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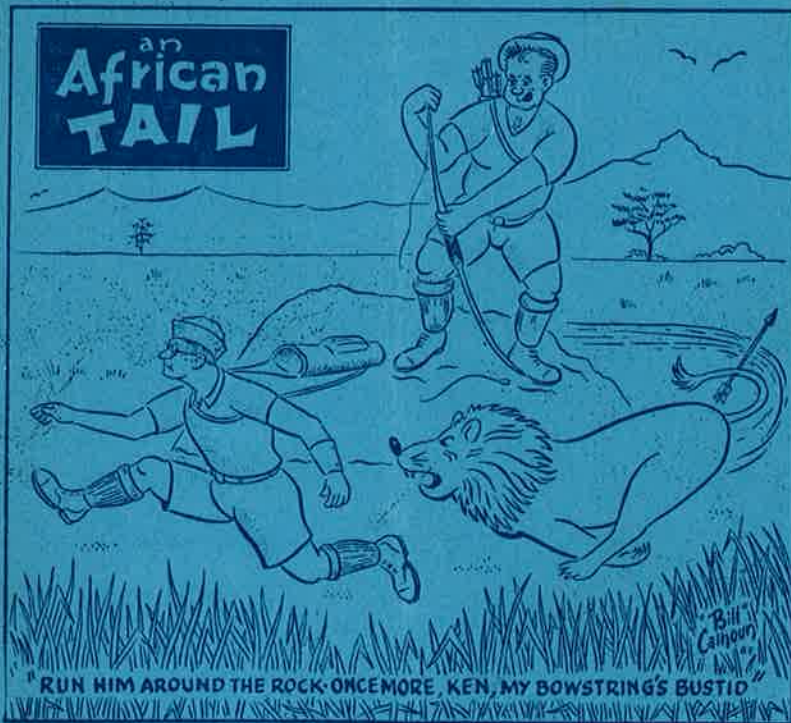
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Your President Reports:



It's good to be back!

KEN LOCKRIDGE

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NEW YORK SPORTS SHOW SETS NEW NYFA RECORDS

by F. HARMON SAVILLE, Chairman, Show Committee

The New York Sports and Vacation Show was held March 4-13th at the Kingsbridge Armory, Bronx, N. Y. NYFA had a 1600 square foot archery range and a 200 square foot booth as our exhibit.

At the range approximately 11,000 people were given instructions in the fundamentals of shooting the bow and arrow. A similar number of people received instruction in various phases of tackle-making at our booth exhibit. In addition *umpte*en thousand people saw our exhibits and asked, as you can imagine, more than a few questions which were answered by our booth attendants.

The following is a rough tabulation of the financial results. Final accounting will be made during the next week or so. NYFA's profit on the operation amounted to about \$1500, including sale of 106 memberships, patches, What About Bowhunting, range proceeds, sale of materials, etc. Gross income was about \$2800, of which about \$300 belongs to NFAA for 91 memberships, patches, etc. and \$900 was expenses.

The objectives of the Show Committee were as follow:

1. To publicize and gain favorable attitudes among sportsmen for the sports of Field Archery and Bowhunting.
2. To increase memberships in NYFA and NFAA.
3. To increase the NYFA treasury.

We believe the objectives of the Committee were carried to a successful conclusion. This could not have been done without the hard work and generous support of many NYFA members. While all those connected with the venture gave of their time and effort to a greatly appreciated extent, some members deserve special mention as their contribution was "above and beyond the call of duty."

Niel Nielsen was in charge of the design and construction of the booth and range. He spent untold number of hours on the design, blueprints, bills of materials and purchasing of materials before we could get into the Armory to begin construction. He then worked from Tuesday to opening hour (6 p. m.) on Friday, practically around the clock on the actual construction. The exhibits were so well designed and constructed that the Show management called our exhibit "one of the real drawing cards" of the Show as they asked us to come back next year. The managements of Sportsman's shows in other areas were trying to get us to move our exhibit to their shows. Niel also gave unstintingly of his time and help during the Show and then removed the 6 tons of materials when the show was over. Niel got into archery via our exhibit at last year's Show.

Sherwood Archery Company came through with support which carried much of the weight of the task of putting on the exhibit. **Jerry Millard** was at the booth, in charge of the tackle-making clinic during the entire show and was ably assisted by **Walt Gutman** and **Sy London**, other members of the firm.

The Shultz's, Carl ("Pappy"), Eugene ("Tuffy"), and Richard ("Softy") assumed a large share of the work of manning the booth and were on the job practically all of the time the Show was in progress. **Carl** is responsible, more than any other one person, for making the range a financial success and was in charge of its operation.

Tuffy got in a neck and neck contest with **Marge Korzeb** to see who would "sell" the most memberships. **Marge**, an old reliable at these shows, was forced to sell many more than she ever had before in order to edge **Tuffy** by only 1 or 2 memberships in the final day. **"Softy,"** a 12-year-old Fireball nearly blew his lungs out on some 25 gross of balloons while advising spectators "Don't be a Schmo, 'get a bow.'"

Norm Quade came in every night and took charge of the instructors at the range while his wife, **Henny**, worked at the booth. In view of the limitation of time, since so many thousands of people wanted "lessons," the quality of instruction was excellent (particularly in the case of pretty girls.)

Art Taylor did a great job in designing the booth decorations and in making up the signs for the booth and range. The 40 foot long X 18" tall NY STATE FIELD ARCHERY ASSN, INC. sign is a valuable asset to NYFA for future use. (How about having the N.Y. delegation at the Nat'l Championships at Ludington camp in one area and setting up the sign to let the world know we are there?)

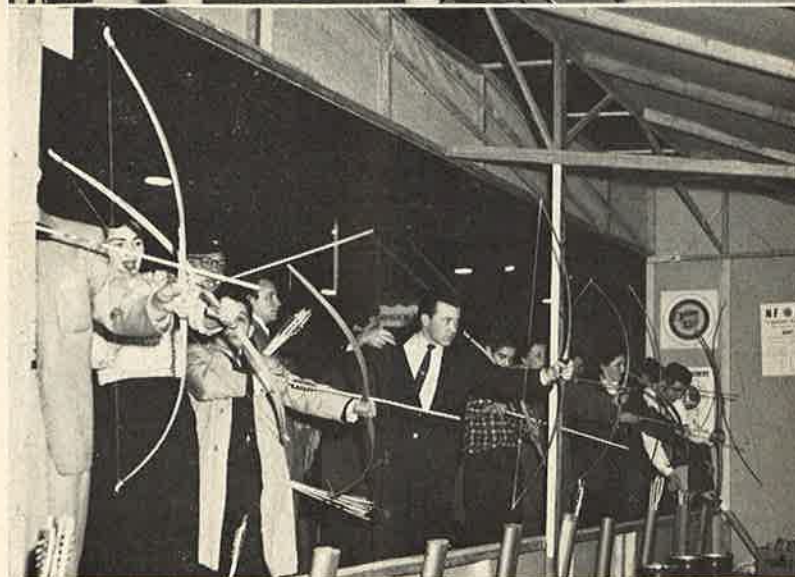
Bill Traub made up 2500 throw-away copies of our article "Bow Hunting and Archery in New York" for us beside a very classy outsized bow rack for the exhibit.

John Sampson was our official photographer and got many good shots of the booth and range in operation as well as the people working on the exhibit. He also had the assignment of photographing the departure of the African Safari.

And while we are giving credit for service "above and beyond the call of duty" let's not forget my wife, **"Chip" Saville**, who let me spend practically every waking minute for seven weeks on the show, without a complaint, while taking over all my household chores. Without her help, the operation might never have become organized at all. She also read nine newspapers per day during the show and clipped all our publicity from them.

Beside the few which have been picked out above for special thanks, there were many NYFA members who worked very hard and who did an excellent job, many of them at considerable personal sacrifice. They were:

Harry Blohm	Bob Ferris	Wally Kent
Walt Cosman	Teddy Gawaylak	Lou Korzeb
Cliff Darling	Annette Goren	Ralph MacBride
Phyllis Darling	Blackie Goren	Sal Matinas
Ed Eckert	Joe Ionone	Ken Miller



Top—Norm Quade, left, and Maurice A. "Blackie" Goren, "stars of radio and television"

Bottom—NYFA range in operation. TIMBER ! ! !

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Wes Robinson	Marge Scerrati	Brian Yeaton
		Eddy Zawadski

Beside the individuals, we had very real backing from several archery companies. **Bear Archery Co.** donated to NYFA: 6 Cub bows, 6 dozen arrows, 100 copies of "Fun With the Bow and Arrow" which were sold to help pay expenses, beside spare strings for the Cubs and literature on fishing with the bow and arrow and how composite bows are made. **Robin Hood Archery Co.** of Montclair, N. J. loaned NYFA: 12 Ben Pearson glass bows, 6 dozen Ben Pearson arrows, 6 T5T tapering and tenning tools. **Sportsmen Accessories** of Beacon, N. Y. donated 6 Plyflex glass bows. **Al Van der Kogel** loaned us 6 Seefab bows for the range. **Sherwood Archery Co.** donated a display of arrows with various types of heads, the use of a 36-jig fletching table, Young feather burner, knurler, a display of bows, printed cards for taking the names and addresses of prospective archers, and supplied all of the arrow making materials and target faces on credit at a very low price.

Our sincere thanks go to each of these dealers for their cooperation.

Beside the activities at the Show, NYFA members were on several radio and television shows. Blackie Goren was interviewed on radio station WNYC on a sports show that went on at 6:30 p. m. Friday, March 4th, opening day of the Show. Norm Quade gave an excellent demonstration of "The Power of the Modern Bow" on Ray Heatherington's "Merry Mailman" show on television, Thursday, March 10th at 6 p. m. Ed Eckert, Tom Overbeck and Walt Gutman gave fine demonstrations of shooting skill on Dave Garroway's "Today" television network show at 8, 9, and 10 a. m. on Monday, March 7th.

The list of Clubs that contributed and financial statements are not available as yet.

Before closing, I would like to make some recommendations for next year's effort. First, someone should be put in charge for next year right (Continued on page 14)



Top—Mrs. Scerrati, Mrs. Goren, and Mrs. Darling, blowing their brains out for NYFA.

Bottom—Niel Nielson, Ed Eckert, Harm Saville, Richard (Softy) Schultz, and George Scerrati

NFAA Releases Big Game Report

Bulletin #5, the National Field Archery Association's letter to secretaries of member clubs which was mailed end of March, contains some interesting statistics. Total number of big game reported taken by NFAA members during 1954 include 299 bucks, 281 does, 39 bear, 24 wild hog, including javelina, 2 coyotes, 4 wildcats, 6 goats, 8 antelope, 1 burro, 1 elk, 4 caribou, 5 moose, 5 South American crocodiles, and 1 cougar.

New York State members of the National accounted for the fourth highest state total in deer killed. With 30 bucks and 16 does, the Empire Statesmen were outscores only by Michigan, Oregon and Wisconsin.

In a survey of tackle used, the popular hunting bow weight is shown to be between 45-60 lbs., with 40 lbs. pretty close to the absolute minimum for men, and 69 lbs. close to the maximum. Preferences of bowhunters for type of bows, types of arrows, and type of arrowheads are also given.

Nationally, 638 hunters reported shooting instinctively; 29 were free stylers. The percentages work out to 95.7 vs. 4.3. Report on the length of shots shows interesting variations between states. In New York and New Jersey, for example, a greater percentage of kills were scored at longer ranges than in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. It's good to bear in mind, though, that any statistics on length of shots are subject to a high degree of error.

Your club secretary will have a copy of the complete report. Worthwhile reading!

African Safariers Return Unscathed

The first African bowhunting safari (modern-day) is history. NYFA's four bowmen are back in Plandome, Schenectady, Rochester and Oneonta. There were close calls but no casualties.

It was hot and it was dry in Africa, and the bowhunters met with some mediocre success. Regrettably, the promised pictures and detailed account of the great adventure were not available at press-time.

One of the highlights of the safari had to do with guns, and not bows and arrows. Three photographers and writers in the group were charged by a five-ton elephant. The French guide-hunter, Jean Gerin, had to put his big 500 express gun into action. After three shots the elephant was still charging. The fourth shot dropped him just 30 yards from where the group had stood before they began to scatter. The elephant was 15 feet high, within eight inches of the record for that section. And pachyderms come big around those parts.

If you should be passing by the Hotel l'Escale in Fort Archambault, just above the equator, by all means stop in. There's a log hanging there with eight arrows in it. Each bears the name of the bowman who shot it.

But if you should be passing by Plandome, Schenectady, Rochester or Oneonta, which is perhaps more likely, better look up Van der Kogel, Travins, Smith or Lockridge, and listen to a first-hand account of the "First African Archery Safari".

Wear the NYFA patch! These red, white and blue patches sell for 50c each, or five for \$2.00. They're available from the NYFA secretary.



NFAA Notes

By Stuart Wilson,
Field Governor



Course Approvals

Silver Bowmen, Perry. (14 targets)
Edwin Culver, Sec., 80 South Main St., Perry
Storm King Archers, Cornwall (14 targets)
Joseph W. Zoldak, Sec., Cornwall
Lucky 13 Archery Club, Spring Valley (twice 14 targets)
John Ambrose, Sec., Spring Valley
Skyline Archery Club, Jamestown (14 targets)
Mrs. Svea Mattson, Rec. Sec., 55 Charles St., Jamestown

New Applications

Camillus Archery Club, Camillus
Harry W. Stone, Sec., 43 North St., Camillus
Falcon Archers, Inc., Auburn
Lillian Marco, Sec., 188 Clark St., Auburn
Central New York Bowmen, Syracuse.
Olive Klaver, Corr, Sec., 209 W. Newell St., Syracuse 5
Bath Bowhunters, Bath
F. E. Derrick, Sec., 1 Delaware Avenue, Bath

Club Names

John Yount calls our attention to the fact that it is very confusing to have more than one club by the same name, especially in the same state. He asks that all new clubs clear their proposed name through his office before its final adoption. As New York is one of the states guilty of such duplication, we pass his request along.

National Tournament

Karl Palmatier, tournament chairman, writes that the eight courses for the national field tournament have been layed out, and work is proceeding on brushing out. He continues as follows:

"The housing chairman reported

on March 19, that she had had about 300 inquiries for housing with housekeeping cabins in the greatest demand. This is way above the usual number. New York State seems to be in the lead. One group from Maryland took over a whole motel. "It is expected that about 500 archers from Michigan will attend. So it looks like a tournament of close to 900. I have ordered materials for 1,200. The membership of the NFAA is now about 14,000. In recent years no tournament has gone over 10% of the membership. It has been closer to 5%. But if the NFAA membership increases this year like it did in the past two years the membership should be 16,000 and 5% of that is 800.

"These courses have been layed



NFAA NOTES (continued)

out by field archers. They are going to be brushed out by archers. We are going to do as little brushing as we can. There must be a chance for the arrow to reach the target. So the brushing upward will be adequate. But we are not going to remove trees. We are just going to brush and trim them up and you are going to shoot down the clear lanes between them. The groups have been instructed to keep a minimum open space to shoot through of $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the target face. This means that at 80 yards you may not have over a three foot wide alley. At 35 feet it would be 9 inches wide. This is not done to make the shooting difficult but to do two things. First, an archer in a national tournament should be able to shoot in the direction of the target. Second, we want to keep the conditions as nearly natural as possible and still have a good chance for a shot."

Make Your Reservations Early

If you are planning to attend the National, send in your reservation now, as apparently space is going fast. Write Housing Chairman Lorraine Oseland, 5513 Johnson Road, RD. 2, Ludington, Michigan. The Stearns Hotel, where most of the officials will be staying, has double rooms from \$7.00 to \$10.00. For other facilities, and rates, see the March issue of *Archery Magazine*, or write Lorraine.

Too Many Awards

NFAA President Jim Kinnee offers the following as reflecting his sentiments, citing the WBH tournament as proof:

"The Wisconsin Bow Hunter's Association conducts one tournament each year and this tournament has established a new record for attendance for the past three years. No tournament in the United States is so widely attended. They give a



championship trophy to the men, women and juniors and medals for the first three places in these divisions. It is my contention that all field archers would be far better off if they competed on handicap basis in all club tournaments and if the NFAA eliminated its system of classification. There are almost as many awards given away at a National as there are butts on the courses.

"Frank D. Kithcart [New Jersey Field Governor] puts it this way: 'I don't know of any other sport or game that gives a prize every time the game is played. Let's try getting archers to shoot for the love of shooting and win for the sake of winning. I don't know what percentage of the archers are "pin-happy" but I'm sure it's mighty small. I'm not a very good shot, but I don't want to try so hard to win that I can't enjoy it. There are a lot of bow hunters here in New Jersey that I am sure would join the N.F.A.A. if we would cut out the target shoot-

Prize Winning Photos

Archery-skiing yet! When Bernard Kolenberg and another archer from the Mayfair club in Albany set out with camera, skis, and bow and arrows to film this graphic story they won themselves first prize in this month's Prize Photo Contest. A dozen arrows, donated by the Sherwood Archery Co., 369 7th Ave., New York, are on their way.

ing and get back to field shooting." End quote. Maybe so, but it's my observation that the only guys who seem to be bored with medals are a few in the higher brackets who already have a hat full. Personally, I'd be real happy to see one coming my way, some fine Sunday afternoon. Been a long time since anything like that happened.

Stuart Wilson, Jr.

CONSERVATION AND BOWHUNTING

by W. A. WIMSATT

Bill Rice, writing for this column in the October 1954 issue of *The Broadhead*, cited some cogent reasons for enlarging the membership of the Conservation and Bowhunting Committee of the NYFA. I should like to submit another that Bill probably forgot to mention; it would provide our chairman, Paul ("the whip") Crouch, with a larger group from which to draw for the writing of this piece, and that lovable old phrase "Your deadline is . . ." would descend like a sword of Damocles over our heads a little less frequently! Certainly I'm being facetious, but there would be, I think, some merit in bringing a larger experience and broader perspective into this column. The four of us currently involved in the enterprise are certainly not the only ones with something to say about conservation and bowhunting. It is perhaps time for other writers to come forward to say other things from a different point of view. Enlarging the committee would therefore not only bring a more rounded geographical representation and the attendant advantages of better discernment and integration of local



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and statewide problems, but would also give this column a fresh, more diversified voice.

There is really no reason why the latter might not be accomplished whether or not enlargement of the committee proves to be practical. It might, for example, be worthwhile now and then to invite contributions to this column by qualified "outsiders", such as Conservation Department officials, teachers of Conservation, Conservation Council members, officials of various special or private Conservation agencies, and even members of the legislative Conservation Committees (not to mention some of our own members), who might from time to time have something to contribute of particular interest to bowhunters or of more general interest. In addition to the worthwhileness of these articles in themselves, they would provide a means of still further improvement of our relations with such agencies and individuals. Most individuals I feel sure would be flattered by an invitation to contribute, and in process of making their contribution would develop a greater awareness of, and sympathy and responsibility for our sport.

I feel it might also be important to give responsible dissidents and critics of archery an opportunity to present their views in the column occasionally. We tend to wipe the mud from our shoes when entering another's bailiwick—especially when we are invited in. An invitation to "tell all" in the bowhunters' own journal could not help but blunt the teeth of the sharpest critic, and would emphasize the sincerity of our determination to give fair and objective consideration to all responsible criticism. I should state

Date	Host Club	Area	NYFA			N. F. A. A.	
			Aprvd. Shoot	Shoot Style	No. Tgts.	Mail Trmmt	20 Pin
April							
17	Kingston Arch Clb (2)	S	*	F&I	56	X	X
17	Central N. Y. Bwmn	C		F&I	28	X	X
17	Sky Line Arch. Club	W	*	F&I	28	X	X
17	Bath Bowhunters	W		F&I	56	X	X
24	Buckskin Bwmn	W		F&I	28	X	X
24	Cooperstown Arch Clb	C		F&I	28	X	X
24	Mayfair Fld A	N		F&I	28		
24	Painted Post F & S	W		F&I	56	X	
24	Orange Archers (3)	S		F&I	56		
May							
1	Lucky 13 Arch Clb	S	*	I	28	X	X
1	Canandaigua Fld A	W		F&I	56	X	X
1	Shirt Tail Archers	M		I	56	X	X
1	Connecticut Hill Fld A	C		F&I	28	X	X
1	Chenango Valley Bwmn	C	*	F&I	28	X	X
8	Maple Hill Bwmn	N		F&I	28	X	X
8	Lenape Bwmn	S		I	56	X	X
8	Painted Post F&S	W		F&I	56	X	
8	Central N. Y. Bwmn (4)	C					
15	Chautauqua Lake Archers	W	*	F&I	28	X	X
15	Tri-Cities Bwmn	C		F&I	28	X	X
15	Bath Bowhunters	W	*	F&I	56	X	X
15	Liberty Arch Clb	S		F&I	56	X	X
22	Blackfeather Bwmn (4)	C		I	28	X	X
22	Mohonk Bwmn (5)	S	*	F&I	56	X	X
22	Canandaigua Fld A	W		F&I	56	X	X
22	Yeoman Arch Clb	M	*	F&I	56	X	X
21-22	Mayfair Fld A	N	*	F&I	56	X	X

in closing this topic that I offer the above proposal more or less to precipitate discussion, and entirely on my own, for I have not consulted in the matter with any of my colleagues on the Conservation and Bowhunting Committee, any one or all of whom may have different ideas on the subject.

All of you who read the elegant March issue of *The Broadhead* are aware that the Conservation Department has agreed to maintain a State Championship Tournament and Public Shooting Range at Connecticut Hill. What you perhaps don't realize is the rapidity with which the State has begun to fulfill its commitment. Paul Kelsey, District Wildlife Manager, is the Conservation Department's "on the scene" representative. In response

to a request by Ruby Lockridge the writer has formed a local committee of NYFA members to work with Paul Kelsey in bringing the agreed-upon plans to fruition. This committee consists of Ken Beck (Pres., Conn. Hill Field Archers), A. L. LaCelle (former NFAA Field Governor), Robert Cameron (Caretaker, Conn. Hill Game Refuge Area) and W. A. Wimsatt, Chairman. It is a pleasure to be able to report that work on the existing range and a new 28-target layout is already well underway. The new 28 has been surveyed, "brushing" operations are underway, and some of the target butts are already installed. As the work proceeds we will keep you informed of its progress. We hope to be able to make the Connecticut Hill facility a model of its kind.

Stumping

NYFA now has sixty chartered clubs. The newcomers are the Sky Line Archery Club, Jamestown, Western area; the Clark Mills Comanches, Clark Mills, Central area; the Racquette Valley Archers, Potsdam, Northern area; the Camillus Archery Club, Camillus, Central area; and the Storm King Archers, Cornwall, Southern area. The Clark Mills Comanches have 24 members, most of whom are working to complete their new 28-target course. The Storm King Archers are 35 members strong. They have a 14-target range.

When the Bath Bowhunters scheduled their first indoor shoot for March 6th, they expected a maximum turnout of about 50. But just to prove that archery is the fastest growing sport, up turned 89 archers from all over Western New York and Pennsylvania. Bath darned near overflowed, to perpetrate a poor pun. With a 56-target invitational going on April 17th, and their NYFA-Approved Shoot set for May 15th, this Western area club is looking forward to a great season.

One hundred twenty Yankee dollars were turned over to their local polio fund by the Lenape Bowmen of Port Jervis following their "First Annual Polio Benefit Shoot" on February 13th. 82 bowmen from 14 clubs contested for "Polio Ribbons" suitably designed for the occasion. The kitty came not only from participants, but from spectators who were permitted to follow the groups over the range after they had dropped their coins in the bucket on the registration desk.

The perfect way to display and preserve your club's NYFA charter is to have it made into a "Permanized" wood plaque. Good, too, for your club's NFAA range approval certificate. This new service is available from Minero-Newcome & Co., 17 Maiden Lane, New York 38, N. Y. And what possibilities it presents for club championship awards!

Enjoyed the hospitality of the Niskayuna Field Archers at their indoor range one wintry evening a few weeks back. The Schenectady club, by any measure, is one of the finest in our Association. Wish one of their many talented members would work up "The Niskayuna Story" which, with pictures and all, would make mighty savory reading.

Bill and Mary Mazar have done it again. This time with a mailing of Locations of Field Courses of NYFA Member Clubs. Addressed to club secretaries, it's sure to be appreciated by tournament travelling toxophilites.

Host clubs for NYFA's five area Spring Shoots (June 12th) are reminded that May issue of THE BROADHEAD will be the last one out before that big event. If you've anything to tell the membership through these columns, get it in by April 30th.

Ticonderoga's Teepee Bowmen were looking forward to opening their 28-target Forest Theater Range as early this month as possible to be ready for the April Mail Tournament. They're very proud, too, of their new neighbors, the Skeen Valley Bowmen, who are newly organized in Whitehall. The latter club expects to start a range layout as soon as weather permits.



Dick Meyer

It might be embarrassing to many of our chartered clubs, if a list of member clubs were printed. Member clubs are those which, having paid their dues, are in good standing, 1955 dues were due January 1st. NYFA secretary Ruby Lockridge would like to hear from the treasurers of the delinquent clubs.

The Robin Hood Archery Company (New Jersey) has just published their new 1955 catalog. It consists of 90 pages of descriptions and illustrations of just about everything in archery tackle. Sells for 50c.

And the Bear Archery Company, of Grayling, Michigan, is out with their new 1955 catalog, 25% larger than the 1954 edition. This 20-page book contains some excellent on-the-scene bowhunting photographs taken by Fred Bear and his companions, together with a series of views portraying many of the steps in the manufacture of Bear bows, arrows, and leather equipment. Among the new items introduced for 1955 are the "Kodiak Special" tournament-

grade bow; a new arrow, called "X-100," making use of compressed Cedar in the shaft; a "convertible quiver" designed for all-purpose use by Fred Bear, and a light weight bow-or-wrist compass. You can get a copy by writing to the company and asking for Catalog 55-9.

Not listed in the official tournament schedule, but an NYFA-Approved shoot just the same, is the April 17th 28-target tournament to be held by the newly affiliated Sky Line Archery Club of Jamestown.

Ernie Hahn from South Bethlehem hopes our mistake is an omen of better things to come. List of Big Game Award Winners in last issue credited Ernie with a buck, which he hastened to advise, was instead a doe.

Patches aren't the only way to identify an archer's club affiliation. If you see X-number of bowmen wearing green Robin Hood hats with large white feather in them, chances are they're High Tor Bowmen from New City.

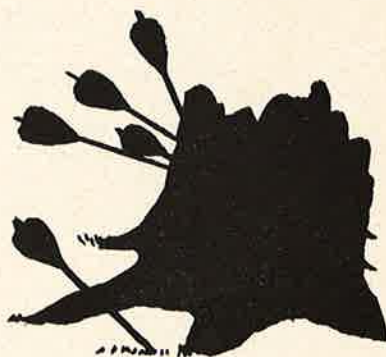
Stumping

The Potic Archery Club, organized just last year, put on a real display at the Hobby Show sponsored by the Athens PTA on March 8th. James Tappen, Charles Frisbee, Ralph Bigelow and Norman Cooper were among the members who explained archery and archery tackle to several hundred interested spectators. Potic's new 14-target field course is sure to get a workout this year.

The Canandaigua Field Archers won't soon forget their first mail tournament of the '55 season. They picked March 27th, and the worst storm of the winter, for the event. Fifty mile an hour gusts of wind, and snow to boot, were the order of the day. Some of the archers reported holding as much as three feet to one side of the butt to make a hit. In the midst of it all, an aeroplane was heard overhead. "Who," asked one of the archers, "Would want to be flying in this kind of weather?" Frank and Albert Allen, Art Rumney and Lew Riley drove down from Connecticut Hill. The Canandaigua tribe wonders if they've made it back home yet.

If there's any doubt in your mind that field archery has become a fully-recognized competitive sport, you've only to scan the sport pages of metropolitan dailies in places like Binghamton, Buffalo, Newburgh, Schenectady, etc. Sportsmen from the Niskayuna area, for example, have been kept posted all winter on the individual and team scores of the Bears, Chucks, Crows, Deer, Foxes, Rabbits, Skunks and Squirrels. At last report the Foxes were leading the pack.

Sunday, March 20th, marked the Grand Opening of the Maple Hill Bowmen's new 90-foot indoor range and club rooms. A 28-target tournament was held with members from surrounding clubs participating. This new range was a spur-of-the-moment opportunity. The Lake Luzerne club started from scratch, with little cash but a lot of nerve on hand, leased an intended bowling alley, and did it by gosh. The archery bug (toxophilitus) is contagious up there. One local restauranter was heard to comment, "I've never seen anything hit a town so hard since Stu Taylor started his badminton courts, thirty years ago."



NEW YORK SPORTS SHOW

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away, and a committee formed. Careful thought will have to be given to who will be the next chairman. Second, a complete campaign should be worked out in cooperation with the show's management and a steady flow of material should be made available to the press. Our press coverage was not good this year.

I wish to thank everyone who helped make the show a success.

F. Harmon Saville

ARCHERY-BOOK OF-THE-MONTH

"*A Crossbowman's Story*" by George Millar is a scholarly work of historical fiction. It tells the story of the Spanish expedition that first descended the Amazon and accomplished the journey from the Pacific to the Atlantic across South America. That was in the sixteenth century.

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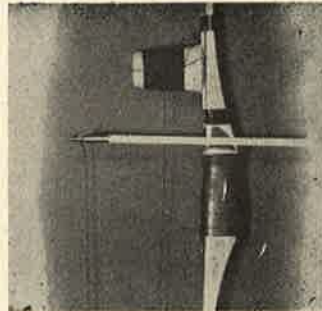
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