. Snyder, Mary Lynn, Las Vegas, Nev.		297	297	594	\$500
2. Collier, Darlene, Moab, Utah		296	297	593	200
3. Sanderson, Nancy, Hastings, Minn.		294	299	593	200
4. Schooler, Ann, Klamath Falls, Ore.		296	295	591	140
5. Briese, Susan, San Luis Obispo, Ca.		292	295	587	125
6. Snyder, Louie, Las Vegas, Nev.		293	293	586	90

LIMITED, WOMEN

Name	State	1st Rd.	2nd Rd.	Total	Prize
1. Butz, Ann, Suffern, N. Y.		297	294	591	\$500
2. Meinecke, Pat, Southfield, Mich.		292	292	584	200
3. Stamez, Lucille, Bethlehem, Pa.		293	291	584	200
4. Hansen, Jody, Indianapolis, Ind.		291	291	582	140
5. Libby, Denise, Rancho Cordova, Ca.		285	288	573	125
6. Alexander, Leslie, Colo. Spgs., Colo.		285	285	570	45
7. Graham, Colleen, Bountiful, Utah		285	285	570	45

AMATEUR, MEN

1. Bess, Spike, Albuquerque, N. M.		290	293	583	
2. Mellinger, James, Oceanside, Ca.		290	292	582	
3. Wingfield, Mike, Salinas, Ca.		291	291	582	
4. Meinhardt, John, Los Angeles, Ca.		286	289	575	
5. Gibson, Anthony, Huntington Bch., Ca.		287	287	574	
6. Trafton, Phil, Glendale, Ca.		290	284	574	
7. Woody, Kenneth, Des Moines, Iowa		285	285	570	
8. Cavallin, Gale, George AFB, Ca.		285	284	569	
9. Long, Ken, Pueblo, Colo.		285	284	569	
10. Losey, Rob, Lansing, Mich.		283	285	568	

AMATEUR, WOMEN

1. Strausburg, C., Huntington Bch., Ca.		280	279	559	
2. Sarver, Katherine, Phoenix, Ariz.		271	281	552	
3. Wilson, Terry, Phoenix, Ariz.		270	272	542	
4. Gannaway, Martha, Phoenix, Ariz.		265	264	529	
5. Hudson, Janet, Rowland Hts., Ca.		262	265	527	
6. Wilson, Linda, Highland, Ca.		259	265	524	
7. Gibson, Terry, Escondido, Ca.		265	256	521	
8. Hammer, Deborah, Lodi, Ca.		259	256	515	
9. Bates, Bonnie, Mt. View, Ca.		255	255	510	
10. Thrash, Maralyn, Denver, Colo.		251	261	512	

JUNIOR OLYMPIC RESULTS

INTERMEDIATE BOY

Name	State	Score
1. Gibson, Anthony, Huntington Bch., Ca.		534
2. Losey, R., Lansing, Mich.		532
3. Kibbe, Mark, Rosemead, Ca.		512
4. Sykes, Greg, Detroit, Mich.		504
5. Rivero, Greg, Las Vegas, Nev.		502

INTERMEDIATE GIRL

1. Hammer, Deborah, Lodi, Calif.		510
2. Dykman, Janet, El Monte, Calif.		477

JUNIOR BOY

1. Woody, Kenneth, Des Moines, Iowa		536
2. Welsh, Kirk, Garden Grove, Calif.		526
3. Fulkman, Craig, Fontana, Calif.		496
4. Mercill, Mitch, Jackson, Wyoming		478
5. Clark, Russell, Jackson, Wyoming		476

JUNIOR GIRL

1. Allison, Heidi, San Gabriel, Calif.		460
2. Wallace, Roberta, Phoenix, Arizona		420
3. Yorgason, Carroll, Jackson, Wyoming		400
4. Franzen, Lori, Jackson, Wyoming		383
5. Richins, Lynette, Jackson, Wyoming		206

CADET BOY

1. Wollman, Mark, Los Angeles, Calif.		492
2. Welsh, Brad, Garden Grove, Calif.		240



Rube Powell, five times NFAA National Champion, discusses King and Queen event with Ernie Root, representing Shakespeare Archery Co., a co-sponsor.

Hunting Under Fire

by **BILL WADSWORTH**, Chairman
NFAA Bowhunting and
Conservation Committee

ONE OF THE greatest threats to hunting of all time — and not only bow-hunting — is now being perpetrated by a group of emotional “big-wigs” masquerading in the form of overnight conservationists and ecologists. If you haven’t heard about them, they are the FOA (Friends of Animals), the Humane Society and D.E.E.R. (Deer, Ecology, Environment, Resources).

A group of actresses have lent their names to FOA — and considerable financial support as well. These groups are backed by the key media of New York and Washington, namely the three TV networks, the Washington Post, the New York Times and other papers of the principal syndicates. Another organization calls itself the Committee for Humane Legislation, Inc., and presents five goals for the 97th Congress, one of them being to stop all hunting.

Support is also given by people like Walter Cronkite, who on several occasions has presented hunters as cruel and terrible; Joseph D. Tydines and his discrediting of the gun owner; and Senator Edward Kennedy who expresses his deep aversion to guns and who condemned the NRA and other sportsmen’s organizations as the “lobbying gang.”

As I mentioned before, these groups have money and backing even if they do not have much understanding or knowledge of game management. As members of the hunting fraternity, we bowhunters need to fight back.

We need to point out that hunting is an integral part of professional wildlife management and without it many species will starve, become a menace to the highways as well as to themselves, be eaten by dogs, or completely denude our forests of the vegetation which represents the forests of the future. Wildlife management is the very heart of America’s system of perpetrating game species, without allowing them to eat themselves into starvation. It has been developed in America because of the funds supplied by sportsmen through excise taxes on their equipment and license sales. The results of fifty years of work have been abundant game in many areas which allow certain percentages to be harvested yearly by hunters.

Some specific accomplishments of these groups within the last year or so have been the closing of large acreages of land within the Los Angeles city limits to bowhunting. This land is not heavily populated and has been bowhunted for many years. It does support a considerable number of deer and other wildlife. This happened in April, 1971.

No doubt you have heard about the situation regarding the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge near New Vernon, N.J. Last December these groups were successful in convincing a three-judge panel in Washington to issue an injunction stopping a special one-day hunt at the Great Swamp. This in spite of the fact that the Great Swamp was overpopulated with deer with not enough food for all of them to survive the winter.

The decision was also made despite arguments of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife based on research which showed the habitat was not sufficient for the number of deer, that highway hazards from roaming deer were greatly increased and that deer damage to adjacent property owners was excessive.

The latest incident was brought to my attention by a member of our NFAA Advisory Committee for Bowhunting, Tink Nathan, and it occurred in two wildlife refuge areas located in Maryland and Virginia. These anti-hunting groups were attempting to secure an injunction to halt all hunting in these two areas this year. At the last minute they failed in their attempt, but no doubt will come up with similar situations in the future.

An excellent article appeared in the November issue of “Sports Afield” entitled “Cheap Shot Attacks on Hunters.” If you haven’t read it, you should. It is an excellent article and sums up the situation very well. At the conclusion of the article, the author makes some very specific suggestions as to what you, as a sportsman, and you, as a member of a club, can do to combat these anti-hunting emotionalists.

I am taking the liberty of repeating these suggestions here for your benefit and I sincerely hope that you will bring this up in your club to determine just what you are going to do about it. If we don’t get excited into action now, we may never get a second chance.

"To hunt or not to hunt" has become a serious question, and archers must provide some answers.

The situation is definitely serious. Notice also in the suggestions, it mentions the booklet entitled "The Hunter and Conservation." I am suggesting that your organization purchase a carton of six hundred of these booklets for \$35.00 and distribute them to all persons interested.

Let's emphasize the point made here that an emotional letter written to a newspaper or TV station may do much more damage than good. Use the facts, put your best foot forward, and be sure you know what you are talking about before you spout off. Don't hesitate to contact your legislators in Washington. You can well bet these folks who are anti-hunting are doing just that.

While there's still time, here are some of the things you can do to help.

- Join a national sportsman's organization with state chapters, such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, National Rifle Association or Izaak Walton League. They will keep you informed, and you can give them local support.

- With your local sportsmen's club, start a community project to inform everyone of the many constructive things hunters have done for conservation. A handy source of information and statistics is the 24-page booklet, "The Hunter and Conservation." Your club can order a carton of 600 booklets for \$35.00 from the National Shooting Sports Foundation, 1075 Post Road, Riverside, Conn. 06879. It's an ideal booklet to present to civic leaders, school children, and reporters.

- Cultivate your elected officials and news-media people. Invite them to see your latest conservation project or to be honored guests at a fund-raising shoot. If your club sponsors a hunter safety or bowhunting clinic, be sure the local press is invited. When your club has conservation speakers, invite your neighbors along with the press.

- If your newspaper has a factual error about hunting or conservation, write the editor or owner. If a newspaper has an opinion on the editorial page, your best bet is to write a letter to the editorial editor.

If a television or radio station broadcasts a factual error, write the station's owner or manager and, most important of all, send a copy to the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. If your station broadcasts opinions with which you do not agree, your club may wish to request equal time. Just be sure your spokesman is well briefed and an articulate speaker. If you request equal time to reply to an editorial, send a copy to the FCC chairman.

The worst mistake is to fire off a nasty letter to a newspaper or radio or television station. They like nothing better than to use an emotional and ill-tempered letter with the implication that it is typical of all hunters.

- After your club develops positive facts on what the hunter does for conservation, have your most influential and articulate club leaders call on the news editors and publishers. They will never learn the sportsmen's side if the shooting fraternity does not help them.

- In addition to supporting state and federal wildlife agencies, encourage their information-and-education specialists to broaden their coverage with the public and news media.

- When giant corporations, such as Quaker Oats, attack you and your sport, you can hit them where they understand best — in their pocketbooks. If you decide to quit buying their products, write the president of the company, very politely, and tell him why you will not buy his product again. It doesn't do any good to impose economic sanctions if the company president doesn't know about it.

To find out the name of a company president and his address, just call a stockbroker or your local library.

- Look for allies. Farmers, once in strong political position in Congress and the states, are now a minority, and they are looking for allies. Farmers have been kind to the American hunter; the two now need each other.

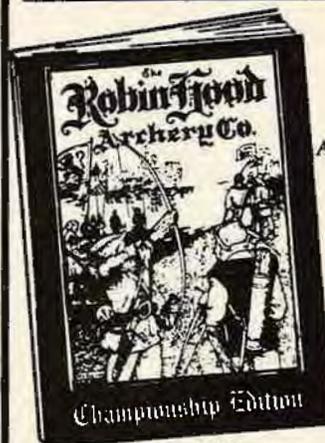
It's the same for the forest-products industry. The large timber and pulp companies have opened over 90 percent of their lands to hunters and fishermen. They are under attack from the same instant conservationists that would prohibit you from hunting. Sportsmen and the forest-products industry have a mutual need to band together.

- Be a good sportsman in the finest sense of the word and encourage it in others. Don't give the news media a reason to attack hunters.

NFAA does not intend to take this situation sitting down. There will be future articles on this subject which will pertain more directly to bowhunting. In the meantime, let's support hunting so 10 years from now we can still be enjoying our sport.

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4,005 twenty pins and bars were distributed for competition in the NFAA Field Round.

1,398 fifteen pins and bars were distributed for competition in the NFAA International Round.

484 club charters and course approvals were granted or renewed and appropriate certificates issued to clubs.

76 Robin Hood certificates issued.

2,246 big game pins and patches were issued to participants.

1,515 small game cards processed.

643 Art Young small game pins were issued.

3,100 Patches issued in the Art Young small game program and points applied toward total accumulative records.

9 Master Bow Hunter medals awarded.

630 applications taken and processed for the National Tournament at Cedar City, Utah.

798 reports mailed to participants of the National Tournament along with copies to the news media.

82 NFAA Instructor examinations processed and certificates and cards sent to the applicant.

1,135 club and individual orders for merchandise were processed by the NFAA for shipping during the year.

1,231 general inquiries answered supplying the individual with promotional material concerning the NFAA and information supplied on joining the State Association and local club.

119 plaques and 1,200 medals were prepared and made ready for the 8 NFAA sponsored Sectional tournaments.

255 members were awarded the NFAA 500 club certificates for achievement in the field and hunter rounds.

119 NFAA perfect pins awarded in the 20 pin bar series program.

67 NFAA service pins issued depicting 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of continuous membership in the Association.

228 state championship certificates issued to the NFAA members.

115 leagues comprised of 816 teams were sanctioned as part of the NFAA Indoor Program.

8,476 award patches were presented to those league members participating in the Indoor Program.

385 league championship-pins were won by members of those leagues.

3,852 issues of the Director's Newsletter were prepared and mailed to the NFAA directors and State Association presidents and secretaries.

260,753 issues of Archery magazine were sent to members and subscribers during the year.

2,400 pieces of outgoing correspondence was prepared and mailed.

19,618 pieces of incoming mail were received and processed plus the receipt and handling of 7,307 membership ballots.

The Financial Report, which normally accompanies this report, is not available at this time and will be published in next month's issue.

NFAA National Tournament

A reminder that this year's tournament is to be held at the Ludlow Fish and Game Club of Ludlow, Massachusetts during the last week of July. So start to plan your New England vacation now.

HR 11091 merits support

This month I'm happy to turn the column over to Vern Smith, who has some noteworthy comments on a bill of interest to all archers. Vern refers to some of his qualifications to write on this topic below. I might add that, for the past 15 years, he has probably done more than any other man to advance archery in California.

How does one go about asking the people he represents to support a tax on themselves? Under normal circumstances, it would be downright impossible. However, I think that Mr. and Mrs. Archer should strongly support a measure now in the Congress which would indirectly impose a tax on them through their purchases of archery tackle.

I would guess you have not heard of the Pittman-Robertson Act or the Dingell-Johnson Act, which allow a tax on hunting and fishing gear. The funds from the tax are deposited in the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund and are reapportioned back to the states on the basis of their hunting or fishing license sales. The Pittman-Robertson Act provides for the guns and ammunition tax while the Dingell-Johnson Act provides for the tax on fishing tackle.

H.R. 11091

Archers are a part of the "Fraternity of Sportsmen" and they are as concerned, if not more so, as their counterparts with the well-being of this nation's natural and wildlife resources. The subject legislation, H.R. 11091, would impose the same kind of tax on the sale of archery tackle. However, in this case only 50% of the money collected would go to aid the Wildlife Restoration Fund. The other 50% is earmarked for bowhunter training programs, something that has been needed badly for many years.

To qualify my commentary, I have been the legislative representative for the California Bowmen Hunters and State Archery Association for about 12 years. I am presently serving my second term as president of the California Wildlife Federation, the parent sportsman's organization in the state and the state affiliate of the largest conservation organization in the world.

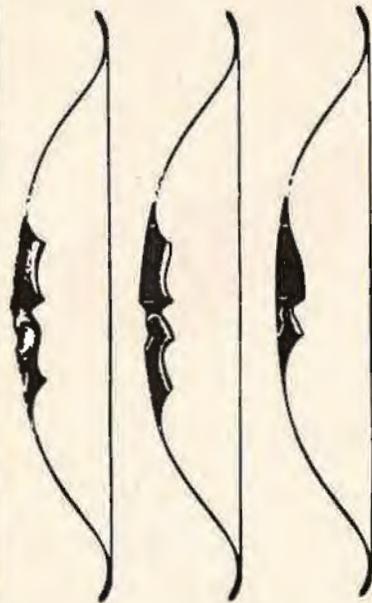
It is from this vantage point that I would like to issue a sincere warning. Archery and bowhunting will be attacked with more vigor, money and intelligence this year than ever before. I have been intimately involved for quite some time and I can only suggest that our interest must become concerned. Leave the rhetoric

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BIG GAME AWARDS

May 10, 1971

BEAR

New Mexico
 Steve Teeton, Albuquerque
Idaho
 George Crook, Downey, CA

CARIBOU

Idaho
 Robert Braswell, Boise
 Dick Gulman, Norwalk, CA
Colorado
 A. L. Heise, Shelbyville, KY
Nevada
 William Fuller, Staterline
New Mexico
 Jack Niles, Albuquerque
B.C., Canada
 Arthur Heinze, Shelbyville, KY

ELK

Colorado
 Ron Johnson, Alexandria, MN
South Dakota
 Jerry Hill, Sioux Falls

GOAT

Hawaii
 Pablo Libero, Lanai City
N.S.W., Australia
 Vince Hamilton, New South Wales
 Barry Johnson, New South Wales

HOG

Hawaii
 William Kittredge, Wahiawa
 William Buck, Wheeler

KANGAROO

N.S.W., Australia
 Vince Hamilton, New South Wales

MOOSE

Alaska
 Jack Niles, Albuquerque, NM

SHEEP

North Carolina
 Jerry Rushing, Monroe

Hawaii

Pablo Libero, Lanai City
 William Kittredge, Wahiawa

WALLABY

N.S.W., Australia
 Vince Hamilton, New South Wales

DEER

Alabama
 Larry Dunn, Faulkville (wt)
 Sam Johns, Cullman (wt)
 Juan Wiggins, Wilmer (wt)
Arkansas
 Leon Lyerly, No. Little Rock (wt)
 Jim Holmes, No. Little Rock (wt)
California
 William Maxwell, Long Beach (hybrid)
 Sylvester Senart, Temple City (hybrid)
 Earl Woods, Norwalk (m)
 Leonard Jefferson, Santa Ana (m)
 David Rightenour, Costa Mesa (bt)
 Audrey Flynn, Costa Mesa (m)
 George Thomas, Lynwood (m)

Connecticut

Michael Kaluszka, Glastonbury (wt)

Georgia

Charles Grimes, R.A.F.B. (wt)

Idaho

Edward Vaughn, Rupert (m)
 Dale Forrester, Boise (m)
 Gary Willia, Boise (m)

Iowa

John Dykes, Des Moines (wt)

Louisiana

Richard Boykin, Texarkana, AR (wt)
 Grady Kaough, Lake Charles (wt)

Minnesota

Ron Johnson, Alexandria (wt)

Missouri

Joe McCray, Fulton (wt)
 Jim McMorris, Paris (wt)

Montana

John Goebel, Indianapolis, IN (wt)

Nebraska

Glenn Koch, North Platte (wt)

New Mexico

Terry Sanders, Albuquerque (m)
 Blake Maddox, Albuquerque (m)

New York

Charles Guck, Rochester (wt)
 Carl Godert, Springville (wt)

North Carolina

Charles Huffman, Hickory (wt)
 Bobby Watson, Rutherford College (wt)

Pennsylvania

Bruce Osborne, Jamestown, NY (wt)
 Thomas Jones, Colonial Hts., VA (wt)

South Carolina

Ronald Todd, Myrtle Beach (wt)
 Thomas Wright Jr., Clemson (wt)

South Dakota

Earl Girton, Sioux Falls (wt)
 Paul Anderson, Sioux Falls (wt)
 Robert Beales, St. Paul, MN (m)
 Kia Anderson, Bruce (wt)
 Delwin Cohrs, Chaska, MN (wt)
 Jack Pendleton III, Custer (wt)
 Don Sigle, Pierre (m)

Tennessee

James Lewis, Tullahoma (wt)

Texas

Jerry Davidson, Ft. Belview (wt)
 Gary Stewart, Randolph AFB (wt)
 J. Hal Harper, Longview (wt)

Utah

Dick Gulman, Norwalk, CA (m)

Virginia

Ronnie Wines, Front Royal (wt)
 George Jones, Roanoke (wt)
 Jack Iden, Dunn Loring (wt)

Washington

Charles Bartlett, Lynnwood (bt)
 Daryle Holmstrom, Mt. Vernon (bt)
 H. A. Matz, Seattle (bt)
 Keith Munson, Seattle (bt)
 Richard Wolhowe, Bellevue (bt)
Wyoming
 Robert Ettmee, Bloomington, MN (m)
 Mark Mitchell, Laramie (m)

SMALL GAME AWARDS

May 10, 1971

ARROWHEAD PIN

Gary Bowen, Wichita Falls, TX
 John Briley Jr., Barnesville, GA
 Max Greiner Jr., College Station, TX
 Steve Johnston, Sparks, NV
 James Law, Grand Junction, CO
 James McMeans, Jacksonville, IL
 Tom Moore, Hitchcock, TX
 David Voboril, Yuba City, CA
 Jimmy Smith, Leander, TX
 Dan Weidenhammer, Catlin, IL
 Edward Carrol, Stockton, CA
 John Boyer, Sutter, CA
 Billy Ainsworth, Vernon, TX
 Vicente Zamora Jr, W. Chicago, IL
 Garrison Smith, Lampassas, TX
 William Fuller, Staterline, NV
 Dennis Jennings, Iowa City, IA
 Carlos Chavez, Bakersfield, CA
 Alden Warren, Citrus Heights, CA
 Robert Faught, Enid, OK
 Samuel Hohns, Culman, AL
 Sidney Rosell, Lake Park, FL

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 Ben Robins, Layton, UT
 Jimmy Smith, Leander, TX
 Bonnie Owen, Dana Point, CA
 Bob Combs, Boise, ID
 Larry Wardell, Pocatello, ID
 Max Greiner Jr., College Station, TX
 Danny Deuter, Ree Heights, SD
 Wayne Ghidossi, Beckworth, CA
 Larry Tate, Ava, MO
 Garrison Smith, Lampassas, TX
 David Combs, Boise, ID
 Dale Sheldon, Truro, ID
 William Ryan, Anchorage, AK
 Barry Johnson, New South Wales

SECOND ARROW

Vince Hamilton, New South Wales
 Willie Young, Carmichael, CA
 Eugene Colteaux, Longview, TX
 Roy Smith, Yuba City, CA
 Fred Fory Sr., Shreveport, LA

THIRD ARROW

Frank Cohn, Portsmouth, VA
 Al Cundiff Jr., Indianapolis, IN
 Harley Shaw, Wichita Falls, TX
 Vince Hamilton, New South Wales
 Willie Young, Carmichael, CA
 Lyle Lark, Burley, ID

FIRST CROSSED ARROW

Al Cundiff Jr., Indianapolis, IN
 Donald Rossiter, Yuba City, CA
 Michael Wolfrom, Austin, TX
 Ronald Sherer, Boise, ID
 Steve Wood, Sun Valley, NV
 Romeo Jalbert, Lewiston, ME

SECOND CROSSED ARROW

Skip Ingalls, Sacramento, CA
 David Woodward, Madisonville, NC
 Jerry Rushing, Monroe, NC
 G. G. Olson, Houston, TX
 Ronald Hopkins, Westminster, CA

THIRD CROSSED ARROW

Mickey Cartwright, Downey, CA
 J. C. McLachlan, Miami, AZ
 Robert Jones, San Jose, CA
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 J. C. McLachlan, Miami, AZ

SOUTHEASTERN by ADELAIDE WISE

Question of the month: "What are you doing to interest the youth in archery?"

Archery can be more fun and will continue to grow with young people taking active parts. They should be encouraged to participate in all activities — including work parties and target maintenance — and should have voting privileges in the club. Your club could elect one or more junior officers or board members, to involve the youngsters in the various mechanics of running a club.

One or more tournaments might be turned over to young people. Give them the opportunity to choose rounds to be shot, post targets, register archers, prepare food and present awards. Not enough youth in your club to achieve this? Let your young people recruit the youth from near-by clubs to assist. Make it a two or three club get-together. Be sure to enjoy and praise their efforts.

Let the young people feel needed and important to our sport . . . because they are!

South Carolina

Officers of S.C.A.A. are: president-Norman Canoy, P. O. Box 966, Clemson, 29631; vice-president — A. L. Lee, P. O. Box 1081, Greenwood, 29646; secretary-treasurer — Jim Edens, P. O. Box 509, Clemson, 29631; bowhunter chairman — Joe Edens, P. O. Box 509, Clemson, 29631.

Jim Edens has also become editor of "The Quivver." Send all club information, club maps, and news items to him by the tenth of each month for publication.

Heavy tackle, with and without sights, will be recognized in the SCAA for 1972. Several special heavy tackle shoots will be held

throughout the year. It is felt that this will help to increase interest and membership in the bowhunting classes.

Deer slayers for the state are: Tom Wright — 1 buck, 1 doe; Fred McWhorter — 1 doe; Harold McClain — 2 bucks; Danny Kennerly — 1 buck; Craig Sheppard — 1 doe; Jack Wilson — 1 buck; Bill Shain — 1 buck; W. H. Purser — 1 buck; Marshall Haley — 1 buck; Roy Bryant — 1 buck, 3 doe; Bill Huff — 2 bucks; Toby Hunter — 1 doe; Gary Berry — 1 doe.

Details of all deer kills should be sent to "The Quivver." They will be forwarded to the Wildlife Resources Department, where it is hoped the interest and activity of the hunting archers will be noted.

SCAA Field Championship was hosted by Three Bowmen of Greenwood. Winners were: Mens FS/A: Bill Shain; B/FS: George Erneston; C/FS: Bob Buffington. Women FS/A: Sarah Coleman; B/FS: Ruth Buffington; C/FS: Lavinia Barrett. Mens BB: Skip Siner. Mens A/BH: Roger Worley; B/BH: Joe Phillips; C/BH: Jess Howard. Young Adult: Mary Alice Knowles; Youth/A: Tim Coleman; C: Freddie Anderson. Team trophy was won by Three Bowmen.

Keowee Bowmen of Clemson were hosts to the Heavy Tackle Championship, where shooting was done from unmarked stakes. Special classes for ladies and visitors were an added attraction. Winners were: freestyle — A. L. Lee; barebow — Joe Edens; ladies and visitors Class A — Rita Canoy; class B — Margaret Bailey; youth — T. Erneston.

Kentucky

New officers for Pleasant Valley Archery Club are: president — Lee D. Hill; vice-president — John White; corresponding secretary — Linda Lee Hill; recording secretary — Verne Stevens; treasurer — Dar-

rell Hill. Pleasant Valley's indoor range will be open for shooting on Monday and Thursday nights as well as Sunday afternoons.

Green-Bo Archery Club officers are: president — Grover Vance; vice-president — Jim Secord; secretary-treasurer — Carl Delaney; bowhunting vice-president — Dan Phillips; KAA director — Ned Rudd; club directors — Jim Gillum, Jimmy Hughes, and Handly Davis; range master — Claude Lambert.

Green-Bo Archers are offering beginner archers classes and heavy tackle shooting at their indoor range.

Deer kills reported through November are as follows: Land Between the Lakes — 123 deer (33 fallow, 91 whitetail); Fort Knox Military — 24 deer (15 bucks, 9 doe); Fort Campbell Military — 10 deer. Individuals who reported deer kills are: Shirley Melloy, Bill Melloy, Rex Alsbrook, Darrell Hill and Rick Melton.

Pleasant Valley Archery Club was host to a Western League meeting when representatives of clubs met with TVA in connection with a proposed composite sports facility which will include a gun range, archery range, swimming pool and picnic areas. The archery range is to be a regulation NFAA 14 target field course which, if proven popular, will be expanded.

North Carolina

State Field Championship at Lenoir had the following winners: men FS/A — Joe Young; FS/B — Luke Wood; FS/C — Barter Lineburger; women FS/A — Ruby Wooten; FS/B — Jean Harper; FS/C — Francis Lineburger; men BB/A — Charles Young; BB/B — Jerry Hunt; BB/C — J. C. Rinehart; youth — Kenneth Owings; young adult — Tony Miller; BF (unrestricted) — Richard Collins; BH (restricted) — Charlie Watson; pros — Jim Benton; man and wife

team — Wilbur and Ruby Wooten; mens team — Capital Archers; visitor — Arthur Hathaway.

Raleigh was the scene of the Bowhunters Invitational. Winner of the restricted class was Bud Dowler, while Sonny Collins took the trophy for unrestricted bowhunters.

At the NCAA Heavy Tackle Shoot, the Freestyle was taken by Leonard Helmes. Helmes was shooting a 46 lb. bow made by Richard Simmerson and him. His arrows were 1916 and 125 grain points. Barebow honors were captured by Charles Young.

Florida

FAA is adding Mens FS Class AA in Field and International Round competition. This is in hopes of a greater sense of competition in that division.

Senior Life Memberships have been awarded Carroll Towne and Herbert Blocke. They are entitled to state memberships and registration at any FAA sponsored tournaments.

South Florida regrets losing their vice-president Mike Heinicke, who is moving from that region. He will be replaced by Orvel Tennyson of Fort Lauderdale.

FAA tournaments for the year will feature a strong accent on team competition with the addition of mixed teams. The teams will be made of members of one club, any style of shooting, men or women, as long as their total team scores do not exceed a set average. There will be no limit of teams a club can provide or to the number of members on each team, as long as the score meets the requirements. All teams will pay an entry fee of \$2.00.

Silver Arrow Archers of Tallahassee have been granted their request to be changed from the North Florida region to the Northwest.

On the first hunt at St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge, three hundred forty-three archers were successful in bagging 24 white tails and 18 wild hogs.

A plea for help in achieving "either sex" archery hunts has been issued by Florida Bowhunter editors. They report a herd that seems to be at full strength, maintaining that the rugged terrain and brush would prevent any substantial loss to the herd. Send your views to Florida Bowhunter Council, Route 1, Box 610, Longwood, 32750.

Tennessee

Edward Kelley, 134 East Park Drive, Kingsport, 37663, has been elected President of TAA. This is Kelley's second term in that capacity.

TAA Indoor Championships are to be held at Whitehaven on Feb. 26-27. Special arrangements are being made for local archers to shoot on the 25th, to alleviate possible congestion. Plaques, using the state emblem will be awarded division winners, while medals will be awarded class and place winners.

At the TAA Convention, an AA class was established for Women FS. This complements the Men FS/AA class, which has been successfully in use for several years. Breakdown is 0-88 — Class AA; 89-168 — Class A. Remaining classes are unchanged.

After much discussion, the board decided to recommend to the State Game and Fish Commission that the Compound bow remain illegal as a hunting weapon.

State Field Championships will be hosted by Broken Arrow Archers, Nashville on August 12-13. Rounds shot will be 28 Field, 28 Hunter, 28 Animal.

Members of Council Bend Bowmen, Nashville, who killed deer are: Calvin Bell, Everett Gilly, Jerry Morris, Jim Whitsitt, Don Fowler, Earl Gimn (2) and David Nancy (2).

TAA and NFAA are proud to welcome the new club, Holston Valley Sportsmen Club, to their ranks.

Georgia

GBAA reports a new address for their vice-president and secretary. Jim and Sheila Gunter now live at 106 Maddox Road, Griffin, 30223.

NFAA Director Larry Cameron sustained a severe injury to his leg — not by falling from a tree stand, but while playing basketball.

GREAT LAKES

by ROLAND MANTZKE

Illinois

The state board meeting approved two new clubs in Illinois, the North West Archers and the Tox-I-Lites of Joliet. They are having a Archery Golf Invitational on March 19, 1972. The I.A.A. State convention will be held at the Elk's club in Springfield on Feb.



Dr. A. L. Heise, Professor, University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, has set a new Pope and Young record. He took this cougar in the Douglas Pass area of Northwest Colorado with hits in the chest and jugular vein for an instant kill. The cougar head officially measured 14 13/16 in., replacing the previous record of 13 in. Dr. Heise now has a record of nine deer, one black bear, one cougar, one Russian boar, one Corsican ram, one Spanish goat, and many small game.

27, 1972. This is where problems are settled through the proper channels of legislation by the clubs represented. Big game awards are given out at the banquet on Sunday, the 28th as well as awards to the aggregate champions of our state tournaments. Awards for the top whitetail buck (typical and non-typical), largest doe and the largest black bear are also presented.

Wisconsin

West Allis Bowmen, Inc. invites you to attend the 32nd annual Sentinel Sports Show Open Archery Invitational Championships. The dates of the tournament are March 11, 12 and 18-19, 1972. There will be individual, bare bow team, sight team, bowhunter team, and this year there will be a JOAD open tournament. For entry forms and further information write to the Milwaukee Sentinel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 5301, or to Gen. Moschetz, 2812 So. 70 St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53219.

SOUTHWEST
by **MARLENE CRIM**

I would like to invite any archer in our section who would like to have an item featured in this section of ARCHERY Magazine to please send it to me. My address: 929 Spruce Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89106.

Nevada

The Las Vegas Archers held their annual Club Target Championship December 5 at Municipal Park. After shooting an Outdoor PAA Round club champions were: Lou Shine, women's free style; Carl Conway, men's free style; Ilene Gifford, women's bare bow; Bill Witte, men's bare bow; Ron Anderson, bowhunter.

This same week end saw eight of our local archers in El Monte participating in the money shoot sponsored by Archery Headquarters. We were extremely proud of Van Marshall shooting 299 and winning first place after an exciting three way shoot-off. Lorie Snyder also came home with her share of the money, shooting a 297; she came in second in the shoot-off for first place. Clyde Stice shot 298 and also placed in the money; our other five entries all received merchandise awards.

The Broken Arrow Archers of Las Vegas hosted an American Round December 19, awards were hams, fruit cakes and candy. Among those taking home the goodies were the following first place winners: Lorie Snyder, women's free-style; Warren Snyder, men's free-style; Ken Perkins, men's bare bow; Shirley Perkins, women's bare bow; John Nealy, bowhunter.

The Las Vegas Archers' annual Christmas party was held this year at Danny's Ranch House where a prime rib dinner was served to their members and guests after which Al Rosecrans, president, presented the club championship awards and a special presentation of the Big Buck award was made to David Snyder. The party then continued on to Omer and Ilene Gifford's home for dancing and further celebrating.

New Mexico

Joe Beggs, NFAA Director, reports that the New Mexico Field Archery Association will hold an archery convention in Albuquerque

February 26-27, 1972; out-of-state archers will be welcome guests. Contact Ed Hanna, NMFAA Vice-President, Albuquerque, phone 298-9528.

Mangus Bowmen of Silver City, N.M. are participating in the NFAA Indoor program with forty shooters signed up, no news of the other five indoor ranges at this time.

Joe also reports that attendance at the Invitationals and Championship tournaments was up by a good percentage in 1971 at a total of 14 tournaments. The 1972 program will start with an indoor tournament at Grant, N.M., Malpais Archers hosting.

The Sandia Crest Bowhunters Association reports that the following made kills on Deer this year: Does — Larry Bullard, Joe Vajero, Al hobday, Bob Norman, Paul Tweeten, Vic Boyer, Glen Cox and Ed Hanna; Bucks — Lee Burnett, Richard Dix, Mickey Middleton, Alan Swain.

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Brown; tournament, James Wingate and family. The youth awards were given to: All events, freestyle, David Brown, Price; all events, instinctive, Craig Covington, Datus. A special sportsmanship award was given to Kenny Leo.

MIDWEST
by **DORIS MCGOWAN**

Iowa

The week of February 5-13 will see the Indoor Substates in many locations. On March 18 and 19, the State Indoor Championship will be held at Centaur Lanes in Fort Dodge.

Iowa has a new club affiliated with ISAA — the Mokewa Bowmen, from Alta. Bob Visek, of the Anamosa Bowhunters, has been elected by the board as the new State Bowhunting Chairman. He will head the state Jamboree to be

New Mexico Recipe of the Month: Fried Game Hearts. Hearts of big game are a real treat when prepared like this: clean blood clots from inside, and slice off top of heart to remove fat and blood vessels. Soak in cold salted water (1 teaspoon salt to 1 qt. water) for one hour. Parboil hearts 30 minutes, then cut in 1/2 in cubes, season with salt and pepper, and fry in hot grease 15 or 20 minutes, or until tender. Cook 1/2 lb. of cleaned hearts per person.

Utah

The Datus Archery Club of Salt Lake City elected new club officers in November with the following results: president, Dennis Beckstead; vice president, Glendal Bunker; board, Dick Perry, Bud Patrick and Jay Palmer.

New officers for UBA are: president, Brian Leachman; vice president (tournament), Allen Cotton; vice president (bowhunting), Allie Burke; secretary, Alice Howard; Archer of the Year, overall service, Ray Howard; bowhunting, Duane

held in Cedar Rapids this coming fall.

Of the six people from the states who shot in the Puerto Rican National Tournament, two flew from Des Moines, Ed Marten and Doreer Wilber. Linda Marten has been appointed to Wing Archery Company's Advisory Staff.

Kansas

Warren Merrill of Salina has been elected the new state president for the next two years. Vice president of tournaments will be Bob Pykiet. The Blue Valley Bowmen from Washington have Gary Funke as their new president. Calvin Petty heads the Santa Fe Field Archers, with Patricia Nicholson a secretary.

A group of Kansas archers has the Black Boar Lodge near Dover, Arkansas reserved for their hunting for a weekend in January. Food and lodging are covered at ten dollars per day. One hundred dollar per head for a kill — no fee if there is no kill. These hunts may be of interest to archers in this area if

the future.

Jack Allman of Tuttle Creek Bowmen, shot a 28 lb. bobcat with his bow as it walked past his blind on the first weekend of deer hunting.

New champions of the Shawnee Bowmen of Topeka are Dave Fritz and Verla Musick, free style, and Bob Fritton, bare bow. Jim Musick is the club's new president and Gale Morgan, secretary-treasurer.

Missouri

The State Indoor will be held at Moberly, March 18 and 19, hosted by NoMo Archers. The new school can accommodate 90 to 100 archers on a double line.

Twin Cities Archery Association will have an Invitational February 13 at Kansas City.

Many elections have been reported recently. Some new club presidents are Carl Theissen, Platte Valley; Ron Witty, Fairfax; Paul Fromman, South County; Harvey Ragsdale, Springfield and Roy McKerlie, Clay, Mo.

MID-ATLANTIC by JERRY EBERT

With elections now history in most states, here are the new officers:

Delaware — president, Tom McDermet; vice-president, George Ludden; sec.-treas., Kay Fatcher; NFAA dir., Pete Goffinet. We wish them luck with their two-year term.

Maryland — president, Sonny Alban; vice president, Harold Metheny; sec.-treas., Margaret Mazzo; Field dir., William Noyes; Dep. dir., Pete Thompson; NFAA dir., Paul Double. Their motto is "Grown Maryland Grow."

Virginia — president, William Bolt; vice president, Carey Price; Field V. P., Dr. Walter Dillow; Hunting V. P., Harold Street; Conservation V. P., C. J. Woods; recording sec., Hugh Darnell; treasurer, Chester Kutzler; V. B. A. field gov., William Enders; NFAA dir., Lucille Darnell; corres. sec., Nancy Lee Western. From the land of presidents, this group should make a good showing.

West Virginia — president, Danny Farley; Tour V. P., Dan Nott; Bowhunting V. P., Bill Linkenhoker; sec.-treas., Larry Farley; NFAA dir., Gene Brown; Bd. of dir. Coun., Larry King, Scott Driver, Roberta Thompson. Good luck to you all.

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pionship for 1971, the Amateur Freestyle Champ was Larry Weber, Amateur Bare Bow was Allen Maneval, Open Freestyle was the NFAA director Pete Goffinet and with a record breaking 1616 for three rounds. Bare bow champ was Jack Hartnett. On the distaff side we have Amateur Freestyle Champ Mimi McDermet, Open Freestyle — the state secretary — Kay Futch-er. For youth we have Jimmy Clauges, FS and Pat Libby, BB and in the Cubs, Gary Futch-er.

Virginia's 1971 Bowhunter Jam-boree shows the Big Buck Contest winner as Charles Dixon; Motor-cycle Run winner is an old friend and past NFAA director Gene Limerick; Turkey Calling was Bill Six — maybe he should change his name to Bill First. Coon Hunt Charles Lucas and Long Deer Shot Bob Agnew for men, and Christine Maxie for women. Bobby Grin-stead took the only bear killed last year. The Wythe Club was host and thinks it will be bigger next year.

West Virginia's Championship, hosted by Greenbrier Field Arch-ers with 133 archers in attendance, shows the winners to be Scott Driv-

er — FS men; Hope Farley — FS women; Gene Brown — BB men; Nancy Leef — BB women; Jimmy Lowe — Bowhunter men; Judy Davis — Bowhunter women; How-ard Carder — FS senior men; Mike Murphy — BB senior men; Harry Darenge — BB young adult; Jerry Mann — BB youth.

Here are bits and pieces of news from around the Mid-Atlantic.

Bob Hornbeck of NORVA, a Virginia Club, had his new bow hi-jacked to Cuba. Hopes Castro catches string in his beard. Con-gratulations to Jerry Hawley and C. D. Tarter of Virginia on taking deer. Also to Charlie Horn and Ted Dziems of Delaware — Ted's was a 10 pointer.

Eutaw Forest Archers, the larg-est club in Maryland with 140 members, just elected Whitie Meth-eny, the new state vice president, as their president. The Delaware Archery Association presented "The Most Dedicated Archer's Award" to Del Draper, Pete Goffinet, Joe Rymysza and Tom Teed. Congratu-lations, men. West Virginia's In-door Championship will be held March 19, 1972. Write Daniel Farley for details.

Pennsylvania State Archery A-sociation is organizing the "3rd United States Indoor Champio-ship" on April 15, 1972 at the Far Show Building, Harrisburg. Com-petition is the 900 round. For fu-rticulars write to the NAA offic- "Interscholastic Mail Tournamen- — this event is open to any hig- school group in the nation. Wri- to Mrs. Lura Wilson, Greene Ce- tral School District, Greene, New York 13778.

"Intercollegiate Mail Tourn- ment" — this event, held in Apr- is open to collegiate groups nation- wide. Write Mrs. Lucile Schneide- Women's Physical Education Dep- Drexel University, 32nd & Chesnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104.

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NORTHWESTERN
by **GLADYS COCHRAN**

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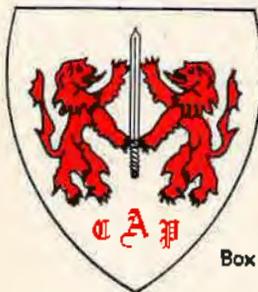
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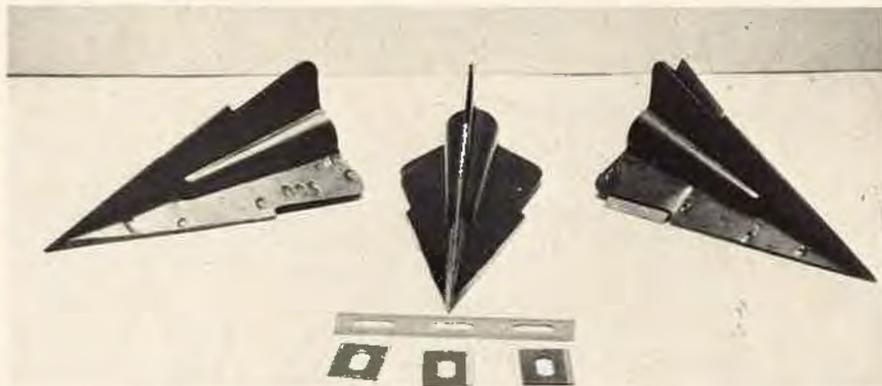
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neither a practice night nor even enough targets pasted up so that everyone had a new target. Four of the people shooting had never shot the Flint before, so they didn't have their yardage marks for the 20, 40, and 50 ft. We spent about thirty minutes getting these before six o'clock shooting time.

Then unbelievably, one of those four, Sherri Patten, shot a perfect 560. Everyone looks for the story to tell that no one can top. This is it! Congratulations, Sherri.

NEW ENGLAND
by PHYLLIS B. BUTTERS

Maine

The annual meeting of the Maine State Archery Association was held on November 28, 1971. The election of officers was held, and the new officers assumed their duties on February 1, 1972, with the exception of the office of secretary, which became effective as of January 1. The new MSAA officers are: president, John Dam; vice-president, Jerry Montreuil; secretary-treasurer, Lois Dunham; NF-AA director, Carroll Frost; classification officer, Muriel Montreuil; and publicity chairman, Richard Dunham.

The Indoor Mail-In League began in Maine in December, following the guidelines of the NFAA Indoor League program. All of the member clubs in the MSAA have indoor facilities this year, and the

Maine archers also are fortunate in having a commercial lanes available to them. This new facility is Ken's Archery in Old Town, Maine, owned and operated by Ken and Jan Ulmer. You may remember Jan as the 1971 New England Sectional Women's Freestyle Champion. Ken's Archery offers a twenty-yard indoor range, readily available archery equipment, and instruction by appointment. The new lanes held its first invitational Money Shoot on December 19.

The winners of the Spruce Head Bowhunters' first indoor shoot are as follows: FS men — Richard Dunham; FS women — Jan Ulmer; BB men — 1st, Seth Batty; 2nd, Bob Jacobson; 3rd, John Mitchell; BB women — 1st, Ruth Batty; 2nd, Mabel Batty; 3rd, Jackie Mitchell; FS youth boys — Doug Williams; Beginners, women — 1st, Pat Jacobson; 2nd, Helen Mitchell; Beginners, men — 1st, Maynard Stanley; 2nd, Mike Doyle.

The Maine bowhunters have been active and very successful this year, and Dennis Larochell of Lewiston really put a big one down in the records. Dennis bagged his trophy in Hancock County, Maine. Field dressed, his trophy buck weighed 155 pounds. (Photo included).

Massachusetts

This writer would like to extend an apology to an MFAA bowhunter regarding an item in last month's column which was based on

incorrect information. In the January column I reported that at a MFAA tournament at the Mohawk Club in Dracut, Nile Deveau of the Bay Path Archers in Southbridge shot a 418 in the Bowhunter Division for a record high score for bowhunters in the MFAA. It was recently brought to my attention that in a shoot at that same club two years ago, Fred Cary of Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club shot a score of 456 in the Bowhunter Division. Mr. Cary's 456 is the highest score ever recorded in Massachusetts in that division. My apologies to you, Fred, and congratulations to both you and Mr. Deveau on two very fine scores.

The Shirley Rod and Gun Club held its annual Turkey Shoot on November 21. The weather was rainy that day, and the attendance suffered accordingly, but the archers who did attend this traditional tournament were rewarded with fat turkeys to take home for Thanksgiving. Howie Pinault, Sr., and the rest of the Shirley archers came through as usual with one of the MFAA's most enjoyable shoots. The winners and their field round scores were as follows: FS men class A — 1st, Richard Cook, 400; 2nd, John Gamsby, 375; 3rd, Manuel Sousa, 358; FS men, class B — 1st, Charlie Shannon, 452; 2nd, Paul Powell, 434; 3rd, Aime Carbonneau, 423; FS men class C — Bill Houghton, 195; BB men class A — 1st, Hank Marcinczyk, 490; 2nd, Paul Tocci, 447; 3rd, Brad Starrett, 420; BB men class B — 1st, Pete Higgins, 378; 2nd, Ed Hussey, 371; 3rd, John Foze, 347; BB men, class C — 1st, Dan McLeod, 209; 2nd, Fred Greene, 158; 3rd, Charles Smith, 135; FS women, class A — Ruby Keith, 314; FS women class B — Ruby Fletcher, 316; BB women class C — Shirley Trask, 200; FS Youth, boys class A — Tom Eulot, 394; BB Youth boys class B — Dan McLeod, Jr., 123; FS Youth girls class C — Laurie Hunt, 131; BB men — Leo Mahoney, 360.

Many of the Massachusetts archers are taking advantage of the fine facilities of the new Recreation Indoor Archery Lanes in Leominster by shooting in the indoor league programs there, held on Wednesday and Friday night. The shooters in each league are organized in two-man teams, and the handicapped team totals determine the winning teams each night. The total number of points accumulated by a team for the duration of the league will determine the champions.

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team of each league. Officers of the Wednesday night program are: president, Paul Normandin; vice-president, Aime Carbonneau; and secretary, Sheila Harrison. The Friday night league is conducted by president Charlie Shannon; vice-president Alice Charbonnet; and secretary Ruby Fletcher. The high scratch score for both leagues thus far is a 289 shot by Paul Tocci; the high handicap total is a 319 recorded by Sheila Harrison.

For all of you freestyle shooters who want to learn more about the technicalities and procedures of freestyle shooting, Chris Kelleher is now conducting advanced freestyle lessons at the Recreation Lanes on Saturday nights from 6 to 11 P.M. The fee for a half-hour lesson is \$5.00. Please contact the Lanes in advance if you wish to reserve time for a lesson. The number to call is 534-9890.

The Recreation Lanes recently added another dimension to its already numerous facilities. As of December 18, golf enthusiasts may practice and perfect their driving at the Recreation Lanes' indoor golf driving range. Facilities are available for driving balls 15 feet into a nylon net, at a fee of \$1.00 for a small bucket of balls, or 30-35 balls, and \$1.25 for a large bucket. Clubs are available at the range.

The Central Massachusetts Indoor Archery League has instituted its 1971-72 program, and the team competition is already well under way. The president of this league is Richard Freel. Each Sunday, at the member clubs throughout the state, each team meets another team to shoot an NFAA Indoor Round.

Handicap totals determine the winners and each team's point accumulation. Each team may put up to seven shooters on the line, from which the top five handicap scores are used to compute the team total.

Dennis Larochell of Lewiston, Maine with his trophy buck, 155 lb. field dressed.

A team which was recently victorious in league competition was the team from the Broken Arrow Club of Auburn, who took four out of a possible six points from a team representing the Recreation Lanes in Leominster, on December 7.

Connecticut

The new officers of the Connecticut Archery Association are as follows: president, Alan Haught, 39 Fox Den Road, Glastonbury 06033; vice-president, Meade Schott, RFD 1, LaPort's Trailer Park, Plainfield 06374; secretary, Jean Thomas, Cody Avenue, Plainville 06062; treasurer, Robert Alaimo; NFAA director, Ed Little, 35 Virginia Court, Uncasville 06382; and classification officer, Aileen Little, 35 Virginia Court, Uncasville 06382.

The 1972 CAA Indoor Championship Tournament will be held on Sunday, February 27, at Hall's Arrow Indoor Archery Range in Manchester. The round to be shot is the NFAA Indoor Round, and there will be two shooting times available, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The CAA Indoor Championship has always been a popular event, and preregistration is encouraged at this address: Hall's Arrow, 291 West Middle Turnpike, Manchester, Conn. The scores of previous CAA tournaments indicate that this will be a challenging event — the state of Connecticut boasts some excellent shooters in all divisions.

The Connecticut archers may practice and perfect their shooting for this tournament at a new archery lanes which recently opened in Taftsville. Ed and Nan's Archery Lanes, Inc., is now operating at 5



Providence Street, Taftsville, Conn. The new lanes is owned and operated by Ed and Nancy Brown, two fine archers and sportsmen from that state. The lane hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m.-10 p.m. The lanes is closed on Tuesdays. This new facility offers a pro-shop, equipment rental, and lessons. Archers from the other states are invited to come down and shoot any time and to renew old friendships or to make new ones.

Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Field Archery Association has compiled its 1972 shooting schedule, which is as follows: April 23, Tiverton Rod and Gun Club; April 30, Diamond Hill Archers; May 7, South County Archers; May 14, Wallum Lake Rod and Gun Club; May 28, Narragansett Bowhunters; June 7, South County; June 8, Diamond Hill; June 25, Wallum Lake; August 6, Tiverton; August 13, Narragansett; August 20, State Field Championship at Wallum Lake; August 27, Narragansett. Alternate dates are: July 9, Tiverton; Sept. 10, Diamond Hill; Sept. 17, Wallum Lake; and Sept. 24, Narragansett.

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EUROPE
by **PHYLLIS B. BUTTERS**

Timothy O. Austin, secretary of the Archery Association of Europe and editor of the AAE Newsletter, recently completed his twenty-pin bars for the Hunter Round and received the NFAA Perfect Pin in November.

There are almost 220 members in the AAE this year, which makes for excellent attendance at the frequent AAE field tournaments. The winners and their scores from some of the recent tournaments follow.

Fifty-eight archers turned out for the first shoot at the new Stuttgart club. They came prepared for a test of winter shooting as the weather was cold and windy at the start of the weekend, but the day turned out sunny and not too windy. Although it was chilly, warm clothing was enough to make everyone comfortable, and hand-warmers weren't a necessity by the time the shooting started.

The range shows a lot of hard work on the club's part. The fourteen-target course is laid out in a circle in a series of old rifle range burns. The range is open, but for

the most part the targets are skillfully laid out. Noteworthy are the 80-yard walkup which shoots off a hill down into a burn, the 45-yard walkup that has varying downhill angles, the 65-yard shot that is angled uphill, and a 35-yard fan that varies from slightly uphill to a final downhill shot. There's a very pretty 40-yarder that is staked over a ridge shooting toward a bank.

The entire range is easily accessible to spectators. The club has provided large benches and bow racks, trash cans, nicely mowed grassy areas, and comfortable facilities. Ample parking, an adjacent practice area, plentiful food, and the exceptionally nice homemade trophies added up to a shoot that was well worth attending.

A novelty running deer event preceded the formal competition. Fourteen people shot at the moving target as the bicycle parts propelled it down the line. There was no limit to the number of shots while the deer was moving. Jerry Otto shot nine times, had five hits, and accumulated thirteen points to win this event.

The winners in the field tournament which followed were: FS men

— Andy Chagoly, Heidelberg, John Durette, Baden-Baden, Len Godbey, Heidelberg, 448; men — Otmar Worsdorfer, A Kaufbeuren, 420; Jim Ches Hanau, 245; Harald Schlund, A Kaufbeuren, 169; BH men — J Hoffecker, Stuttgart, 297; Jim per, Bitburg, 293; Charles Fra Baumholder, 290; FS women — Gerty Herkes, Luxembourg, Hermine Haag, Luxembourg, BB women — Monika Thom ABC Kaufbeuren, 240; Anna Hoffecker, Stuttgart, 199; Sarah Fier, Baumholder, 177; youth — Winfred Faulkner, Heidelberg, Richard MacDonald, Baumholder, 189; Ron Brainard, Heidelberg.

The winner of the Open Division was a Bowhunter from Stuttgart, Gregory Skoog, who shot a 240. The Traveling Trophy awarded to the Ramstein club whose average total handicap was 565.

On October 24, the Ramstein Club held an NFAA International Round outdoor tournament. Trophies were given for the first and second place in six flights, and all trophies were given to the men and women shooters. Flight winners were: Flight 1 —

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An archery shoot in the midst of an ORI? Right. How many of you Army, Navy, and civilians say what's an ORI? That's an Operational Readiness Inspection. An ORI is a tactical evaluation of an organization and it includes a complete simulated war tasking all capabilities of the forces. Following the taskings, the inspection team does a thorough management inspection of the base, including a thorough safety inspection.

In short, a large team of experts hit the Hahn Air Base and examined it with a microscope, in the midst of which came Saturday, October 30, with a shoot scheduled at Hahn. Inasmuch as the inspection is no-notice and it started about Wednesday, there was no way to cancel the shoot; in fact, the day before the shoot, the Air Police wouldn't allow anyone in the area where the range is located. An hour prior to registration on Saturday morning, the Hahn archers received permission to use the range.

The eight top handicap shooters are listed, with their scratch and handicap scores, as follows: Len Godbey, scratch, 441, handicap, 558; Monty Montgomery, 470-544; Bill Morton, 456-539; Larry Young, 433-527; Jim Carper, 334-524; Jolinda Seggie, 154-512; Wade Faulkner, 342-510; and Tom Galloway, 242-509. Jim Carper's 334 scratch score is a new record for Bowhunters on the Hahn Range.

The shoot held on the weekend of November 6-7 at Kaufbeuren was one of the most pleasant on the AAE schedule. Although completely level, the range was set up in pastureland in such a way as to give different wind factors from target to target. The farm where the club is located is an active one, and Dave Carson thought better of his volunteer statement concerning milking cows.

Jacque Austin was amazed at the milking machine hooked up to the cows in the barn, and everyone had some milk fresh from the cows. The hot soup and wurst available at the break was delicious. A cheerful, friendly greeting started the shoot off right, and the AAE archers had a wonderfully companionable weekend, at a well-managed shoot.

The archers shot a hunter and an animal round over the weekend, and the winners and their scores were: FS men — Tim Austin, 435-510 — 944; Rudolph Buchman, 396-464 — 860; Jochen Nitzsche, 379-384 — 763; BB men — Otmar Worsdorfer, 427-484 — 911; Harald Schlund, 216-330 — 546; John Minter, 185-200 — 385; FS women — Rita Gensheuner, 363-424 — 787; Hannelore Miller, 241-306 — 547; BB women — Monika Thomsen, 198-350 — 548; Marga Thomsen, 137-120 — 257; Gabriele Schlund, 42-42 — 84; BH men — John Asher, 166-272 — 438; Juniors — Roland Erben, 231-342 — 573; Gunter Dobler, 224-244 — 468; Herbert Muller, 109-206 — 315; Youth — Ben Worsdorfer, 160-362 — 522; Alex Worsdorfer, 121-270 — 391; and Wolfgang Schlund, 53-132 — 185.

Roy and Anita Watson, and their daughter Julie, have just moved to Lancashire, England, and they had hardly settled down in their new home when daughter Julie won the Junior Freestyle Championship at the 2-day English Field Archery Championships. Julie won her title by beating all of her male competitors, two of whom were previous cup holders. Julie shot a fine 643 to win the Junior Championship, shooting a 28 target field round with 14 marked and 14 unmarked distances, and an animal round, also with 14 marked and 14 unmarked targets.

Jun MacDonald, the AAE bowhunting director, is setting up an indoor shooting schedule for this winter at Baumholder. Teams will be set up and the schedule arranged as soon as targets are available. Other upcoming shoots are: February 20, Hahn; March 12; Heidel-

berg; April 1-2, Kaufbeuren; April 16, Heidelberg; April 29, Ramstein; and April 30, Hanau. Also, the 1972 AAE Championship will be held the week of June 25 through July 1. Bids for this tournament will be accepted and reviewed shortly. Finally, the 1972 European Field Archery Championships will be held July 30 through August 5 in Stirling, Scotland.

Going for Gars

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plus gars. Some were seen seven or eight feet long; however, we saw none gaffed much over six feet.

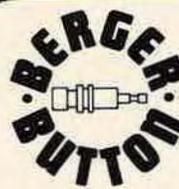
There were many more gars the second day than there had been the first; but the crowd cramped our style, so we left and headed for another flooded pasture about a mile away. When we got there, we found nearly as many gar fans as we had left. The shoreline was so crowded we waded out into the water about waist deep where the competition wasn't so keen. Here we had plenty of elbow room. There were several gars rolling out there, but it was difficult to get a shot at one.

Finally, Buz made out a shadowy form in the murky water between us — we were about ten feet apart — and he got off a quick shot. As the shaft hit its mark, the gar made a lunge out of the water directly at me. Its mouth with its long teeth was wide open, and from my position it looked like a "gator's" mouth. Buz said he never saw anyone, old or young, side step and dodge as fast before!

As the hunting was more difficult in the deeper water, we waded into where the water was only about a foot deep. Even in the shallow water, the gars were difficult to see, but much easier to shoot. We had a ball there for a couple of hours until we became exhausted. We waded out and became one of the spectators for the rest of the day — which was almost as much fun.

The "gar run" lasted another day, then the high water drained out of the pastures and ditches, and left only a few "natives" in the ponds and lakes.

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Tales Of The Feathered Shaft

By Roy Hoff

HOW IT FEELS TO WIN N.F.A.A. "BLIND BOGEY"

I am sure I wouldn't know, but I can introduce you to a fellow who has all the answers. His name is Max Mull who lives in Salisbury, Missouri. He bagged a five-point buck who weighed 116 pounds, exactly the same as our Blind Bogey buck taken in Western Colorado during the hunt last fall. Mull's buck would be classed as a trophy in most any bowhunter's book, without any fringe benefits such as were heaped upon his deer. I will not get carried away and try to give you the details. So, let's turn the column over to Max and allow him to do a little explaining - - -

"Dear Roy — I enjoy reading all of your articles, especially the ones about the 'Blind Bogey,' but the January, 1972, 'Tales of the Feathered Shaft' has to be the greatest.

In October of 1971, I had the privilege of hunting deer and wild boar with such renowned Missouri bowhunters as Paul Jeffries, Earl and Ann Hoyt, Harold Beck (now of Georgia) and Ernie Jones, but that is another story. The thought of hunting with Roy Hoff has me walking on the ceiling. I feel sorry for the people who work with me who will have to hear about this from now on and on and on - - -

Roy, I work for the Soil Conservation Service, an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. I am District Conservationist for the Chariton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

At the present time I see no reason why I cannot take in the first five-day hunt. That is the goal I will shoot for now—Grand Junction, Colorado by the 19th of August, 1972!

My wife, Irene, and I have two girls age seven and eight. We have a 19-foot camping trailer and enjoy being together very much. I doubt if we could get the trailer to the hunting area, but I also have a sister in Grand Junction. So I might let my wife and daughters camp in my sister's backyard while I enjoy this hunt. That is, if we cannot make the hunting camp in the trailer. My wife does not hunt, but enjoys the outdoors.

This was a special deer in many ways. I am a bit excited and incoherent, but here is the story:

On Friday, November 5, 1971, Paul Jeffries, Robert Fennel and I decided to use a half-day of our vacation time and take in the evening hunt. Paul is well known as a Field Service Agent for the Missouri Department of Conservation and is an expert target archer and bowhunter. Paul has been active in archery for over 25 years. Boh, a hunting buddy, and I started hunting deer with a bow and arrow six years ago, and until this day we had not bagged one. We had some near misses we still talk about.

We reached the Magnum Hunt Club, near Swan Lake Wildlife Refuge, around 3:00 p.m. Swan Lake's 10,000 acres are managed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service mainly for waterfowl, but also animals, which includes one of the largest deer herds in Mis-

souri. Hunting near this reserve usually is exciting because hardly a day goes by without at least seeing a deer.

Around 3:30 p.m. Bob and Paul left me at a tree stand in the pin oak forest around the Hunt Club's seven-acre duck and goose lake. The tree stand was about ten feet above the ground and built with a seat, using the trunk as a back rest.

The beautiful 50 to 60 degree weather we had been enjoying was drawing to an end. The wind had switched to the northwest and the weatherman was predicting a ten-degree low by morning.

As I sat enjoying the weather and surroundings, I saw a flash of white among the pin oaks. It was a white collar, and it was on a deer's neck! Another look and I could tell it was a buck!

I had read of the deer study being made by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Colored collars, made of plastic, to record migration of deer from herds such as those at Swan Lake. The white collar made this deer doubly important because of the trophy the collar would make. How many deer hunters have a collar as well as a rack to boast about? I had hunted for six seasons with only near misses to my credit. Would this "white collar buck" be my first?

After all these thoughts ran through my mind, I was a nervous wreck. The buck came up the path and stopped in the open, up-wind and broadside at 25 yards. I shot. It was a clean miss. The deer was alerted but still standing. I took the second arrow from my bow quiver and shot again. It, too, was a miss.

The deer became nervous and walked into some sprouts about 20 yards from the stand. I shot two more arrows which hit limbs between the buck and me. The buck was so close I could read the black number 22 on his white collar. I could not believe a Missouri white tailed deer would stand for all the noise the arrows made as they clattered off tree branches.

Suddenly the buck walked directly under my stand. I tried my fifth shot, straight down, which is very difficult. It smacked harmlessly into the ground beside the deer. I was down to my last arrow, and the buck was not likely to hang around much longer. Instead of spooking, the deer walked slowly about ten yards from the tree stand and stopped again. I let fly my last arrow. Then—miracle of all miracles—it was a good hit. I later found it was a little too far back for the heart, but sliced through the liver.

The buck took off, crashing through the timber. I climbed down from my tree stand, picked up a couple of arrows and started looking for blood sign. None was in sight. A few minutes later I found the feathered end of my shaft which had a few drops of blood on it.

I searched for Paul to help me track the deer. I soon found him—with an empty quiver! It seems Number 22 had passed by him and he had shot six times at from 50 to 60 yards; all misses. This was unusual for Paul. We discussed the matter and decided it was growing dark and it would be best to wait until morning to continue tracking.

At first light Saturday morning I was back a

the scene and looking for a blood trail. Not a trace could I find, and worse yet, there were deer tracks everywhere which only added to the confusion. All I could do was walk and look.

I tried to search systematically by starting where I had last seen the deer, then walking back and forth over a quarter of a mile area. No luck.

Bob Fennel and Don Jenkins joined me after they had completed their morning hunt from stands. Don is a bowhunter and member of the Hunt Club. After three hours, I was about to give up when I almost stepped on the deer. If ever there was a story which would encourage bowhunters to search a little longer and a little harder for an arrowed animal, this was it.

I was very happy. This was my first deer, a five-point rack, a white collar for a trophy and, to top it off, an entry for the "Blind Bogey."

I am a bowhunter now and forever; that's for sure. I am really looking forward to hunting with this Roy Hoff who writes such interesting "Tales of the Feathered Shaft."

For the record, I was shooting a 41-pound Hoyt bow, fiberglass arrows and the new spike Con-verta-point four-edged broadheads. I am a member of Nomo Archery Club of Moberly, Mo."



How's that for a success story? I'd say, "How lucky can a guy get!" I am sure many newcomers to our sport are wondering what all this is about. Here is the story:

Each year Archery Magazine and the NFAA sponsor a sort of bonus to their hunting members. Let's cite a hypothetical case for this coming hunting season. I will join John Lamicq and his gang of bowhunters on his 20,000-acre layout in the Western Colorado Rockies, near Grand Junction. I will bag a buck; take it down to Colscott's Locker Plant and have it weighed field dressed. This will be attested by the owners, Archie and Ernest Hall. No one else will know the weight (not even Lamicq).

Now, when you go hunting and, of course, bag your deer (buck or doe), follow the same procedure. For the one whose weight is closest to mine, there will be an all-expense-paid trip (limit \$500) to the area where I bagged my deer.

This is not a contest to see who can kill the biggest or the mostest. Just get your deer. You don't have to be of the masculine gender, either. After all, the NFAA has a lot of gal bowhunters, and good ones, too. Yes, even Master Bowhunters!

You will notice I pointed out the above analysis is hypothetical. Even though I had been successful in bagging my buck for 11 consecutive years, I knew there would come a time when I'd return home with many alibis but no deer. This was the case during the 1971 season. The alibis appeared in the November issue of Archery. So, when this event was originally conceived, one of the conditions was that if I goofed I could then "provide" a deer (legally, of course). This would mean someone else could bag the deer and tag it, then donate it to me for "good of the order."

Every Blind Bogey winner, since its inception in 1963, or one of his party, has bagged his deer during his free hunting trip. Maurice Bradford of Wil-lards, Maryland, was our first winner. He spent too much time shopping around for a record-class trophy



Shown above is Max Mull of Salisbury, Mo., who won our 1971 Blind Bogey event with the five-point white-tail buck shown. He will be awarded a \$500 all-expense paid trip to Western Colorado for the 1972 season.

and ended up skunked. His brother, Floyd, Maryland State Field Champion, took home two bucks.

The following year, Avery Love, of Michigan bagged his buck on opening morning. These two hunts were on the Wilcox Ranch in Utah.

Sound interesting? I'm sure it does. The NFAA has not officially announced a 1972 Blind Bogey, but I am inclined to think the event will be continued. I will keep you informed.

We received a basketful of entries for the 1971 event, among which were several we thought were interesting.

George and Carolyn Zanzoni (nee Siebrassie) each filled their tags on the Wilcox Tavaputs Plateau Ranch. This is proof that not only archery but bowhunting is a family sport. This is pleasing to us, but might not continue in the Zanzoni family. You see, Carolyn's buck weighed 144 pounds; George's buck just barely tipped the scale at 75 pounds. Now, for a little secret: When we last saw the Zanzonis, Carolyn was doubtful if she would be able to convert her rifleman husband to the bow. She has her Art Young award for bagging a record-class black bear with her bow.

We found entries from a father-and-son combination—Tink Nathan and eight-year-old son, Jeffrey. Dad, who is a Master Bowhunter, ran a poor second to his son. Jeff not only bagged the biggest deer but rubbed it in when he filled his second tag for the season. His 102-pounder was the same weight as the one I took in 1963.

The heaviest deer weighed 207 pounds. It was bagged by Bob Fudge of Burlington, Iowa. It was a four-plus-four buck.

The lightest weight of a deer entered was a 25-pound fawn doe. Considering this was not an outstanding performance we will not mention the hunter's name.

Three entries were received from the Wayne Miller family of Little Falls, Minnesota. Dad downed a buck and a doe; son, Kevin, took an 84-pound buck.

I urge any of you successful bowhunters to tell us your story. Mail it to the Redlands office of NFAA.

Think bowhunting boar is challenging? We don't recommend it, but here's a man who has gone one step beyond . . .

SPEARING

WILD RUSSIAN BOAR

by **CARL M. HULBERT**

THE LONG, SHARP, ivory-white tusks of the big Russian boar clicked menacingly as the hunter approached. The boar emitted a series of fierce grunts meant to frighten its enemies into retreat. Just out of the deep Everglades, where the only animal brave enough to stand its ground against this formidable array of tusks and menacing rushes is the big bull alligator, the big boar was obviously disturbed. A strange creature dared to face him armed with what must have seemed to be a harmless stick.

What the boar did not know was that the man actually wanted him to charge! The "stick" was a hand-made spear with an eight-foot maple handle. The blade, which had been fashioned from a truck spring, was 2½ inches wide and sharpened to a keen edge on both sides.

Preventive measure

At the rear of the 10 inch blade, a 4-inch stop-bar had been welded at right angles to it to prevent the spear from penetrating further into the animal so that the weapon would not be wrenched from the hunter's grip. The bar would keep vicious tusks from reaching the hunter should the spear strike a soft spot in the animal's body and pass through.

Obviously, one cannot spear wild game unless it charges in close enough for the spear to strike home. So the hunter held his ground, tempting the wild hog to attack him. He did not have long to wait.

As soon as it became obvious to the big boar that this challenger meant business, he turned and charged at full speed. A lean Russian boar can reach a speed of thirty miles an hour within his first few bounds. By the time he had covered the 18 yards between himself and the hunter, he was at full speed, head angled in so that his razor-sharp tusks could rake his opponent to the best advantage. It was an awesome sight as the hunter faced this charging bundle of wild hatred. The three hundred pounds of solid sinew and bone coming at him could knock him off his feet and rip him to shreds should he make the slightest mistake in side-stepping, or should he slip. The ground was uneven and brush-covered making footing uncertain and wielding the

spear difficult.

As the boar rushed in on the hunter it swerved and the spear struck the sharply sloped surface of its head, glancing off, leaving but a scratch. The boar barely hesitated in its charge and surprisingly continued by, disappearing into the tangle of brush.

The spearman and his companion, who was armed only with a camera, were unable to locate the animal again. Knowing that there were more of these dangerous adversaries in the area, they did not pursue the first boar long.

The spear-hunter was Maynard Peck, taxidermy bowhunter and expert rifleman from Janesville, Wisconsin, and his cameraman was Dr. Springer, surgeon of the Monroe Clinic in Monroe, Wisconsin.

One step beyond

Some years ago, Maynard had abandoned the spear as a hunting weapon in favor of the bow and arrow. The bow required a new, more challenging form of hunt. The bowhunter must stalk or use a method of hunt that will bring him in close to his game, and he must use more of his own physical skills in handling the bow and aiming the arrow. Many species of wild game succumbed to Peck's arrows as attested to by the mounted trophies in his home.

He needed a still bigger challenge, however, as an answer to this third step in the evolution of a hunting weapon. The spear was the answer.

Hand-to-hand combat requires that the hunter enjoy a close proximity with his game. This is in fact true with the exception of a very few species of game. The Russian boar is a prime example of an animal which will charge at almost any provocation. The jaguar of Central and South America will rush through almost impenetrable cover to attack its prey, and the boar becomes another potential candidate for a spearer. In fact, Peck had plans to hunt jaguars in Honduras with his spear. The boar hunt was a primary to that hunt.

The natives of Central America use calls to lure jaguars out of thick cover and their sudden run



This sequence of action shots, taken from 8 mm film, shows Maynard Peck lunging at the Russian boar as it charged him from a cover of dense weeds where hounds had brought it at bay. The boar, killed at this spot with the spear, is hidden from view in the cover.

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Maynard Peck poses with his boar. Peck holds his hand-made spear, fashioned from a truck spring. Note the bent blade resulting from contact with the animal.

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close quarters will often make a gun ineffective. The only thing but a bullet that can stop the animal in its tracks will only enrage the beast and even though it may die but for moments, it can do mortal damage. Bucking at close range is effective in stopping these animals.

Experience has shown that a jaguar will attempt to retreat from the spear point when it strikes the animal but the cat will almost always charge again and attack, giving the hunter the opportunity to get in a second or third stab with his weapon, producing a kill. The Russian guides in British Honduras will not call jaguars up for most rifle hunters and will not let their clients use a spear, so Peck plans to do his own calling. The use of dogs in thick jungle cover is very risky. Most of them are killed by the big cats, so few Indian guides use them.

Peck's boar hunting with a spear was planned to give him practice with the weapon for his future hunting for jaguars.

The Russian boars that Peck was hunting were captured by Seminole Indians in the Everglades of Florida and transported by Walter Blocher to his game farm near Claypool, Indiana. Hunters are then given the opportunity to harvest them for a fee.

Most of the boars are the result of cross-breeding the imported Russian hogs with native hogs, most of which had escaped from farms in Florida following some devastating storms and flooding of the flat lands there. These are known as "razorbacks." However, there are a limited number of the pure strain of Russian boars captured by the Indians. The boars are black in color and belligerent enough so that they will always charge a spearman when he gets close enough. Peck was hunting some of these newly captured Russian boars.

The second boar that Peck encountered hesitated only a moment before charging. This time Peck's spear glanced off the side of the big boar's face again without doing any damage. Contrary to the action of the first hog, this one reacted true to form and, with a grunt of anger, whirled and rushed wildly at his tormentor again. The erratic motion of the big pig, combined with the rough terrain, again prevented Peck from driving his spear into the prime target area (just inside the shoulder next to its neck). The result was a raking blow along the animal's side, the spear striking its protruding hip.

With a squeal of rage the black animal charged back at Peck for a third try with his tusks. This time the hunter tried to side-step the hog and drive his spear into its side but again he missed placing the spear



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a vital area and the weapon slid harmlessly across the boar's back.

The boar, hurt by the spear wound, retreated into heavy cover and it was found necessary to bring Blocher's trained hounds into the foray to locate him. They quickly brought the boar to bay in some tall dense weeds, holding him until Peck and his cameraman, Dr. Springer, arrived.

At this point, the good doctor, a hunting companion of Peck's, suggested that there might be a better way to subdue this ferocious beast. After all, he argued, it would be he who would have to do the surgery on Peck in case of an accident.

Caught up in the excitement of the chase, Peck insisted on trying to finish the wounded animal and started into the heavy cover of weeds, spear in readiness for a sudden rush of the boar. The dogs, although able to worry the boar and keep him at bay, kept at a safe distance, experience at hunting these savage animals having taught them that keeping away from them was the better part of valor. The boar's sudden charges at the dog, his flashing tusks flailing out at them, was an awesome sight and Peck's approach in an attempt to entice a charge took a deal of courage.

At the sight of the hunter the big hog forgot the dogs and rushed at him. He had not forgotten the hurts that this man had produced and decided that here was the most obvious enemy to attack.

As the wounded animal rushed at him Peck changed his waiting tactics and charged the approaching animal. But let's hear Peck's description of the combat:

"The boar came straight in at me from the tangle of weeds and I figured that I could take better advantage of him and aim my spear more accurately if I were moving in rather than waiting for his charge. The shock of impact almost tore my arms from their sockets but this time my aim was good, the spear entering on the inside of his shoulder to its full 10-inch length. The charge was so vicious that the weight of the hog spun me almost off my feet and the leverage of the spear point so great that the heavy truck spring from which the spear was made was bent about 20 degrees from normal. This time I did not allow him to retreat, forcing the spear into its vital organs, killing him quickly."

Peck described this new kind of hunting as safer than going after boars with bow and arrow. He is more than ever willing to try his spear on a jaguar. His statement — "It's the only way to hunt jaguars!" — is indicative of his confidence in this weapon.

An interested bystander to Peck's spear kill was a hunter from Pennsylvania who had come to Blocher's farm to take one of these Russian boars with his 30-06 rifle. Peck later accompanied the man with his camera, interested in a comparison of the effects of a rifle bullet and his spear.

The gun hunter soon located another black Russian boar trotting broadside at a distance of about twenty-five yards. His first shot struck the rib cage with what seemed like an effective hit. The hog did not even change his stride as a little puff of dust exploded out of its side from the rifle slug. The hunter muttered, "Well I'll be damned!" and shot again, striking the big pig in almost exactly the same spot. Again the effect seemed negligible except that this time the boar became aware of its enemy, swerved, and charged the hunter.

A friend of the rifle hunter, carrying a .357 magnum pistol, now came into the act. At a distance of but a few feet he shot at the oncoming animal, hitting it squarely in the shoulder with the heavy bullet. Again the effect was nil. However, the boar swerved slightly in its charge at the rifle hunter and he was able to

shoot it again in the side. This time the hog dropped and another slug killed it.

This episode is mentioned to illustrate the tenacity with which these Russian boars cling to life. Few wild animals could have withstood this amount of punishment from rifle fire in vital areas.

Later, in the process of dressing out the rifle-killed boar, Peck located the .357 slug. It had barely passed through the skin over the shoulder and was found lying just inside the boar's hide against the meat. The hide at this point was 3/8-inch thick! The slug had mushroomed at this depth. Yet, in spite of the thick hide, Peck stated that there had been no indication that his spear had at any time been deflected by it. The only deflection was from striking heavy bone structure.

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Cover and simmer over low heat for two hours, or until tender. Drain off the juice and set aside. Cover the ribs with your favorite barbecue sauce plus one cup of the juice you drained. Bake uncovered with the oven set at 350 degrees. Add more juice or barbecue sauce. Bake for one hour.

Some hunters discard the ribs as waste, but I find

the above is a tasty method for cooking them. I recommend this recipe for moose.

Venison Meat Balls

Blend in one bowl: one can cream of celery with one can of water. Then mix in second bowl:

- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup of above soup mixture
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1/2 cup cracker crumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 lb. of ground venison

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22-23 Memorial Field, West Tennessee Archers, 28 field, 28 hunter, 9 a.m./1 p.m. Shoot all either day, or half and half. Memphis, Tenn.

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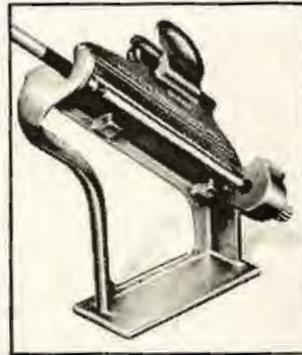
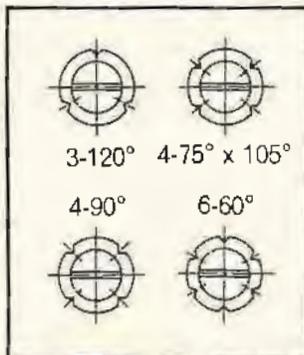
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and crying towel and move into the real action of protecting, maintaining and enhancing your own outdoor interest.

A united front

I do not refer to an issue of whether or not the compound bow or shooting aids can be used in the barebow class, but whether or not we will be permitted to use any bow at all — anywhere. In this fight it doesn't really matter if you are a competitive archer or a hunting archer.

You see, strong forces wanting to register or eventually eliminate firearms have taken a new tack. Since the sporting gun owner has been the reason for their lack of success, many of these people are now found in the anti-hunting movement. Stop all hunting under the guise of a concerned preservationist and you have eliminated the main reason for owning firearms. The same holds true for archery. Eliminate this reason for owning a bow and the job is done.

Back to H.R. 11091. It is a good measure, treating archers the same as other outdoor interests who utilize our wildlife resources. It demonstrates once again our

concern in the conservation effort and provides upgrading of those hunting archers going into the

One great drawback in commentaries on legislative matters is that there is hardly any limit to what we can say. I would add that archers have to be involved in the broad range of conservation activities supporting "wild rivers" bills, land use classification, opposing pollution, litter and the degradation of the environment.

Real involvement

Just going to meetings and talking about a high score — what to do with target #12 — or we'll buy straw bales — or do we or don't we have competitive regulations — may eventually force us to take up another outdoor activity. Sure, these club matters are important, but what is most important? It is not "Archery," but archers to be involved.

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