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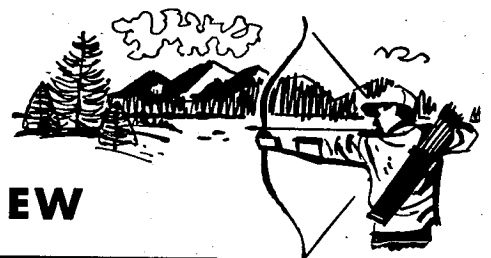
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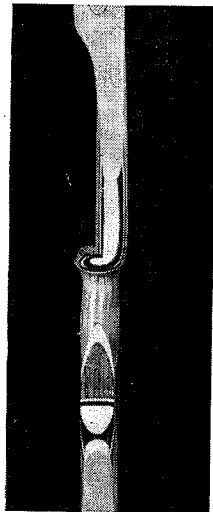
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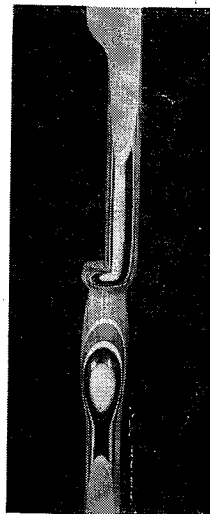
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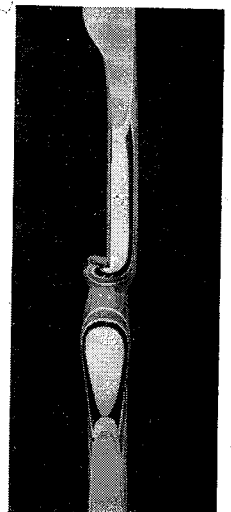
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Last winter's weather was favorable
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Once again—for the third straight year, to be specific—THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER brings you a state-by-state breakdown of the East's deer hunting situation. The information we present comes from our state correspondents, with an assist from game commission officials. Bucks and does are legal unless otherwise noted. If there are any last-second changes, you can bet we'll print them next month. And if *you* have a specific question about some particular state or area, drop us a line and we'll do our best to set you straight.

PENNSYLVANIA

Season: Oct. 4-24. Licenses: Resident, \$3.15 plus \$2.15 archery permit, non-resident, \$20 plus permit. (Permits obtainable from all county treasurers or from Dept. of Revenue, Harrisburg.) Clayt Shenk, EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent in Pennsy, predicts 75,000 to 100,000 bowhunters for the state's longest bow season (and its second for does). Will Johns, editor, *Pennsylvania Game News*, informs us that there are 500,000 deer ready and waiting, and that the '57 bowkill, 1358, should increase. However, warns Will, the lush vegetation resulting from the wet summer may see deer well scattered. Food is extremely abundant, and "concentrations will be the exception rather than the rule." Good areas? In '57, the kill doubled the average for the last five years in Adams, Allegheny, Berks, Lancaster, Montgomery, Snyder and Washington counties. In 22 other counties increases in the harvest up to 74% were recorded; Centre, Blair, Huntingdon, Venango, Clarion, Jefferson, Perry, Dauphin, Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe and Pike were especially good. "It's in these fringe areas that the population has been rapidly increasing and there is an urgent need for more and regular harvests of deer," says Will, who concludes by reminding bowhunters to "maintain the fine record of good conduct, safety and sportsmanship they've set in the past."

NEW JERSEY

Season: Oct. 11-Nov. 7. Licenses: Resident, \$4.15, non-resident, \$15. Bob Degenhardt, EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent for New Jersey tells us that "a huge and ever-growing herd and a lengthened season indicate good prospects for Jersey archers. Herd is estimated at 60,000. Private lands are heavily posted, re-

quiring individual permission. Deer in all counties with exception of Hudson, Essex and Union. Morris, Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Ocean and Burlington counties especially good. During season, you can carry broadhead arrows only. If you miss out, you can hunt with a bow during shotgun period, Dec. 8-13, 3-antlered bucks only. And get this: there'll be a special either-sex season, gun or bow, on Dec. 20 in Cape May Co. and in northern counties n. and w. of U.S. 1, 7 a.m.-5 p.m." And this year, adds Degenhardt, bear are legal game Dec. 8-13.

MICHIGAN

Season: Oct. 1-Nov. 5. Licenses: Resident, \$5, non-resident, \$15. Sunday hunting. For one hot area, see story on page 11. Michigan officials report a deer herd increase due to favorable winter. Plenty of deer in northern counties of lower Michigan and in southern part of state, where deer are larger due to farmlands. Look for more pressure on Upper Peninsula due to new bridge.

VIRGINIA

Season: Oct. 15-Nov. 1 (except where there's a general closed season). Licenses: Resident, \$3.50, plus \$1 deer stamp; non-resident, \$15.75 plus \$2.50 stamp. Gene Limerick, editor of VBA's *Flight*, names the hot spots: "Fort Valley, part national park, part private land, is loaded; it's located at the north end of the Shenandoah Valley. Shenandoah National Park is good, too; you need a \$1 National Forest stamp. One of the best places in Virginia is Camp A. P. Hill; write the Commanding Officer, Camp A. P. Hill, Bowling Green. I'd say it's the best spot. Of course, Hog Island in the James River is good; Nick Nicolas says he's never seen so many deer. Oct. 1-4, 6-8, 9-11 and 13-15 are the dates. You need a special permit, obtainable by writing the Commission of Game & Inland Fisheries, Box 1642, Richmond. But your request must be in by Sept. 10. 75 hunters are allowed on the island each day; if requests exceed the permit supply, they draw from a hat and notify you by Sept. 20. You can take two deer, one a day. If you miss out, maybe you can hunt Big Levels in the George Washington National Forest, so ask for dates (Ed. Note: not set as we go to press) when you write Richmond. One thing more; there's a new law this year that prohibits carrying firearms while bowhunting."

'58 DEER REPORT

You don't need to trek to wilderness areas for bow-hunting action. Indeed, most herds depend on civilization for browse—one reason numbers have increased so much in recent years. A. Aubrey Bodine made the photo near a farm corn-crib

WEST VIRGINIA

Season: Oct. 17-Jan.3. Licenses: Resident, \$2 plus \$1 bow license, non-resident, \$5. (\$1 National Forest stamp also required on U.S. land). Last month's **EASTERN BOWHUNTER** contained a very detailed report on a state that has become a bowhunting paradise; if you missed it, send 25c for a copy. In general, most of the state is good; Watoga, Cacapon, Lost River, Holly River and Tomlinson Run state parks are open, and so are more than a million acres of Federal and state lands; the German Valley section of Pendleton Co. is not to be overlooked.

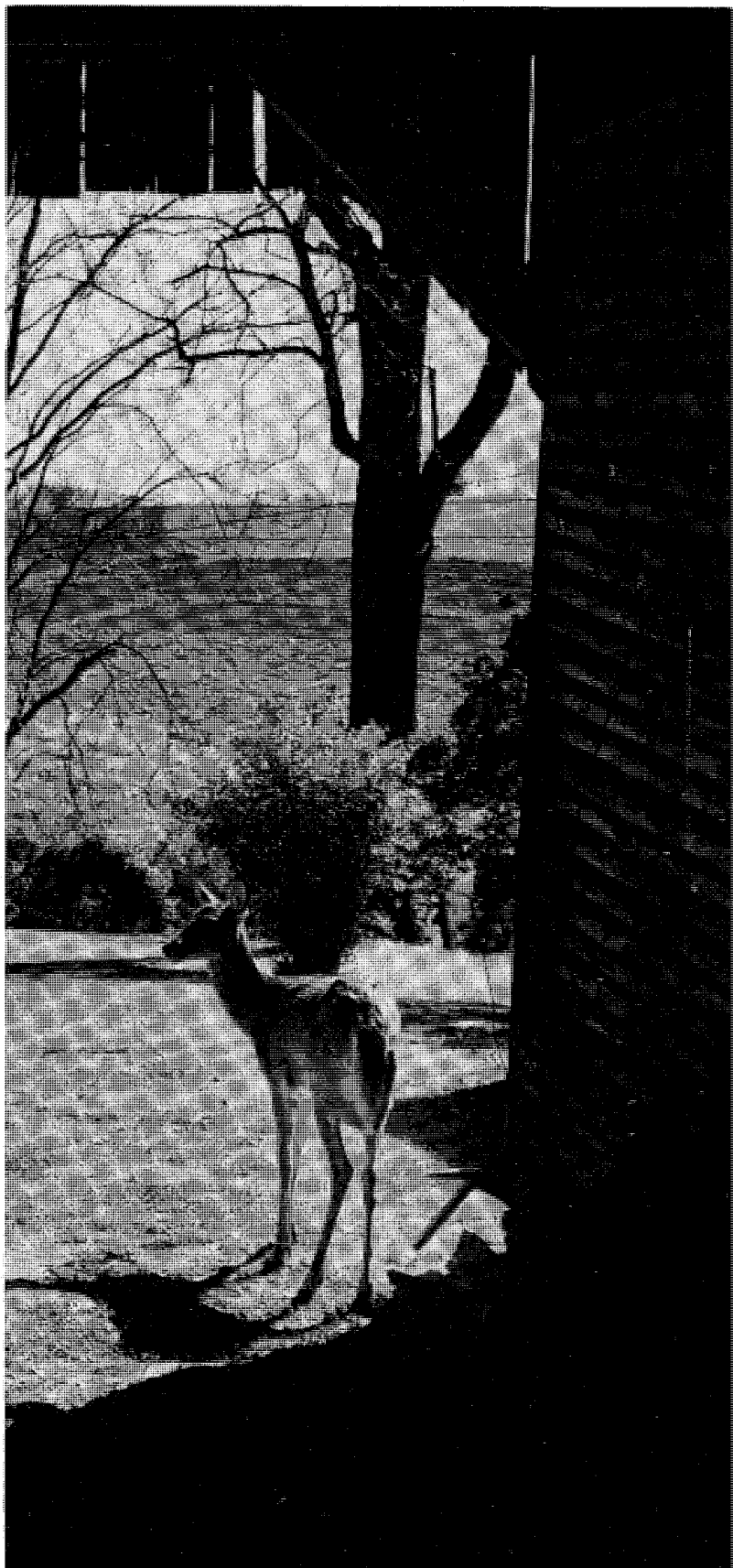
NEW HAMPSHIRE

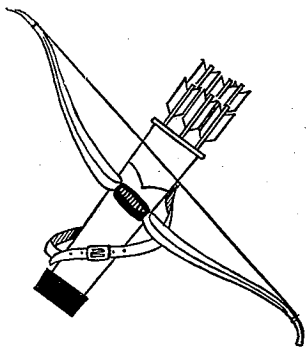
Season: Northern Zone (Coos, Carroll, Grafton counties), Oct. 22-31 and all of Nov. In the Southern Zone, Nov. 21-Nov. 30; Bear Brook State Park, Nov. 10-30. Licenses: Residents with regular licenses may buy a bow-hunting permit, \$2. Non-resident with a state license are charged \$3 for the permit; non-residents not holding a N. H. license may purchase a special one for \$10, allowing them to hunt Bear Brook's 21 days and for 10 days elsewhere. (The regular non-resident license is \$25.25.) Tom Blake, **EASTERN BOWHUNTER** correspondent for New Hampshire, reminds you that Pittsburgh had the highest kill of any town in the state, while Grafton recorded the highest county kill. "Granite State deer are big," says Tom. "A buck taken near the Diamond River in '57 weighed 258 pounds field dressed." Tom suggests you send \$1 to Consolidated Sports Publications, Box 367, Concord, for its "New Hampshire Fishing and Hunting Map-Guide," which pinpoints many fine deer hunting areas.

MARYLAND

Season: Oct. 25-Nov. 14 with local exceptions. Licenses: Resident, \$5, non-resident, \$20. With Garrett Co. open to bowhunters for the first time, there'll be plenty of action; if you know a gun-hunter familiar with hot spots there, talk to him. The Eastern Shore continues to get better and better, and the deer there are the biggest in the state. Newark, Ocean City and the Pocomoke State Forest are reported better than ever; farmers, who consider deer as pests, report more in the fields than last year.

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PUBLICITY: A PROGRESS REPORT

Some months ago, you'll recall, we printed an editorial about archery's lack of publicity. We attempted to analyze the reasons why there's been so little of it, and our conclusions, we feel, were valid ones: archery as we know it today is still very new and, compared to many other participant sports, still small. And most important of all, organized archery has, in the past, almost completely neglected the question of public relations.

Things are changing. In the last few months, thanks to some serious thought and a lot of hard work, archery has come in for a great deal more attention, both on the local and national levels. Nationally, the Archery Manufacturers and Dealers Association (AMADA) retained a public relations firm to publicize the FITA International and the NFAA and NAA championships. The firm's efforts, which included promoting Associated Press coverage of the events, opened a lot of doors. Some newspapers, especially those in areas where archers had previously made themselves known, did a fairly thorough job, and even sports pages of the old order printed a report now and then. This was pioneering work. Having labored on newspapers for years, we can tell you that the average sports editor is a tradition-bound hold-over from the era when "sports" meant only the watching of football, baseball, horse racing and boxing; it's hard to convince the old timers that more Americans would rather be participants than spectators.

The most important result of the publicity is, perhaps, the groundwork that has been laid for future news and feature articles—all of which will gain public acceptance for and participation in archery. The Fred Bear money shoot got into the newspapers, too, and its action was seen in countless homes via TV newsreel coverage. This didn't just happen; it was the result of careful planning on the part of the sponsor.

Locally, some significant public relations moves have been made this summer, and these have added tremendously to the over-all effect. Coz and Jim Cravotta, manufacturers of Blackhawk tackle, are sponsoring a TV show on Altoona's Channel 10, with Harris Breth, a well-known Pennsylvania TV personality, MC-ing. Viewer response has been extremely good, and we understand that a scad of clubs are starting up as a result of the demonstrations and interviews. This is the first weekly archery program we've heard about, and the results prove it to be a good idea.

Archery clubs in increasing numbers have been taking part in county fairs and local carnivals—and some have been staging carnivals of their own. The Maryland Archery Festival, held over the Fourth of July week-end, saw 2000 non-archers attend an event that featured appearances by such luminaries as Merle Wimer and Jay Peake, demonstration team performances and public shooting. As a result, clubs throughout the state have signed brand-new members, with one club receiving 57 inquiries. Again, this success was the result of hard work. The Patapsco Bowmen, sponsors of the Festival, contacted every newspaper in the state and arranged to have its exhibition team appear on Baltimore television. A photographic interview with non-archers who attended the Festival was featured in August's EASTERN BOWHUNTER; you'll remember the enthusiasm the guests expressed.

So the publicity picture seems brighter. The work, of course, has just begun. Hunting season is coming up, and that means some wonderful opportunities for local publicity. Don't overlook them.

It Was Good To Meet You

Our heads are still whirling from the tremendous number of greetings from readers who stopped by our booth at the NFAA National to say hello and comment about the magazine. They came from nearly every state (we had planned to keep track of the different states, but we gave up after the twentieth) from Oregon to Florida, from California to Vermont. Some nice things were said about our display, which featured a giant blow-up of one of our covers—specifically, the cover featuring A. Aubrey Bodine's prize-winning photo showing an archer drawing on a running deer.

And some nice things were said about the magazine, and that pleased us. So did your suggestions and best wishes. If you were one of our readers who said howdy, thanks. As we said before, it was good to meet you!

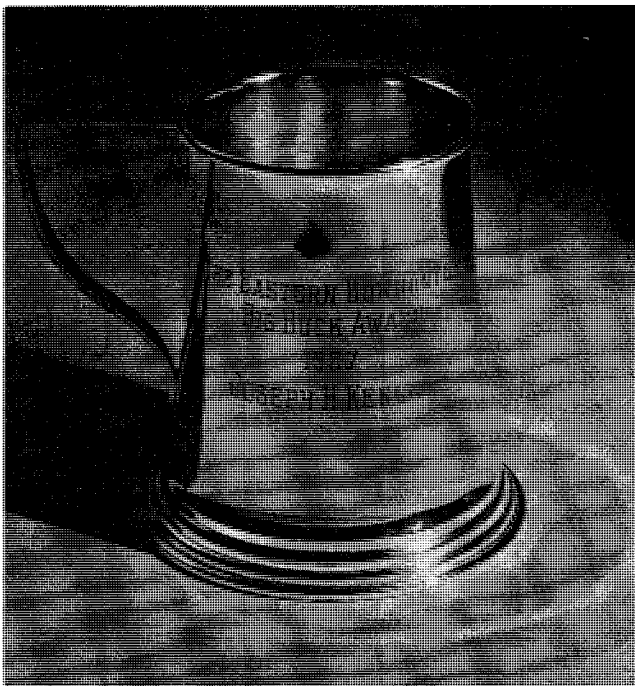
And Coming Up!

Many of the archers who visited the display at the National commented upon the increased size of the magazine. Well, we said, it's getting bigger all the time, and that means even more reading pleasure for you.

Next month, for example, there'll be a beautifully illustrated section explaining the anatomy of a deer. We're sure it will add to your knowledge of wildlife and help you in the hunting field. There'll be other hunting features, too.

What? Club Subscriptions

Yes indeed. And clubs all over the place are finding that our plan adds the ever-loving green to their treasuries. The plan, long in effect, has been favorably revised, so get your secretary to drop us a 3c card so we can send the full details right away. One club made \$48 for itself in no time at all, and yours can, too!



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Eastern Bowhunter's Annual Buck Contest Announced; Two Prizes Will Be Awarded

In 1956, New Hampshire's Dick Marple won the EASTERN BOWHUNTER'S First Annual Big Buck Contest; '57 winner was Joseph Keeler, South Salem, N. Y. That's Joe's trophy you see above. Who will it be in 1958—you?

Our contest is a simple one—outside of getting a big buck, that is. The archer who bags the deer with *longest* and *widest* antlers wins. In case of a tie (last year, Joe's antlers were longer, but Mike Deckman's were wider) we'll name the winner with the greater number of points. If there's still a tie, the circumference of the thickest antler will decide it.

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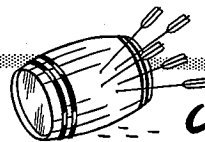
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The Editor's

Arrow Barrel

Why do people succumb to the lure of archery? Why do a bow and a quiver of arrows have such a strong appeal? There are undoubtedly many reasons, and probably some of them are pretty weighty. When you read the story about the NFAA National on the next page, you'll run across a statement by Lon Stanton, the new men's champion. "When you compete in a big shoot," Lon told us, "you're competing against just one archer—yourself."

This, we think, is one of the keys to all this archery enthusiasm—and the enthusiasm Americans are showing for all participant sports. Archery is a highly individual skill and for that reason its rewards are great. At this time of year, with the smell of autumn faint in the air, with the air and the light somehow different and with dusk coming just a little earlier than you'd expect, we begin to think of those moments in the October woods—those pulse-stopping moments when you hear that faint rustle and see a deer's ghost-like form suddenly appear. You are competing against yourself then, just as much as you are competing with the keen instincts of your quarry. Bullfighters (who may have invented the competing-with-yourself phrase) call the important second "the moment of truth"—the moment when a man's heart and a man's skill come to grips with a fate. It is difficult to describe. Some people understand it not at all. Most bowhunters do.

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NFAA Execs Meet at Grayling; New Classification System Set Up, Other Changes Voted

By RAY EYLER

(NFAA Middle Atlantic Regional Executive)

The full NFAA Executive Committee, the men who are elected to run the organization, met after the National and voted to:

1. Establish men's class limits officially thus: 0 to 99, 100 to 174, 175 to 249, 250 to 324, 325 to 399, 400 and up. (After a survey of scores shot by a cross section of the nation it was found that the new class break-down is more realistic than the present one and that the 400 class is more representative of an Open class shooter).

2. Change the present name system to the numbered one. (Ed. Note: Of course you can use the present system if you want, but the numbered set-up will apply for Nationals, and thus it should become universal).

3. Establish new class limits for women—0 to 74, 75 to 124, 125 to 174, 175 to 224, 225 to 274, 275 and up. For the first time, the women have the same number of classes as the men.

4. Rejected the proposal that would combine ages, sexes, styles of shooting. It was felt that the proposal would be more of a detriment than an aid to growth.

5. Moved that the basis of handicap shall be 80% of

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48-year-old Lon Stanton, right, is the new NFAA champion; Left is Joe Fries, who took free style honors with a 2851



1400 Archers Shoot In National; Lou Stanton, Jo McCubbins Win

Biggest NFAA Event Held in Michigan; Fries, Marston Top Free Stylers

With a mighty shout that split the blue Michigan sky, 1400 archers raised their bows aloft—and the National Field Archery Association's 13th championship tournament was ready to roll.

And roll it did. For four days, Michigan's National Guard camp at Grayling was a place of drama, a place of excitement, a place of relaxed good fun. And when it was over, there were a million memories—and a list of new champions.

New men's national champ (under NFAA rules, that means the instinctive winner) is Lon Stanton, a leathery-faced, relaxed and good-natured Missourian who took up archery in 1954 as therapy for a badly broken leg. Some therapy: Lon won the National with a 2707. He racked up 894 in the 56-target field round—including a fantastic 478 for one of the 28's. His hunter round score was 873, his big game tally 940. Second, with a 2687, was Jim White of New Cumberland, West Va., who turned in a 975 big game round. Third was Bob Bohnsack of Dysart, Iowa (2661) and fourth was Joe Martell, Industry, Pa., 2648. Defending champ Jay Peake, who began to come up in the late stages, was fifth with 2644.

Stanton, who made the tournament a vacation outing by bringing his three children along, "had a hunch" he might win. He was mentally prepared for the intense competition. "When you compete in a big shoot," he told *THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER*, "you're competing against just one archer—yourself."

So intense was Stanton's concentration that he repeatedly forgot to pick up his bow when moving from a completed target to the next shooting position. "He forgot his arrows, too," one of the top contenders told us in awe.

Lon shot a 47 lb., 66" Black Widow bow; the 6" feathers on his all-white aluminums were spiralled to an extreme—the result of experimentation in Lon's wood-working factory back home in Lake Ozark, Mo. Like all the front-runners, Lon is a bowhunter, having bagged one deer. (The front-runners, who shot together, talked about nothing but bowhunting while waiting for the signal bombs to start the rounds.)

The lovely California girl on our cover is the new women's champion. She's 23-year-old Jo McCubbins, who held the title in 1956. Until the last day of the tournament, no one gave her a chance; Ann Corby's name was at the top of the scoreboard most of the way, with defending champ Merle Wimer second. Then Jo, who shot a second-place 697 hunter round to creep up, flashed through with an 880 big game round, 60 points more than Ann shot on the animals. Jo's final score was 2219, Ann's 2197, Merle's 2112, Fran Lozon's 2083 and Missourian Joan Curran's 2081.

Jo had very little practice in the weeks preceding the tournaments. And no wonder: she's the mother of three children, six and four years old—and seven months. And Jo and her husband, Frank, own and operate the K-9

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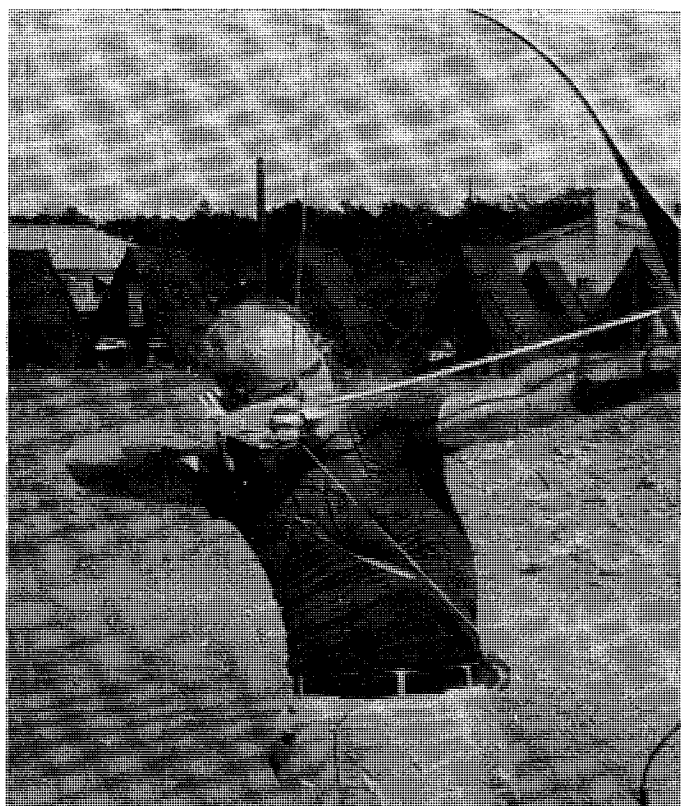


Just name another sport whose women's champions compare to Ann Marston, right photographed after her free-style win, or with Jo McCubbins, who pensively awaits the start of a round. Posted on board above were target by target scores, radioed in via walkie-talkies manned by aides like bowyer Chuck Pierson





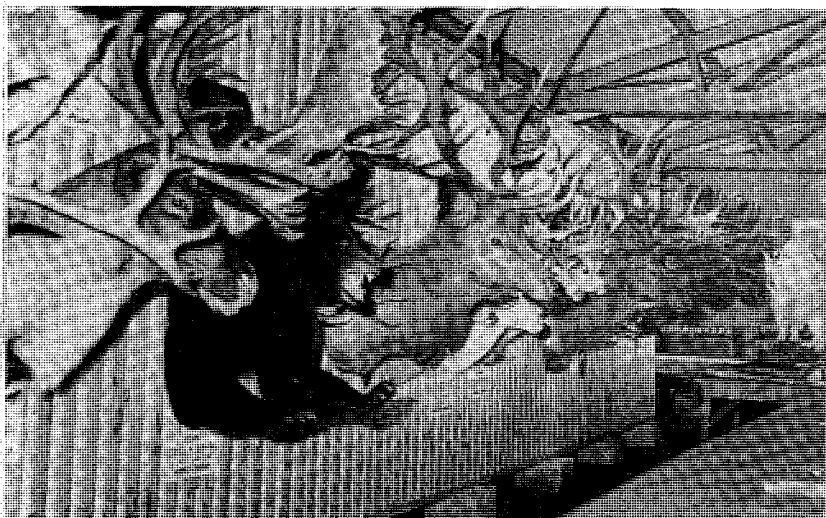
Tournament's top women await start of a round. Fran Lozon sits at left. Tall girl is Joan Curran; in foreground are Ann Corby, Merle Wimer. Below is the display of Boone and Crockett award-winning big game animals killed by archers



Lon Stanton's shooting style. Note combination of tab and glove, and the extreme spiral of three-feather fletching. Bow is a 47 lb. Black Widow. Stanton, who hails from Lake Ozark, Mo., took up bow in 1954 as therapy for broken leg

MODERN HISTORY'S BIGGEST TOURNAMENT REQUIRED 19 COURSES *(Continued)*

Kennels, a sort of Hilton Hotel for dogs in Santa Ana. "I can't shoot in a tournament every week, and I can't even get out in the backyard everyday," she told us. But the slim blonde has the benefit of coaching by one of the



country's top instructors. He's Bob Bennett, who taught former champ Les Speaks how to shoot, too. "I tried to make Jo's infrequent practice sessions really count," said Bennett. "I followed her around her home course, making suggestions, correcting little errors. I figured Jo had a good chance, because mounting pressure doesn't rattle her."

Bennett who runs the Pro Archery Shop, made Jo's bow, a 34 lb. Trophy; she shoots four-fletched arrows, and her arrow-rest is made of Tefron, a greasy plastic used in machine bearings—and on many a California bow.

Men's free style honors went to another Californian, 39-year-old Joe Fries. His victory was Horatio Alger stuff; at the end of the first day, he was in 32nd place, at the end of the second day, fifth. Although few points separated the front free-stylers (Rube Powell, Leo Baldwin, Don Carter) it seemed certain that Fries would not make it. Then, in the final hour of the tournament, the veteran began to move forward; even so, the issue was in doubt until the last handful of targets. It ended up with Fries, who shoots a bow of his own make, out in front by six points (the last round was a big game one, remember). Final score: Fries, 2851, Powell, 2845, Baldwin, 2838, Carter, 2829.

The muscular Fries, who went on to win the Fred Bear money shoot (for that story, see page 15), is a sight man who uses a field anchor; he says he "shoots instinctively, with a sight." Many times the national target champ, he told us that he liked field competition better.

For the women free stylers? Another pretty girl—19-year-old Ann Marston, who led most of the way: compare her 2463 with second-place Cleo Roberson's 2402, Lou Shine's 2295 and Sharlene Sieloff's 2214. As in previous years Ann, whose bow is a Ben Pearson Palamino, was the most photographed competitor; she and

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Michigan Hot Spot— Bois Blanc Island

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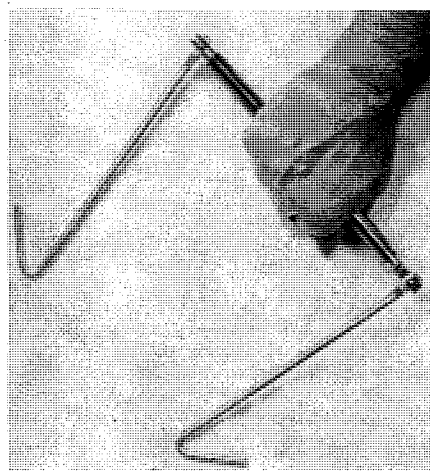
Ever hear of Bois Blanc Island? Probably not, unless you're a Michigan bowhunter, and we'll bet a quiver of sharp broadhead arrows that there are plenty of Michiganders who've never heard of it till now. Yet, according to statistics, deer hunting bowmen on Bois Blanc have enjoyed a 50% success ratio for the past two seasons. That is, if you're one of a party of four bowhunters on the island, two of your group will bring out deer. The island is one of several areas under study by the State Dept. of Conservation and is hunted by comparatively few bowmen.

In '56 there were only 38 archers among the 376 nimrods, and nineteen whitetails fell to their shafts. Last year a total of 436 hunters roamed the island, of whom 58 were using bows and arrows. Again 50%, or 29, of the archers took venison home. This success ratio is probably the highest in the country, with the possible exception of the commercial camps which cater to bowhunters, like the James Ranch and Norm Bigras' Sportsmen's Haven. If you'd like to know more about Bois Blanc Island, contact the Michigan Dept. of Conservation, Game Division, Lansing 26.

Since 1954 the department has been conducting controlled deer hunts in a mile square enclosure elsewhere, in order to compile information on a given hunting pressure on a known deer population. The very revealing results bring out many points of value to hunters and conservationists, the most interesting of which is the fact that the hunter sees a very small percentage of the deer population in an area. Although the shooting was with rifles, the deer hunting dope is applicable to bowhunters too.

The average archer no doubt believes, as we did, that if you turn seven experienced rifle hunters loose in 647 acres with an 11 foot fence around them, the deer won't have a chance. Not so, the survey demonstrates. The seven hunters had a herd of 34 animals to work on within the mile-wide pen—sounds like shooting fish in a barrel, doesn't it? But the summary shows that each man needed more than eight hours of hunting to even *see* a buck. And, believe it or not, in an eight hour day when they were hunting both bucks and does, the hunters saw only 3% of the available bucks; 17% of the available deer. Even

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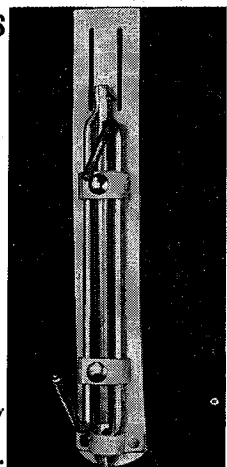
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For the first time in about two centuries Pennsylvanians will hunt buffalo this Fall—only this time instead of settlers using flintlocks, the shooters will be archers warming up for the biggest bow and arrow deer season in Keystone State history. The hunt will be one of the many intriguing features of the second annual Sull-Bow-Buck Bowhunters' Festival, Sept. 19-21, to be held again at the Sullivan County fairgrounds near Forksville. And again this year two wild Russian boars are to be released high on a mountain overlooking spectacular Loyalsock Canyon.

In addition to the imported animals the festival will offer shooting at wild turkey, deer, 'coon and bear—not live animals but realistic, actual-size three dimensional targets that are dead ringers for the real thing. The animals in this Pennsylvania Game Shoot are distributed in natural surroundings through the woods and are arranged in an enlarged shooting course designed to handle many

more people than last year.

During the '57 festival bowmen from several states sharpened their shooting eyes on the running deer target, a unique rig in which a full size whitetail gallops back and forth, dodging a rain of field arrows. The event was so popular that the committee this year will provide a second deer, as well as standing animals representing both big and small game.

On both Friday and Saturday nights there will be 'coon hunts, with dogs and guides provided, and cash prizes for the best hunters. Another evening attraction at the festival, guaranteed to make you ache with impatience to get into the hunting field, is the spotlight tour. Your car will be guided through the Sullivan County valleys and along the ridges, stopping at favorite deer feeding places, where the guide will shine part of the huge local herd. Pennsy hunting licenses, incidentally, are required for hunting 'coon, also for the boar and buff hunts.

An innovation of this year's festival—and a very practical one, too, for bowhunters—will be the animal calling contest. Divided into three categories (varmint, deer and turkey), the calling will be judged by Paul L. Failor, Penna. Game Commission; Roger Latham, outdoor editor of the *Pittsburgh Press*; and Robert Murphy, wildlife editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*. Other items making it hard to pass up the festival are chicken barbecues, a beauty contest, a camping demonstration, square dancing and bowhunting films.

For more information, contact the general chairman, Vell C. Holcombe, of Dushore.

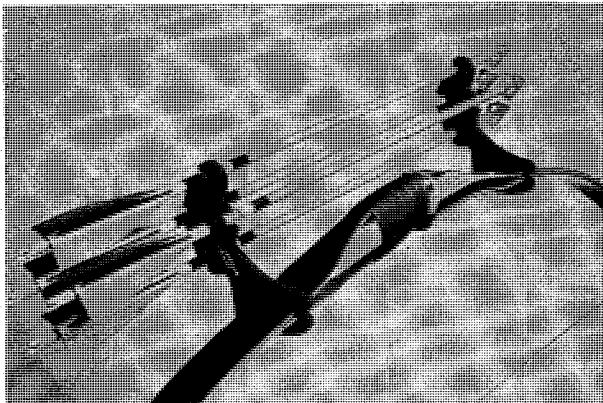
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The photo on this page should tell you why. For Mynter's carp weighed in at 36½ pounds. But let the New Yorker tell the story himself:

"Roy Allen and I had been fishing for pike at Sandy Pond in Lake Ontario when we saw carp rolling on the surface. We put away our rods and got out our carp outfits. We shot six before I saw this lunker lying right below me. I drove my glass arrow right through the backbone, killing the fish immediately.

"I knew she was big, so we towed her ashore and took her home. It was a female, loaded with eggs. She measured 38½" from the nose-tip to the V in the tail. The girth was 27½". I was shooting a 35 lb. Bear Kodiak Special, with a Bear reel and my own fish point."

To Mr. Scott, our congratulations! His carp is a new EASTERN BOWHUNTER record, beating out last year's 35 pounder.

Second place went to a youngster—Chris Wahmann, Teaneck, N. J. Chris nailed his monster at Piermont, N. Y. A 32 pounder, it was bagged with a Wildcat bow, and a glass arrow attached to a Robin Hood reel. Chris tells us he waited until the last minute to send us his entry—because he was after a bigger fish.

Sam Cimadon, of New Britain, Conn., shot a 29 lb. 3 oz. specimen to place third. Sam writes that he bagged his carp in the flooded waters of a brook—and that the carp, hit behind the dorsal fin, nearly pulled him in the water in the ensuing battle that followed. "I finally landed him after getting my feet wet," says Sam, who was shooting a 54 lb. Kodiak Special and a glass arrow tipped with a Fish Slick head.



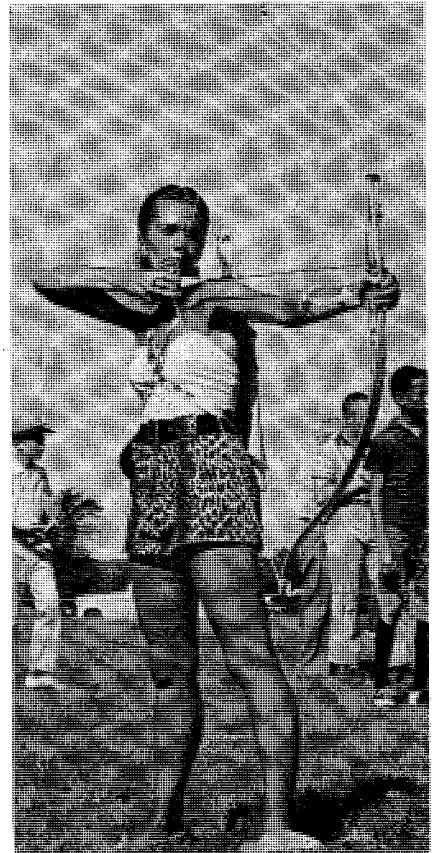
Our old shooting buddy from the '57 National, Dick Sorenson, came in fourth. Dick, also from Connecticut, did the job early in the season, on May 3; the scene was McNeal's Pond, Middletown. Dick's carp weighed 27½ pounds, and we know how he must have felt when the school he describes came his way. Dick was shooting Outdoor Sports and Mohawk tackle.

Pennsylvanian Al Shenk—he lives near Strasburg, in Lancaster Co.—shot a 27 pounder for fifth place; the flooded iron ore mine around which his club's field course—Actorara—is built. Al tells us he shot from a 10 ft. high cliff. A 52 lb. Kodiak, a glass arrow and a Robin Hood reel made up Al's bowfishing tackle. Just behind the Pennsylvanian was Blaine Harne, Rockville,

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Rube Powell, above, aims for money in the Fred Bear \$5000 tournament. Looking on, along with some of an estimated 1000 spectators, is Joe Fries, who won in a brilliant finish to capture the \$2000 purse. Below, a bird's eye view of the scene, and Ann Corby, winner for the gals by a big margin; her share was \$1000



Fred Bear, who sponsored the \$5000 shoot, and Joe Fries, who won it by four points—as the scoreboard, which lists the final scores, shows you. The pioneering tournament took place in an open field at the Michigan National Guard camp near Grayling; a 56-target event, it was shot the day following the NFAA National.



THE FRED BEAR \$5000 TOURNAMENT

FRIES AND CORBY WON IT, 1000 WATCHED IT. HERE'S A FULL REPORT

Have you ever attended a big golf tournament? Or watched one on TV? Either way, you'll recall the scene: the attentive galleries of closely-packed spectators lined up along the roped-off fairways. You'll remember the polite but enthusiastic clapping when a good shot was made, the ooh-ing and ah-ing when a shot just missed.

Substitute top-flight field archers for golfers, brightly-fledged arrows for golf balls and round target mats for greens—and you'll have a pretty good idea of the scene presented by the pioneering Fred Bear \$5000 Invitational Tournament, shot at Grayling, Mich., just a day after the NFAA National.

The 100%-standard NFAA field course was laid out in a sloping, open plain at the Michigan National Guard reservation. Along the rope lines separating the galleries from the shooting lanes were stakes topped by gaily-colored pennants, giving an aspect of a Medieval tourney. Archery has not seen anything like it in modern times.

There were an estimated 1000 spectators; some of them brought chairs and stayed put near one target, while others followed a favorite group of shooters from target to target. It seemed that every spectator was armed with a movie camera, and every camera whirred or buzzed each time an archer drew and aimed. Small children shouted, and from time to time, a loudspeaker boomed out the target by target standings, which had been radioed in by walkie-talkies and posted on the scoreboard. (Atop the

scoreboard was a tree in a tub, its limbs festooned with yellow "money" bags, the prize money amounts displayed on each.)

How did the archers react to the crowds and the noise? Very few of them were bothered—in spite of the ever-present realization that large sums of money, not trophies, were waiting at the end. All the archers signed a paper agreeing not to object to the picture-taking and so on. Most of them were veterans of tournament pressure—and most of them realized they were taking part in writing a new chapter in the archery story.

As you know, the tournament was open to the eight men and the eight women who turned in the highest aggregate scores for the field and hunter rounds shot in the preceding NFAA National, regardless of shooting style. Because the free stylers shot very high scores in the National, few instinctive shooters were eligible, meaning that Lon Stanton and Jo McCubbins did not shoot. All the men were free-stylers, and all the women, too, save Merle Wimer, Fran Lozon and Ann Corby—and in the money tournament, Ann chose to use a sight.

(The provision "regardless of shooting style" seemed to be the only criticism of the tournament on the part of the spectators. If there are future money shoots, a two-division set-up will undoubtedly be discussed. On page 38, Fred Bear comments on the criticisms.)

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So ask farmers for permission! (If you want to camp at Pocomoke, write the State Forester, Pocomoke.) Frederick City watershed sounds promising if you don't mind thick brush and lots of hunting pressure.

MAINE

Season: Northern counties (Androscoggin, Franklin, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset) Oct. 1-20; all others, all of Oct. Licenses: Resident, \$4.25, non-resident, \$10.25. Dot Jones, Maine's EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent, tells us that "the entire state is virtually untapped by bowhunters, and the deer herd, due to ideal food and cover, is increasing. For a state map showing camp areas, write State Highway Commission, Augusta; if you plan to tent out, contact Main Forest Service, Augusta, for detailed info on sites. The area you pick may require a permit, especially in the Allagash region near Pittston Farm, Seboomook and Canada Falls. Good deer hunting around Eustis Ridge, Stratton, Rangley, Moosehead and Sebago Lakes regions. Central portions of the state (Kennebec and Lincoln counties) contain much abandoned farm lands and orchards furnishing ideal feed for a large, healthy herd. Actually, the entire state is good for deer—and you can hunt black bear, coons, bobcats, red fox, snowshoe and cottontail rabbits and gray squirrel. Ruffed grouse, woodcock and pheasant are in season during bowhunting period. Caution: your deer must be inspected by a warden before you check it in at a game station.

VERMONT

Season: Oct. 24-Nov. 11. Licenses: Resident, \$2.25 plus \$1 bowhunting permit, non-resident, \$15 plus \$3.50 permit. (Write to Fish & Game Dept., Montpelier, and they'll send you your license in 48 hrs.) Buzz Bessette, EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent for Vermont, reports: "The southern half of the state is the best bet for any bowhunter although the central area has produced nearly as many kills; there's more open hunting area there, with orchards, alfalfa and clover fields. Windsor and Windham counties lead the state each year in kills with Rutland third. Benson town remains the real action hot-spot—but be sure to get permission before trespassing. (Last year there was a scourge of property damage through the state, and much posting is expected. So it's your duty to ask permission and your duty to respect the

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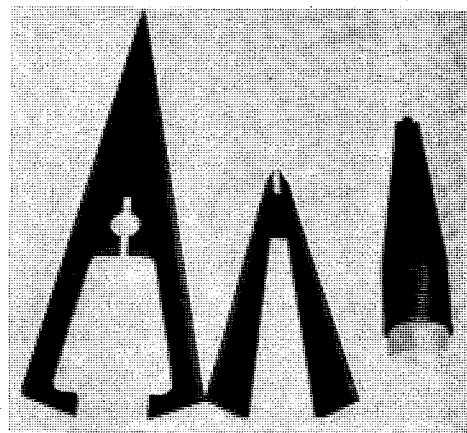
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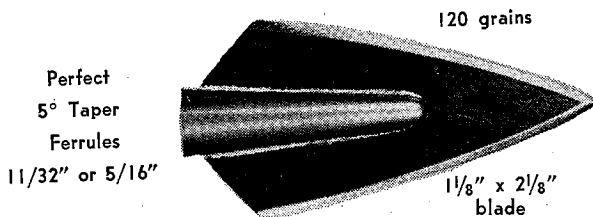
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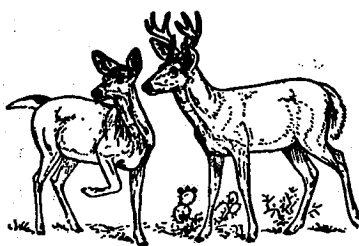
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NORTH CAROLINA

Seasons: Standing Indian, Uwharrie, Daniel Boone and Fox Camp game management areas, Nov. 3-15; Pisgah National Game Reserve and Davidson River areas, Nov. 10-15 (deer and bear); South Mountain, Nov. 3-6. Licenses: Resident, \$4.10, non-resident \$15.50. Sie Graham says Tar Heel bowhunters are jubilant over the declaration of the above public lands as doe as well as buck areas (Sie, who visited the Governor and spent many hours with game officials, should get much of the credit). "These management areas are overstocked with doe, which have never been hunted in most cases. We North Carolina archers invite out-of-staters to hunt with us; there's no more beautiful spot in the U. S. than our western mountains."

CONNECTICUT

Season: Dec. 6-13 on state lands only; from Dec. 1-Jan. 31, deer may be taken "on private lands used for agricultural purposes upon application signed by the owner or leasee of such land and permit issued by the Board of Fisheries & Game. Up to five permits can be issued, one deer to a permit, maximum bag two regardless of number of permits." Licenses: Resident, \$4.35 plus \$5.35 fee, non-resident, \$11.35 plus \$5.35 fee. (Farm land permits

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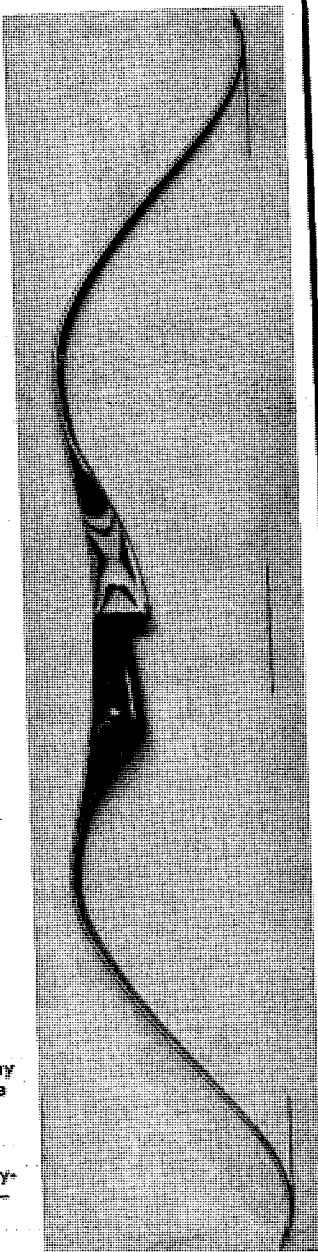
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are \$5.) H. B. Gifford, Connecticut EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent, says that the Board of Fisheries & Game, Hartford, has issued an abstract of the 1958-1959 laws, and this contains a directory of all public-owned land on which bowhunting is permitted; Field Service personnel names and addresses are given. Write for one. Giff points out that 40 lbs. is the bow-weight minimum and that children under 12 are not permitted to hunt; 12 to 16 year-olds may accompany a license-holder over 21, but that such a licensee and minor may take only one deer between them. Last year, Housatonic and Tunxis state forests were hot, and deer were killed in Peoples and Wyantnock forests.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Season: Aug. 15-Jan. 1. Licenses: Resident, \$4.10, non-resident, \$20.25, or a three-day permit, \$2.10. Full details of South Carolina's long and liberal season (you can take *five* bucks!) was given last month; send 25c for a copy if you missed it. The Bull's Island hunt, in the Cape Romaine National Wildlife Refuge, is set for Oct. 6-11, at the Francis Marion Wild Turkey Refuge Dec. 29-Jan. 1.

OHIO

Season: Oct. 15-Dec. 31. Licenses: Resident, \$2.25 plus \$5 deer permit, non-resident, \$15.25 plus \$5 deer permit. Glass arrows may be used, and there's no minimum bow poundage in the Buckeye State. Ben H. Anderson, Enforcement Supervisor, Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, tells us that the state's eastern counties, especially those bordering West Virginia, are the best; in the north, two counties bordering Pennsylvania are good, too, and these are Ashtabula and Trumbull. State wildlife lands promising good hunting are the Auburn Marsh Wildlife Area, Geauga Co., northeast Ohio; Beaver Creek Wildlife Area, Williams Co., north west Ohio; Berlin Reservoir Wildlife Area, in Portage Stark and Mahoning, northeast; Grand River, in Trumbull, and New Lyme in Ashtabula. Sixteen state forests are recommended; these are scattered throughout the state, with many being located in the hot southeastern area. The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District lands, taking in Tuscarawas, Stark, Harrison, Carroll, Coshocton, Belmont, Richland, Ashland, Guernsey, Noble and Muskingum counties, these in the middle eastern part of the state, are also pointed out as being likely bow hunting spots.

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Yanks Beaten In FITA Shoot At World's Fair

**Swedes Win Individual Honors,
But U. S. Women Take Team Title;
Caspers 4th, Cantwell 5th, Doan 20th**

When it came to individual titles, they lost. We're speaking of the six Americans—two men, a boy, three women—who flew to the Brussels World's Fair to shoot as the United States team in the international target tourney sponsored by the FITA—le Fédération Internationale de Tir À l'Arc.

The new World Champions are two Swedes: 40-year-old Stig Thysell and Mrs. Sigrid Johansson, a former Chicagoan. A Finn was second for the men, and English champ Roy Matthews was third; Jim Caspers, Racine, Wisc., was fourth, and 16-year-old Tim Cantwell was fifth. Horald Doan, the other official team member, placed 20th, and O. K. Smathers, '57 world champ (his native state, North Carolina, sent him to Brussels) was 16th.

The women fared better: Ann Corby was second, Carole Meinhart was third and Ann Sevey was fourth. This showing enabled our gals to win the women's team championship; the Finns won the mens'.

What happened to the Yanks? It's obvious they weren't in top form: Caspers, for example, shot a 2253 to win the St. Louis qualifying round, and Stig Thysell's winning score in Brussels, 2101, was far short of that and, for that matter, far short of Cantwell's and Doan's qualifying scores.

For an answer, we asked a man who accompanied the team to Belgium; he's Dick Smith, of the AMADA-

retained public relations firm that helped publicize the tourney. "The Swedes outshot us," says Dick. "That fact remains. So they deserved to win, and our team recognized that with good sportsmanship. Looking at it this way, there aren't any excuses."

But, Dick says, the weather conditions, very familiar to the Swedes, Finns and English, had seldom been encountered by the Americans in competition at home. "It rained off and on every day, and the temperatures ranged from 98 to 50 degrees. And the wind was awful, especially in the bowl-like Heysel Stadium, where the shoot took place. It particularly affected those shooting in the middle of the bowl. The wind was so strong it toppled the pavillion tent behind the shooting line."

We asked a couple of the American participants about their impressions of the great international get-together. Harold Doan was most impressed by the "friendly feeling" that broke down international barriers. "We were all archers together, having a fine time," Doan told us. "There were 15 nations there: you met and swapped notes with archers from South Africa and Luxembourg and Germany and all the rest."

Doan says that *almost 90% of the European archers shot American equipment!* This, he feels, was a result of the 1957 Prague tourney, where the Europeans were introduced to U. S.-made tackle.

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Caroga to Host Jersey State Shoot Sept. 27-28

By BOB DEGENHARDT

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for New Jersey)

A north Jersey field archery club that has made amazing strides in its one-year existence will be host to the State Field Archery Assn. championship, Sept. 27-28, in what may be one of the best tourneys the state has seen in recent years.

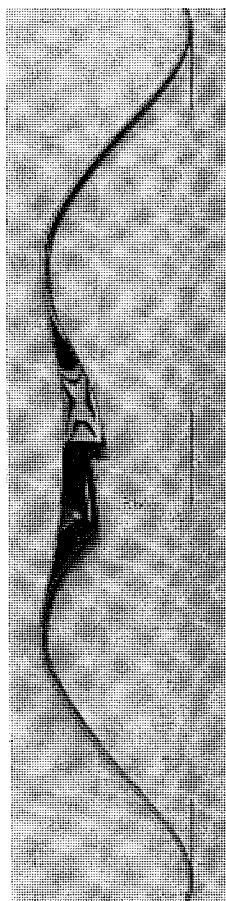
The club, the Caroga Bowmen Assn., started from scratch a year ago with a few members who shared practically no archery experience but plenty of brand-new archery enthusiasm.

Best of all, it has set up the state's first 56-target field course off Westbrook Rd. in Macopin. The course, west of the Wanaque Reservoir, lies in rugged, mountainous terrain in one of the state's most beautiful sections.

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Jersey notes: The New Jersey Bowhunters Assn. championship will feature a 56-target animal round Sept. 21 at the course of the Unami Archers in Portland Rd., Leonardo. The perpetual Ken Hare silver platter will be the prize. One of the interesting features of the Unami course is a huge pile of rocks, purported to be a genuine Indian burial ground. Visiting archers are told that good fortune awaits them if they cast a stone on the mound.



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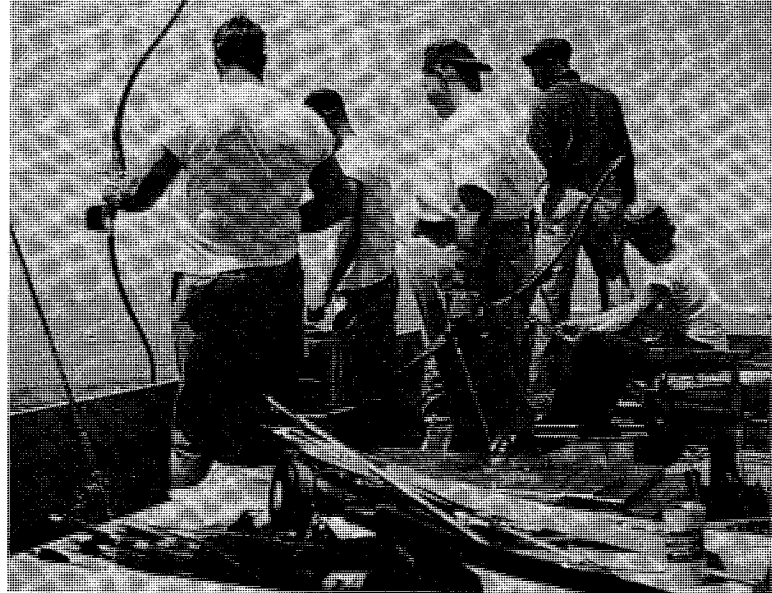
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B. KARL SCHULTZ

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for New York)

Ever bowfish with chopped-up whale meat? That's the best way to lure sharks to your boat for some lightning-hot shooting off Long Island. The chum creates a slick that carries for miles and the undersea monsters cruise in to investigate. Then the mate casts out a line with a bait fish, which brings the sharks right up to the boat. That's when the sport begins for the archer-anglers, one handling the bow while another plays the fighter with deep sea fishing tackle.

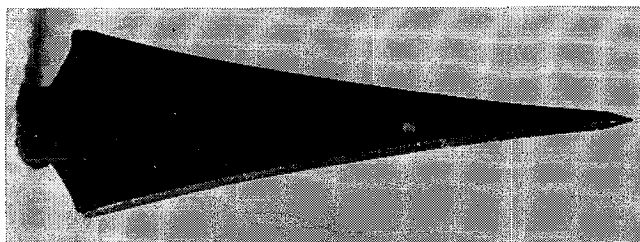
Capt. Frank Mundus, a veteran shark skipper who operates out of Lake Montauk, was sure that he could put a party of bowmen within arrow reach of some blue sharks, maybe even a mako. The latter is to an ordinary shark what a grizzly is to a black bear; he's rough, unpredictable, just plain nasty and a man-eater. Our group—consisting of Charlie John, Bill Bell, Vince Riccardi, Joel Sherman, Eddie Beck, Richie Schultz and the writer—succeeded in boating three big blue sharks. However, we lost at least twelve more, including a mako.



Our main difficulty was a lack of experience in the proper equipment for battling a nine-foot-long shark. We found that fish arrows designed primarily for carp are unsuitable for creatures as tough-skinned as sharks. We learned also that for this kind of game three bladed broadheads lack penetration quality compared to two bladed ones. I believe the best weapon for sharks is a long, four inch, two bladed all metal point, at least two inches wide; it should have long barbs and weigh at least 180 grains. Secured to a solid glass shaft and connected to #10 Monel wire line, this arrow will allow plenty of penetration and tremendous holding power.

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By CAPT. JIM PURDY

A reader has written in asking for the solution to a tent care problem which every experienced camper runs into sooner or later. It's a problem for which I can't give a pat answer, namely this: since it's important not to pack or stow a tent when wet or damp; what does one do when, after a night of rain or a heavy morning dew, he is forced by schedule to hit the trail?

The danger of storing or packing a tent, clothing or sleeping bags when they're damp is that mildew may set in, resulting in the beginning of rot. While it appears as simply a harmless looking scattering of small black spots, mildew is a mold which thrives with dampness, dirt and darkness, and should be taken care of at once. The ideal way, of course, is to air and dry your gear before packing, but, as mentioned above, this isn't always possible. As soon as the opportunity presents itself, unfold the tent and pitch it. If you've come home, do this in your back yard, preferably where plenty of sun and air will reach the fabric. If you're still traveling, stop an hour or so early and dry your equipment in a sunny, open place. The situation that I can't lick, however, is where you're faced with several rainy days in a row.

After your tent is pitched in the sun and your sleeping bag and clothes are hanging, let them dry for an hour or more; then, with a medium stiff brush go over every inch of cloth, especially around the stitching where the fabric is doubled or folded. Remove the mildew and brush away any dirt, both inside and out. If you can't take off the little black or dark gray spots, mix salt and lemon juice, applying the mixture to the spotted area. Then bleach in the sun again for as long as possible.

When your tent is new, the original waterproofing will usually present a degree of resistance to mildew. Depending on how often you use your rig and how it's stored when not in use, you should from time to time give it an extra coat of waterproofing. You can mix your own by dissolving paraffin in turpentine. There's no need to worry, once the tent is completely dry, about the inflammatory quality of turpentine. I've found that commercial waterproofing compounds are relatively inexpensive and



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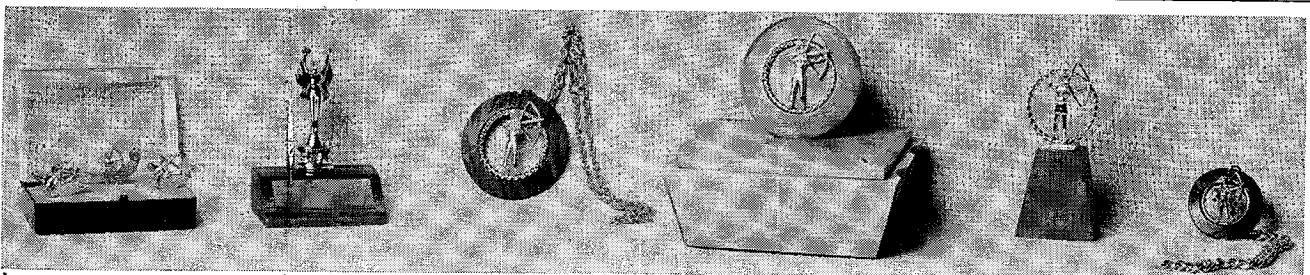
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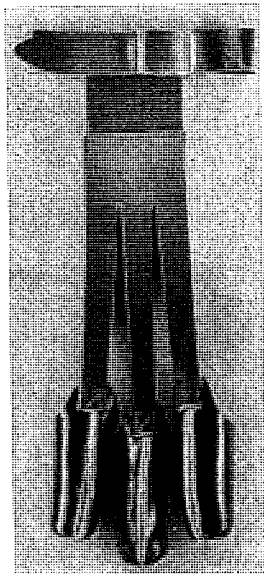
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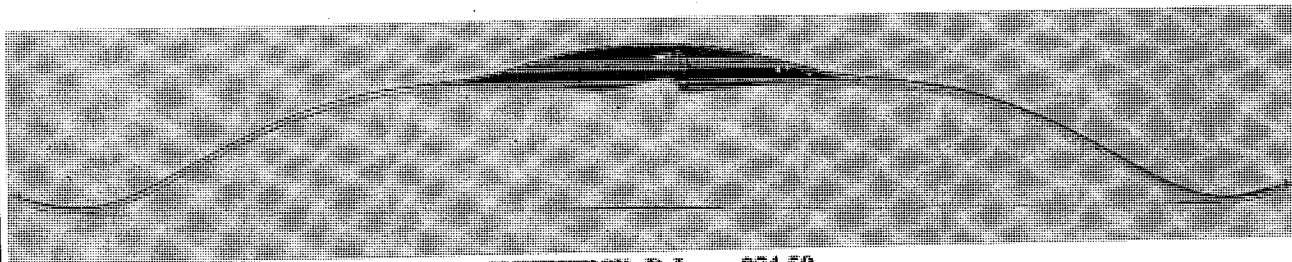
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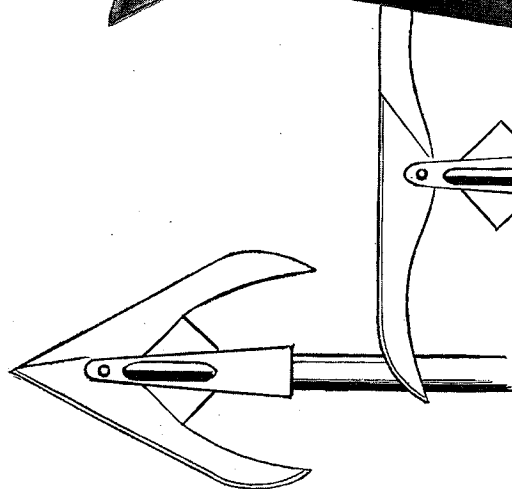
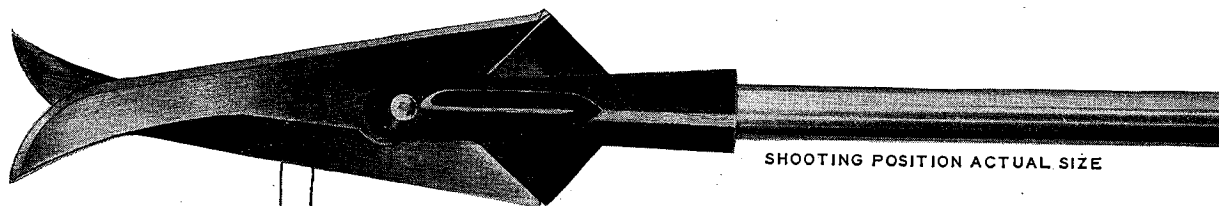
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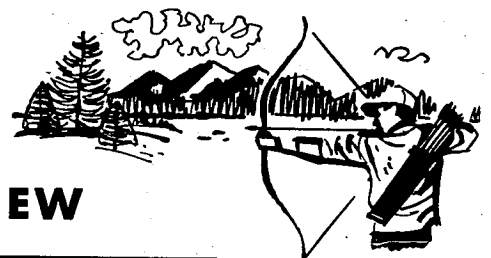
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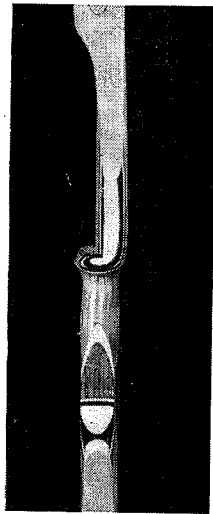
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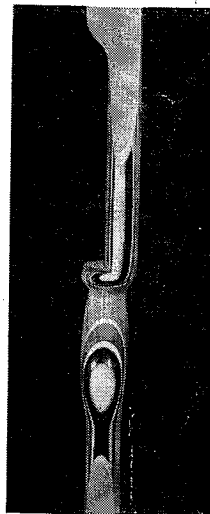
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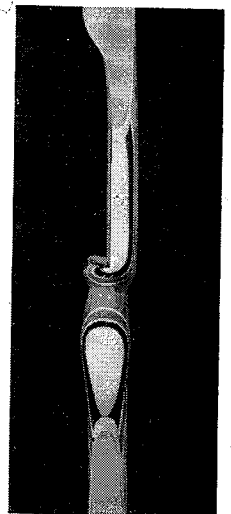
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Once again—for the third straight year, to be specific—THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER brings you a state-by-state breakdown of the East's deer hunting situation. The information we present comes from our state correspondents, with an assist from game commission officials. Bucks and does are legal unless otherwise noted. If there are any last-second changes, you can bet we'll print them next month. And if *you* have a specific question about some particular state or area, drop us a line and we'll do our best to set you straight.

PENNSYLVANIA

Season: Oct. 4-24. Licenses: Resident, \$3.15 plus \$2.15 archery permit, non-resident, \$20 plus permit. (Permits obtainable from all county treasurers or from Dept. of Revenue, Harrisburg.) Clayt Shenk, EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent in Pennsy, predicts 75,000 to 100,000 bowhunters for the state's longest bow season (and its second for does). Will Johns, editor, *Pennsylvania Game News*, informs us that there are 500,000 deer ready and waiting, and that the '57 bowkill, 1358, should increase. However, warns Will, the lush vegetation resulting from the wet summer may see deer well scattered. Food is extremely abundant, and "concentrations will be the exception rather than the rule." Good areas? In '57, the kill doubled the average for the last five years in Adams, Allegheny, Berks, Lancaster, Montgomery, Snyder and Washington counties. In 22 other counties increases in the harvest up to 74% were recorded; Centre, Blair, Huntingdon, Venango, Clarion, Jefferson, Perry, Dauphin, Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe and Pike were especially good. "It's in these fringe areas that the population has been rapidly increasing and there is an urgent need for more and regular harvests of deer," says Will, who concludes by reminding bowhunters to "maintain the fine record of good conduct, safety and sportsmanship they've set in the past."

NEW JERSEY

Season: Oct. 11-Nov. 7. Licenses: Resident, \$4.15, non-resident, \$15. Bob Degenhardt, EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent for New Jersey tells us that "a huge and ever-growing herd and a lengthened season indicate good prospects for Jersey archers. Herd is estimated at 60,000. Private lands are heavily posted, re-

quiring individual permission. Deer in all counties with exception of Hudson, Essex and Union. Morris, Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Ocean and Burlington counties especially good. During season, you can carry broadhead arrows only. If you miss out, you can hunt with a bow during shotgun period, Dec. 8-13, 3-antlered bucks only. And get this: there'll be a special either-sex season, gun or bow, on Dec. 20 in Cape May Co. and in northern counties n. and w. of U.S. 1, 7 a.m.-5 p.m." And this year, adds Degenhardt, bear are legal game Dec. 8-13.

MICHIGAN

Season: Oct. 1-Nov. 5. Licenses: Resident, \$5, non-resident, \$15. Sunday hunting. For one hot area, see story on page 11. Michigan officials report a deer herd increase due to favorable winter. Plenty of deer in northern counties of lower Michigan and in southern part of state, where deer are larger due to farmlands. Look for more pressure on Upper Peninsula due to new bridge.

VIRGINIA

Season: Oct. 15-Nov. 1 (except where there's a general closed season). Licenses: Resident, \$3.50, plus \$1 deer stamp; non-resident, \$15.75 plus \$2.50 stamp. Gene Limerick, editor of VBA's *Flight*, names the hot spots: "Fort Valley, part national park, part private land, is loaded; it's located at the north end of the Shenandoah Valley. Shenandoah National Park is good, too; you need a \$1 National Forest stamp. One of the best places in Virginia is Camp A. P. Hill; write the Commanding Officer, Camp A. P. Hill, Bowling Green. I'd say it's the best spot. Of course, Hog Island in the James River is good; Nick Nicolas says he's never seen so many deer. Oct. 1-4, 6-8, 9-11 and 13-15 are the dates. You need a special permit, obtainable by writing the Commission of Game & Inland Fisheries, Box 1642, Richmond. But your request must be in by Sept. 10. 75 hunters are allowed on the island each day; if requests exceed the permit supply, they draw from a hat and notify you by Sept. 20. You can take two deer, one a day. If you miss out, maybe you can hunt Big Levels in the George Washington National Forest, so ask for dates (Ed. Note: not set as we go to press) when you write Richmond. One thing more; there's a new law this year that prohibits carrying firearms while bowhunting."

'58 DEER REPORT

You don't need to trek to wilderness areas for bow-hunting action. Indeed, most herds depend on civilization for browse—one reason numbers have increased so much in recent years. A. Aubrey Bodine made the photo near a farm corn-crib

WEST VIRGINIA

Season: Oct. 17-Jan. 3. Licenses: Resident, \$2 plus \$1 bow license, non-resident, \$5. (\$1 National Forest stamp also required on U.S. land). Last month's *EASTERN BOWHUNTER* contained a very detailed report on a state that has become a bowhunting paradise; if you missed it, send 25c for a copy. In general, most of the state is good; Watoga, Cacapon, Lost River, Holly River and Tomlinson Run state parks are open, and so are more than a million acres of Federal and state lands; the German Valley section of Pendleton Co. is not to be overlooked.

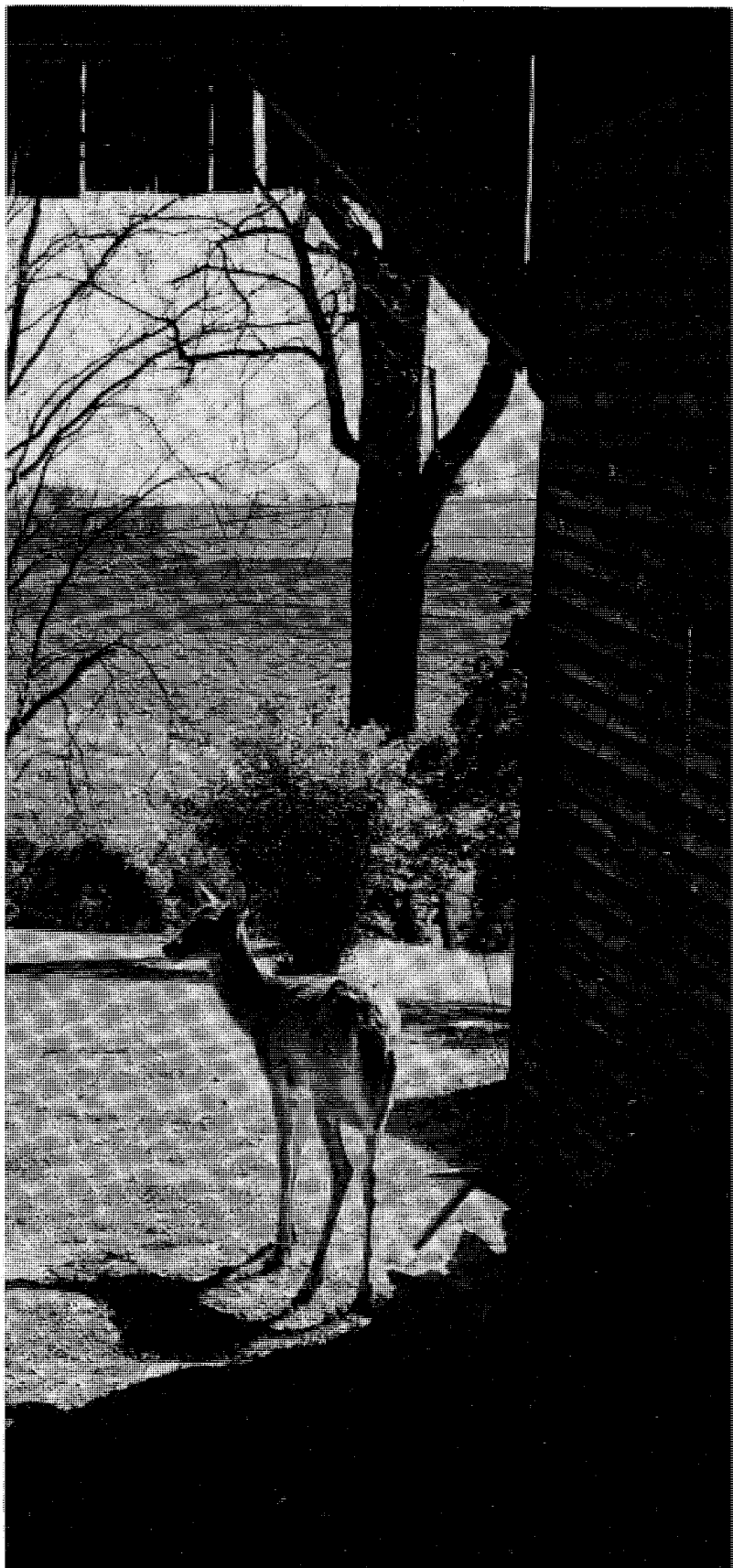
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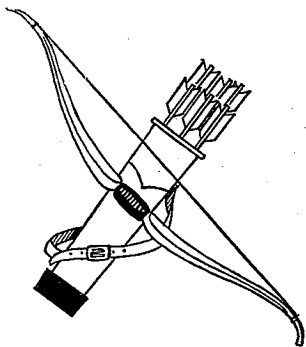
Season: Northern Zone (Coos, Carroll, Grafton counties), Oct. 22-31 and all of Nov. In the Southern Zone, Nov. 21-Nov. 30; Bear Brook State Park, Nov. 10-30. Licenses: Residents with regular licenses may buy a bowhunting permit, \$2. Non-resident with a state license are charged \$3 for the permit; non-residents not holding a N. H. license may purchase a special one for \$10, allowing them to hunt Bear Brook's 21 days and for 10 days elsewhere. (The regular non-resident license is \$25.25.) Tom Blake, *EASTERN BOWHUNTER* correspondent for New Hampshire, reminds you that Pittsburgh had the highest kill of any town in the state, while Grafton recorded the highest county kill. "Granite State deer are big," says Tom. "A buck taken near the Diamond River in '57 weighed 258 pounds field dressed." Tom suggests you send \$1 to Consolidated Sports Publications, Box 367, Concord, for its "New Hampshire Fishing and Hunting Map-Guide," which pinpoints many fine deer hunting areas.

MARYLAND

Season: Oct. 25-Nov. 14 with local exceptions. Licenses: Resident, \$5, non-resident, \$20. With Garrett Co. open to bowhunters for the first time, there'll be plenty of action; if you know a gun-hunter familiar with hot spots there, talk to him. The Eastern Shore continues to get better and better, and the deer there are the biggest in the state. Newark, Ocean City and the Pocomoke State Forest are reported better than ever; farmers, who consider deer as pests, report more in the fields than last year.

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PUBLICITY: A PROGRESS REPORT

Some months ago, you'll recall, we printed an editorial about archery's lack of publicity. We attempted to analyze the reasons why there's been so little of it, and our conclusions, we feel, were valid ones: archery as we know it today is still very new and, compared to many other participant sports, still small. And most important of all, organized archery has, in the past, almost completely neglected the question of public relations.

Things are changing. In the last few months, thanks to some serious thought and a lot of hard work, archery has come in for a great deal more attention, both on the local and national levels. Nationally, the Archery Manufacturers and Dealers Association (AMADA) retained a public relations firm to publicize the FITA International and the NFAA and NAA championships. The firm's efforts, which included promoting Associated Press coverage of the events, opened a lot of doors. Some newspapers, especially those in areas where archers had previously made themselves known, did a fairly thorough job, and even sports pages of the old order printed a report now and then. This was pioneering work. Having labored on newspapers for years, we can tell you that the average sports editor is a tradition-bound hold-over from the era when "sports" meant only the watching of football, baseball, horse racing and boxing; it's hard to convince the old timers that more Americans would rather be participants than spectators.

The most important result of the publicity is, perhaps, the groundwork that has been laid for future news and feature articles—all of which will gain public acceptance for and participation in archery. The Fred Bear money shoot got into the newspapers, too, and its action was seen in countless homes via TV newsreel coverage. This didn't just happen; it was the result of careful planning on the part of the sponsor.

Locally, some significant public relations moves have been made this summer, and these have added tremendously to the over-all effect. Coz and Jim Cravotta, manufacturers of Blackhawk tackle, are sponsoring a TV show on Altoona's Channel 10, with Harris Breth, a well-known Pennsylvania TV personality, MC-ing. Viewer response has been extremely good, and we understand that a scad of clubs are starting up as a result of the demonstrations and interviews. This is the first weekly archery program we've heard about, and the results prove it to be a good idea.

Archery clubs in increasing numbers have been taking part in county fairs and local carnivals—and some have been staging carnivals of their own. The Maryland Archery Festival, held over the Fourth of July week-end, saw 2000 non-archers attend an event that featured appearances by such luminaries as Merle Wimer and Jay Peake, demonstration team performances and public shooting. As a result, clubs throughout the state have signed brand-new members, with one club receiving 57 inquiries. Again, this success was the result of hard work. The Patapsco Bowmen, sponsors of the Festival, contacted every newspaper in the state and arranged to have its exhibition team appear on Baltimore television. A photographic interview with non-archers who attended the Festival was featured in August's EASTERN BOWHUNTER; you'll remember the enthusiasm the guests expressed.

So the publicity picture seems brighter. The work, of course, has just begun. Hunting season is coming up, and that means some wonderful opportunities for local publicity. Don't overlook them.

It Was Good To Meet You

Our heads are still whirling from the tremendous number of greetings from readers who stopped by our booth at the NFAA National to say hello and comment about the magazine. They came from nearly every state (we had planned to keep track of the different states, but we gave up after the twentieth) from Oregon to Florida, from California to Vermont. Some nice things were said about our display, which featured a giant blow-up of one of our covers—specifically, the cover featuring A. Aubrey Bodine's prize-winning photo showing an archer drawing on a running deer.

And some nice things were said about the magazine, and that pleased us. So did your suggestions and best wishes. If you were one of our readers who said howdy, thanks. As we said before, it was good to meet you!

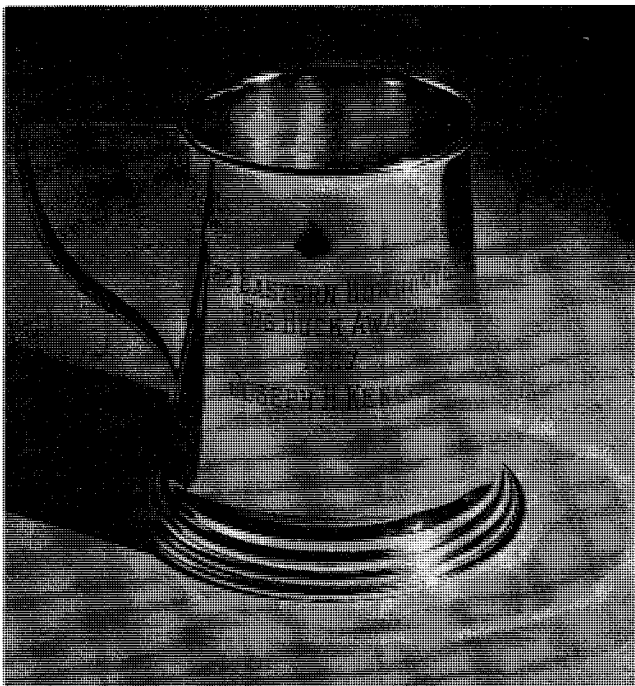
And Coming Up!

Many of the archers who visited the display at the National commented upon the increased size of the magazine. Well, we said, it's getting bigger all the time, and that means even more reading pleasure for you.

Next month, for example, there'll be a beautifully illustrated section explaining the anatomy of a deer. We're sure it will add to your knowledge of wildlife and help you in the hunting field. There'll be other hunting features, too.

What? Club Subscriptions

Yes indeed. And clubs all over the place are finding that our plan adds the ever-loving green to their treasuries. The plan, long in effect, has been favorably revised, so get your secretary to drop us a 3c card so we can send the full details right away. One club made \$48 for itself in no time at all, and yours can, too!



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Eastern Bowhunter's Annual Buck Contest Announced; Two Prizes Will Be Awarded

In 1956, New Hampshire's Dick Marple won the EASTERN BOWHUNTER'S First Annual Big Buck Contest; '57 winner was Joseph Keeler, South Salem, N. Y. That's Joe's trophy you see above. Who will it be in 1958—you?

Our contest is a simple one—outside of getting a big buck, that is. The archer who bags the deer with *longest* and *widest* antlers wins. In case of a tie (last year, Joe's antlers were longer, but Mike Deckman's were wider) we'll name the winner with the greater number of points. If there's still a tie, the circumference of the thickest antler will decide it.

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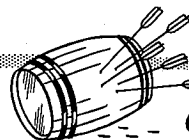
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The Editor's

Arrow Barrel

Why do people succumb to the lure of archery? Why do a bow and a quiver of arrows have such a strong appeal? There are undoubtedly many reasons, and probably some of them are pretty weighty. When you read the story about the NFAA National on the next page, you'll run across a statement by Lon Stanton, the new men's champion. "When you compete in a big shoot," Lon told us, "you're competing against just one archer—yourself."

This, we think, is one of the keys to all this archery enthusiasm—and the enthusiasm Americans are showing for all participant sports. Archery is a highly individual skill and for that reason its rewards are great. At this time of year, with the smell of autumn faint in the air, with the air and the light somehow different and with dusk coming just a little earlier than you'd expect, we begin to think of those moments in the October woods—those pulse-stopping moments when you hear that faint rustle and see a deer's ghost-like form suddenly appear. You are competing against yourself then, just as much as you are competing with the keen instincts of your quarry. Bullfighters (who may have invented the competing-with-yourself phrase) call the important second "the moment of truth"—the moment when a man's heart and a man's skill come to grips with a fate. It is difficult to describe. Some people understand it not at all. Most bowhunters do.

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NFAA Execs Meet at Grayling; New Classification System Set Up, Other Changes Voted

By RAY EYLER

(NFAA Middle Atlantic Regional Executive)

The full NFAA Executive Committee, the men who are elected to run the organization, met after the National and voted to:

1. Establish men's class limits officially thus: 0 to 99, 100 to 174, 175 to 249, 250 to 324, 325 to 399, 400 and up. (After a survey of scores shot by a cross section of the nation it was found that the new class break-down is more realistic than the present one and that the 400 class is more representative of an Open class shooter).

2. Change the present name system to the numbered one. (Ed. Note: Of course you can use the present system if you want, but the numbered set-up will apply for Nationals, and thus it should become universal).

3. Establish new class limits for women—0 to 74, 75 to 124, 125 to 174, 175 to 224, 225 to 274, 275 and up. For the first time, the women have the same number of classes as the men.

4. Rejected the proposal that would combine ages, sexes, styles of shooting. It was felt that the proposal would be more of a detriment than an aid to growth.

5. Moved that the basis of handicap shall be 80% of

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48-year-old Lon Stanton, right, is the new NFAA champion; Left is Joe Fries, who took free style honors with a 2851



1400 Archers Shoot In National; Lou Stanton, Jo McCubbins Win

Biggest NFAA Event Held in Michigan; Fries, Marston Top Free Stylers

With a mighty shout that split the blue Michigan sky, 1400 archers raised their bows aloft—and the National Field Archery Association's 13th championship tournament was ready to roll.

And roll it did. For four days, Michigan's National Guard camp at Grayling was a place of drama, a place of excitement, a place of relaxed good fun. And when it was over, there were a million memories—and a list of new champions.

New men's national champ (under NFAA rules, that means the instinctive winner) is Lon Stanton, a leathery-faced, relaxed and good-natured Missourian who took up archery in 1954 as therapy for a badly broken leg. Some therapy: Lon won the National with a 2707. He racked up 894 in the 56-target field round—including a fantastic 478 for one of the 28's. His hunter round score was 873, his big game tally 940. Second, with a 2687, was Jim White of New Cumberland, West Va., who turned in a 975 big game round. Third was Bob Bohnsack of Dysart, Iowa (2661) and fourth was Joe Martell, Industry, Pa., 2648. Defending champ Jay Peake, who began to come up in the late stages, was fifth with 2644.

Stanton, who made the tournament a vacation outing by bringing his three children along, "had a hunch" he might win. He was mentally prepared for the intense competition. "When you compete in a big shoot," he told *THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER*, "you're competing against just one archer—yourself."

So intense was Stanton's concentration that he repeatedly forgot to pick up his bow when moving from a completed target to the next shooting position. "He forgot his arrows, too," one of the top contenders told us in awe.

Lon shot a 47 lb., 66" Black Widow bow; the 6" feathers on his all-white aluminums were spiralled to an extreme—the result of experimentation in Lon's wood-working factory back home in Lake Ozark, Mo. Like all the front-runners, Lon is a bowhunter, having bagged one deer. (The front-runners, who shot together, talked about nothing but bowhunting while waiting for the signal bombs to start the rounds.)

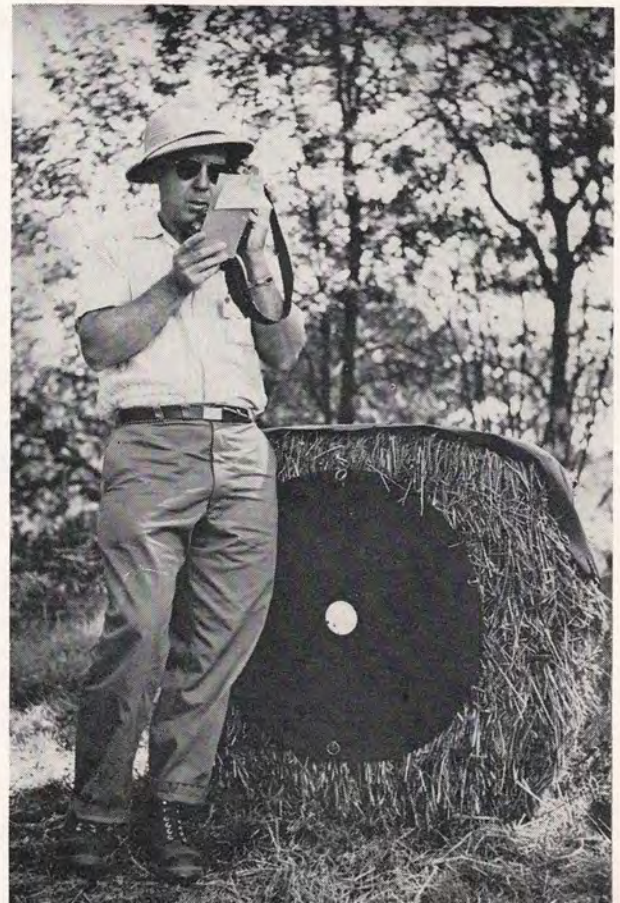
The lovely California girl on our cover is the new women's champion. She's 23-year-old Jo McCubbins, who held the title in 1956. Until the last day of the tournament, no one gave her a chance; Ann Corby's name was at the top of the scoreboard most of the way, with defending champ Merle Wimer second. Then Jo, who shot a second-place 697 hunter round to creep up, flashed through with an 880 big game round, 60 points more than Ann shot on the animals. Jo's final score was 2219, Ann's 2197, Merle's 2112, Fran Lozon's 2083 and Missourian Joan Curran's 2081.

Jo had very little practice in the weeks preceding the tournaments. And no wonder: she's the mother of three children, six and four years old—and seven months. And Jo and her husband, Frank, own and operate the K-9

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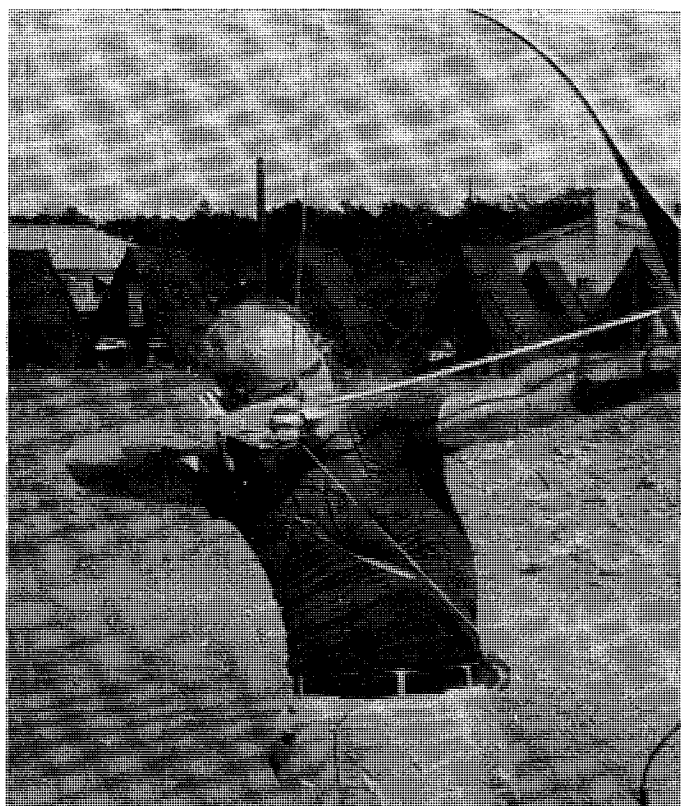


Just name another sport whose women's champions compare to Ann Marston, right photographed after her free-style win, or with Jo McCubbins, who pensively awaits the start of a round. Posted on board above were target by target scores, radioed in via walkie-talkies manned by aides like bowyer Chuck Pierson





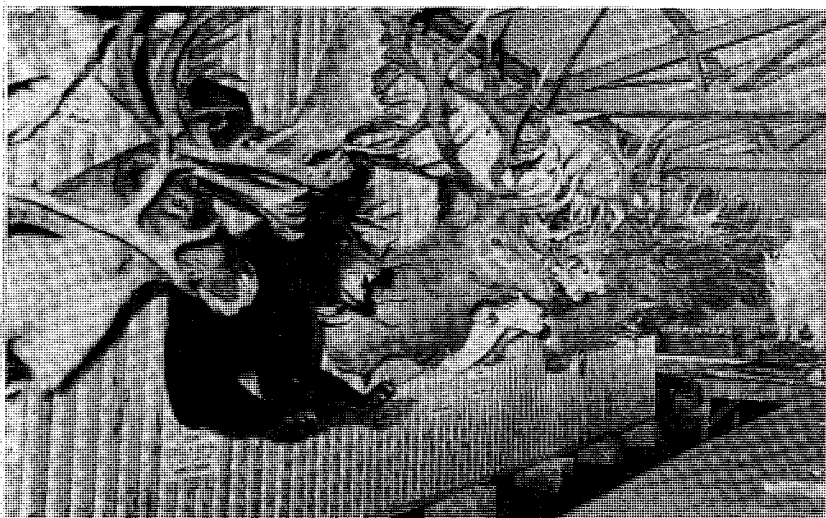
Tournament's top women await start of a round. Fran Lozon sits at left. Tall girl is Joan Curran; in foreground are Ann Corby, Merle Wimer. Below is the display of Boone and Crockett award-winning big game animals killed by archers



Lon Stanton's shooting style. Note combination of tab and glove, and the extreme spiral of three-feather fletching. Bow is a 47 lb. Black Widow. Stanton, who hails from Lake Ozark, Mo., took up bow in 1954 as therapy for broken leg

MODERN HISTORY'S BIGGEST TOURNAMENT REQUIRED 19 COURSES *(Continued)*

Kennels, a sort of Hilton Hotel for dogs in Santa Ana. "I can't shoot in a tournament every week, and I can't even get out in the backyard everyday," she told us. But the slim blonde has the benefit of coaching by one of the



country's top instructors. He's Bob Bennett, who taught former champ Les Speaks how to shoot, too. "I tried to make Jo's infrequent practice sessions really count," said Bennett. "I followed her around her home course, making suggestions, correcting little errors. I figured Jo had a good chance, because mounting pressure doesn't rattle her."

Bennett who runs the Pro Archery Shop, made Jo's bow, a 34 lb. Trophy; she shoots four-fletched arrows, and her arrow-rest is made of Tefron, a greasy plastic used in machine bearings—and on many a California bow.

Men's free style honors went to another Californian, 39-year-old Joe Fries. His victory was Horatio Alger stuff; at the end of the first day, he was in 32nd place, at the end of the second day, fifth. Although few points separated the front free-stylers (Rube Powell, Leo Baldwin, Don Carter) it seemed certain that Fries would not make it. Then, in the final hour of the tournament, the veteran began to move forward; even so, the issue was in doubt until the last handful of targets. It ended up with Fries, who shoots a bow of his own make, out in front by six points (the last round was a big game one, remember). Final score: Fries, 2851, Powell, 2845, Baldwin, 2838, Carter, 2829.

The muscular Fries, who went on to win the Fred Bear money shoot (for that story, see page 15), is a sight man who uses a field anchor; he says he "shoots instinctively, with a sight." Many times the national target champ, he told us that he liked field competition better.

For the women free stylers? Another pretty girl—19-year-old Ann Marston, who led most of the way: compare her 2463 with second-place Cleo Roberson's 2402, Lou Shine's 2295 and Sharlene Sieloff's 2214. As in previous years Ann, whose bow is a Ben Pearson Palamino, was the most photographed competitor; she and

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Michigan Hot Spot— Bois Blanc Island

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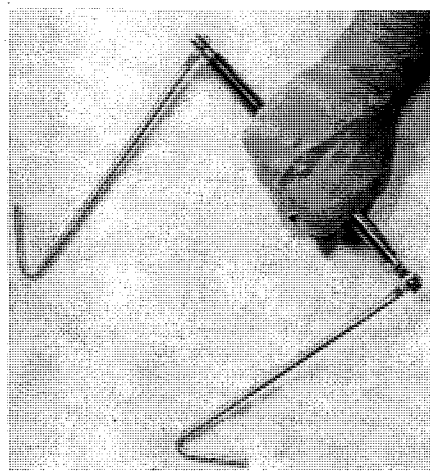
Ever hear of Bois Blanc Island? Probably not, unless you're a Michigan bowhunter, and we'll bet a quiver of sharp broadhead arrows that there are plenty of Michiganders who've never heard of it till now. Yet, according to statistics, deer hunting bowmen on Bois Blanc have enjoyed a 50% success ratio for the past two seasons. That is, if you're one of a party of four bowhunters on the island, two of your group will bring out deer. The island is one of several areas under study by the State Dept. of Conservation and is hunted by comparatively few bowmen.

In '56 there were only 38 archers among the 376 nimrods, and nineteen whitetails fell to their shafts. Last year a total of 436 hunters roamed the island, of whom 58 were using bows and arrows. Again 50%, or 29, of the archers took venison home. This success ratio is probably the highest in the country, with the possible exception of the commercial camps which cater to bowhunters, like the James Ranch and Norm Bigras' Sportsmen's Haven. If you'd like to know more about Bois Blanc Island, contact the Michigan Dept. of Conservation, Game Division, Lansing 26.

Since 1954 the department has been conducting controlled deer hunts in a mile square enclosure elsewhere, in order to compile information on a given hunting pressure on a known deer population. The very revealing results bring out many points of value to hunters and conservationists, the most interesting of which is the fact that the hunter sees a very small percentage of the deer population in an area. Although the shooting was with rifles, the deer hunting dope is applicable to bowhunters too.

The average archer no doubt believes, as we did, that if you turn seven experienced rifle hunters loose in 647 acres with an 11 foot fence around them, the deer won't have a chance. Not so, the survey demonstrates. The seven hunters had a herd of 34 animals to work on within the mile-wide pen—sounds like shooting fish in a barrel, doesn't it? But the summary shows that each man needed more than eight hours of hunting to even *see* a buck. And, believe it or not, in an eight hour day when they were hunting both bucks and does, the hunters saw only 3% of the available bucks; 17% of the available deer. Even

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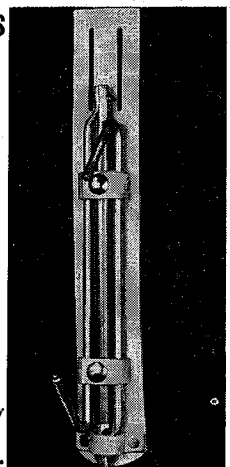
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Buffalo Hunt to Be Feature of Pennsy Bowhunters' Festival

For the first time in about two centuries Pennsylvanians will hunt buffalo this Fall—only this time instead of settlers using flintlocks, the shooters will be archers warming up for the biggest bow and arrow deer season in Keystone State history. The hunt will be one of the many intriguing features of the second annual Sull-Bow-Buck Bowhunters' Festival, Sept. 19-21, to be held again at the Sullivan County fairgrounds near Forksville. And again this year two wild Russian boars are to be released high on a mountain overlooking spectacular Loyalsock Canyon.

In addition to the imported animals the festival will offer shooting at wild turkey, deer, 'coon and bear—not live animals but realistic, actual-size three dimensional targets that are dead ringers for the real thing. The animals in this Pennsylvania Game Shoot are distributed in natural surroundings through the woods and are arranged in an enlarged shooting course designed to handle many

more people than last year.

During the '57 festival bowmen from several states sharpened their shooting eyes on the running deer target, a unique rig in which a full size whitetail gallops back and forth, dodging a rain of field arrows. The event was so popular that the committee this year will provide a second deer, as well as standing animals representing both big and small game.

On both Friday and Saturday nights there will be 'coon hunts, with dogs and guides provided, and cash prizes for the best hunters. Another evening attraction at the festival, guaranteed to make you ache with impatience to get into the hunting field, is the spotlight tour. Your car will be guided through the Sullivan County valleys and along the ridges, stopping at favorite deer feeding places, where the guide will shine part of the huge local herd. Pennsy hunting licenses, incidentally, are required for hunting 'coon, also for the boar and buff hunts.

An innovation of this year's festival—and a very practical one, too, for bowhunters—will be the animal calling contest. Divided into three categories (varmint, deer and turkey), the calling will be judged by Paul L. Failor, Penna. Game Commission; Roger Latham, outdoor editor of the *Pittsburgh Press*; and Robert Murphy, wildlife editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*. Other items making it hard to pass up the festival are chicken barbecues, a beauty contest, a camping demonstration, square dancing and bowhunting films.

For more information, contact the general chairman, Vell C. Holcombe, of Dushore.

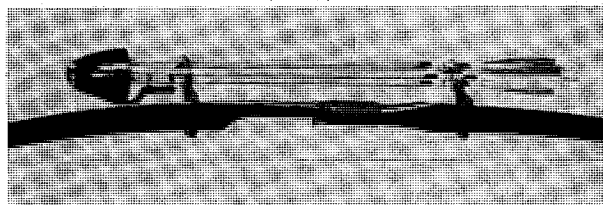
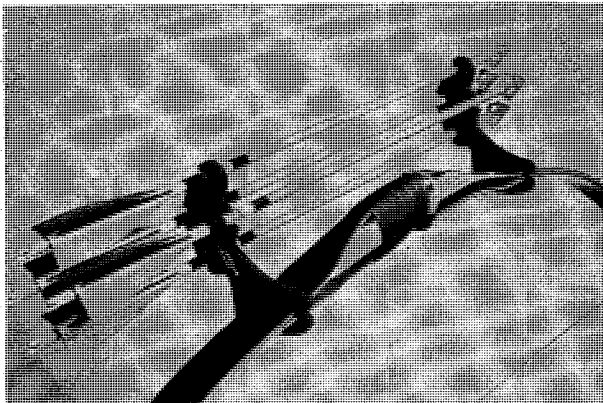
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The photo on this page should tell you why. For Mynter's carp weighed in at 36½ pounds. But let the New Yorker tell the story himself:

"Roy Allen and I had been fishing for pike at Sandy Pond in Lake Ontario when we saw carp rolling on the surface. We put away our rods and got out our carp outfits. We shot six before I saw this lunker lying right below me. I drove my glass arrow right through the backbone, killing the fish immediately.

"I knew she was big, so we towed her ashore and took her home. It was a female, loaded with eggs. She measured 38½" from the nose-tip to the V in the tail. The girth was 27½". I was shooting a 35 lb. Bear Kodiak Special, with a Bear reel and my own fish point."

To Mr. Scott, our congratulations! His carp is a new EASTERN BOWHUNTER record, beating out last year's 35 pounder.

Second place went to a youngster—Chris Wahmann, Teaneck, N. J. Chris nailed his monster at Piermont, N. Y. A 32 pounder, it was bagged with a Wildcat bow, and a glass arrow attached to a Robin Hood reel. Chris tells us he waited until the last minute to send us his entry—because he was after a bigger fish.

Sam Cimadon, of New Britain, Conn., shot a 29 lb. 3 oz. specimen to place third. Sam writes that he bagged his carp in the flooded waters of a brook—and that the carp, hit behind the dorsal fin, nearly pulled him in the water in the ensuing battle that followed. "I finally landed him after getting my feet wet," says Sam, who was shooting a 54 lb. Kodiak Special and a glass arrow tipped with a Fish Slick head.



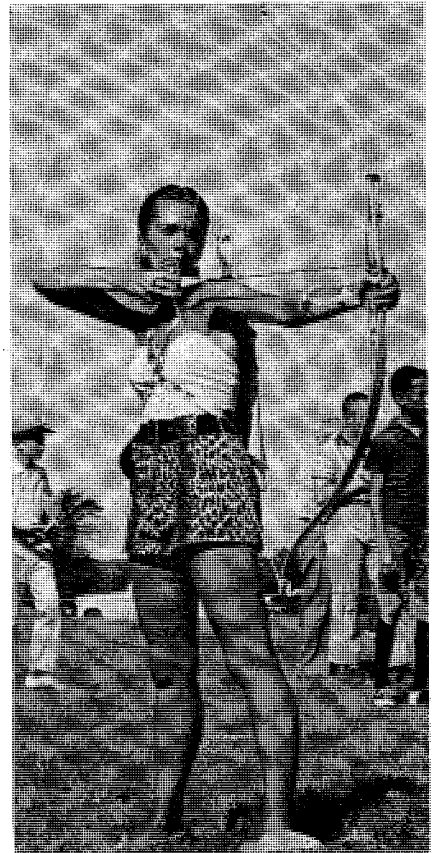
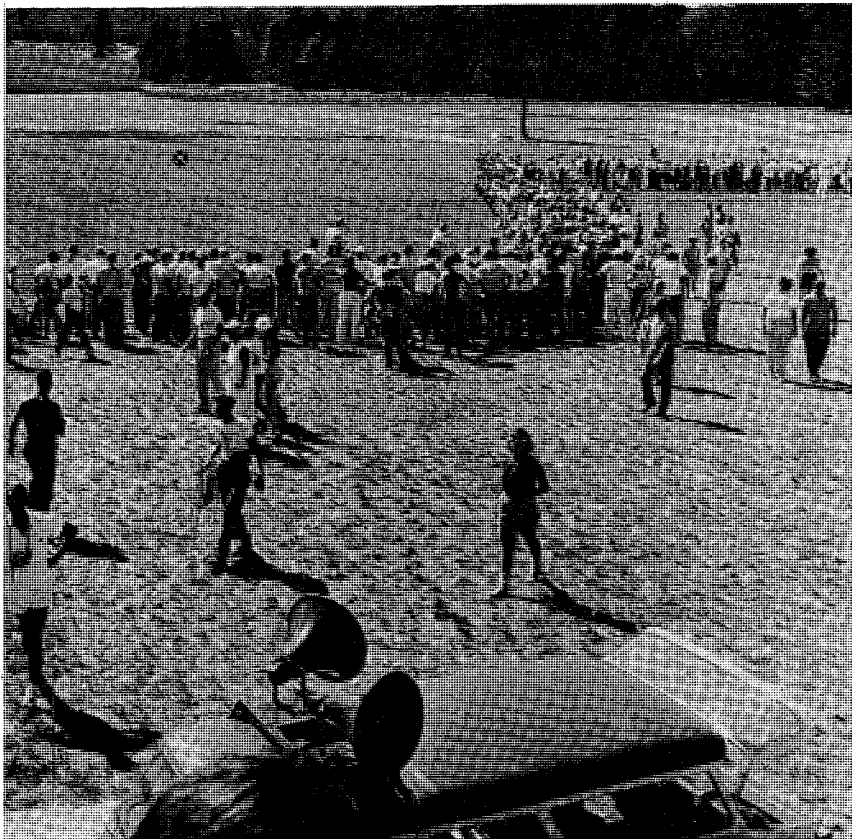
Our old shooting buddy from the '57 National, Dick Sorenson, came in fourth. Dick, also from Connecticut, did the job early in the season, on May 3; the scene was McNeal's Pond, Middletown. Dick's carp weighed 27½ pounds, and we know how he must have felt when the school he describes came his way. Dick was shooting Outdoor Sports and Mohawk tackle.

Pennsylvanian Al Shenk—he lives near Strasburg, in Lancaster Co.—shot a 27 pounder for fifth place; the flooded iron ore mine around which his club's field course—Actorara—is built. Al tells us he shot from a 10 ft. high cliff. A 52 lb. Kodiak, a glass arrow and a Robin Hood reel made up Al's bowfishing tackle. Just behind the Pennsylvanian was Blaine Harne, Rockville,

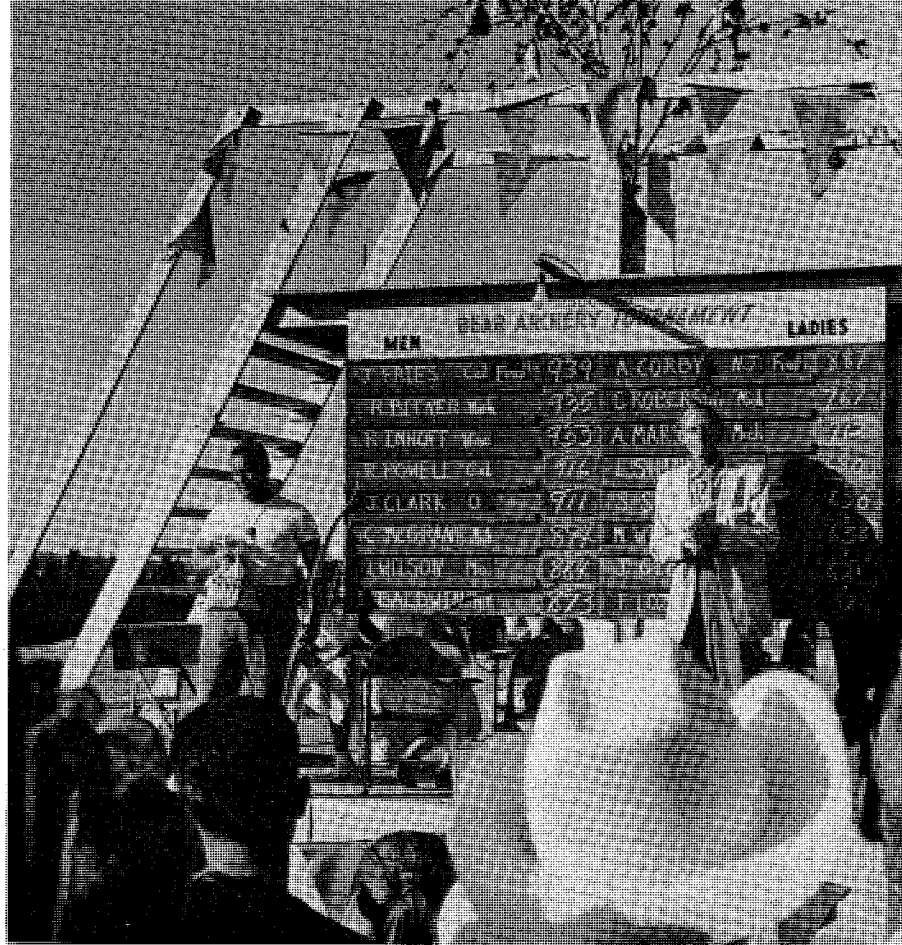
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Rube Powell, above, aims for money in the Fred Bear \$5000 tournament. Looking on, along with some of an estimated 1000 spectators, is Joe Fries, who won in a brilliant finish to capture the \$2000 purse. Below, a bird's eye view of the scene, and Ann Corby, winner for the gals by a big margin; her share was \$1000



Fred Bear, who sponsored the \$5000 shoot, and Joe Fries, who won it by four points—as the scoreboard, which lists the final scores, shows you. The pioneering tournament took place in an open field at the Michigan National Guard camp near Grayling; a 56-target event, it was shot the day following the NFAA National.



THE FRED BEAR \$5000 TOURNAMENT

FRIES AND CORBY WON IT, 1000 WATCHED IT. HERE'S A FULL REPORT

Have you ever attended a big golf tournament? Or watched one on TV? Either way, you'll recall the scene: the attentive galleries of closely-packed spectators lined up along the roped-off fairways. You'll remember the polite but enthusiastic clapping when a good shot was made, the ooh-ing and ah-ing when a shot just missed.

Substitute top-flight field archers for golfers, brightly-fledged arrows for golf balls and round target mats for greens—and you'll have a pretty good idea of the scene presented by the pioneering Fred Bear \$5000 Invitational Tournament, shot at Grayling, Mich., just a day after the NFAA National.

The 100%-standard NFAA field course was laid out in a sloping, open plain at the Michigan National Guard reservation. Along the rope lines separating the galleries from the shooting lanes were stakes topped by gaily-colored pennants, giving an aspect of a Medieval tourney. Archery has not seen anything like it in modern times.

There were an estimated 1000 spectators; some of them brought chairs and stayed put near one target, while others followed a favorite group of shooters from target to target. It seemed that every spectator was armed with a movie camera, and every camera whirred or buzzed each time an archer drew and aimed. Small children shouted, and from time to time, a loudspeaker boomed out the target by target standings, which had been radioed in by walkie-talkies and posted on the scoreboard. (Atop the

scoreboard was a tree in a tub, its limbs festooned with yellow "money" bags, the prize money amounts displayed on each.)

How did the archers react to the crowds and the noise? Very few of them were bothered—in spite of the ever-present realization that large sums of money, not trophies, were waiting at the end. All the archers signed a paper agreeing not to object to the picture-taking and so on. Most of them were veterans of tournament pressure—and most of them realized they were taking part in writing a new chapter in the archery story.

As you know, the tournament was open to the eight men and the eight women who turned in the highest aggregate scores for the field and hunter rounds shot in the preceding NFAA National, regardless of shooting style. Because the free stylers shot very high scores in the National, few instinctive shooters were eligible, meaning that Lon Stanton and Jo McCubbins did not shoot. All the men were free-stylers, and all the women, too, save Merle Wimer, Fran Lozon and Ann Corby—and in the money tournament, Ann chose to use a sight.

(The provision "regardless of shooting style" seemed to be the only criticism of the tournament on the part of the spectators. If there are future money shoots, a two-division set-up will undoubtedly be discussed. On page 38, Fred Bear comments on the criticisms.)

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So ask farmers for permission! (If you want to camp at Pocomoke, write the State Forester, Pocomoke.) Frederick City watershed sounds promising if you don't mind thick brush and lots of hunting pressure.

MAINE

Season: Northern counties (Androscoggin, Franklin, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset) Oct. 1-20; all others, all of Oct. Licenses: Resident, \$4.25, non-resident, \$10.25. Dot Jones, Maine's EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent, tells us that "the entire state is virtually untapped by bowhunters, and the deer herd, due to ideal food and cover, is increasing. For a state map showing camp areas, write State Highway Commission, Augusta; if you plan to tent out, contact Main Forest Service, Augusta, for detailed info on sites. The area you pick may require a permit, especially in the Allagash region near Pittston Farm, Seboomook and Canada Falls. Good deer hunting around Eustis Ridge, Stratton, Rangley, Moosehead and Sebago Lakes regions. Central portions of the state (Kennebec and Lincoln counties) contain much abandoned farm lands and orchards furnishing ideal feed for a large, healthy herd. Actually, the entire state is good for deer—and you can hunt black bear, coons, bobcats, red fox, snowshoe and cottontail rabbits and gray squirrel. Ruffed grouse, woodcock and pheasant are in season during bowhunting period. Caution: your deer must be inspected by a warden before you check it in at a game station.

VERMONT

Season: Oct. 24-Nov. 11. Licenses: Resident, \$2.25 plus \$1 bowhunting permit, non-resident, \$15 plus \$3.50 permit. (Write to Fish & Game Dept., Montpelier, and they'll send you your license in 48 hrs.) Buzz Bessette, EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent for Vermont, reports: "The southern half of the state is the best bet for any bowhunter although the central area has produced nearly as many kills; there's more open hunting area there, with orchards, alfalfa and clover fields. Windsor and Windham counties lead the state each year in kills with Rutland third. Benson town remains the real action hot-spot—but be sure to get permission before trespassing. (Last year there was a scourge of property damage through the state, and much posting is expected. So it's your duty to ask permission and your duty to respect the

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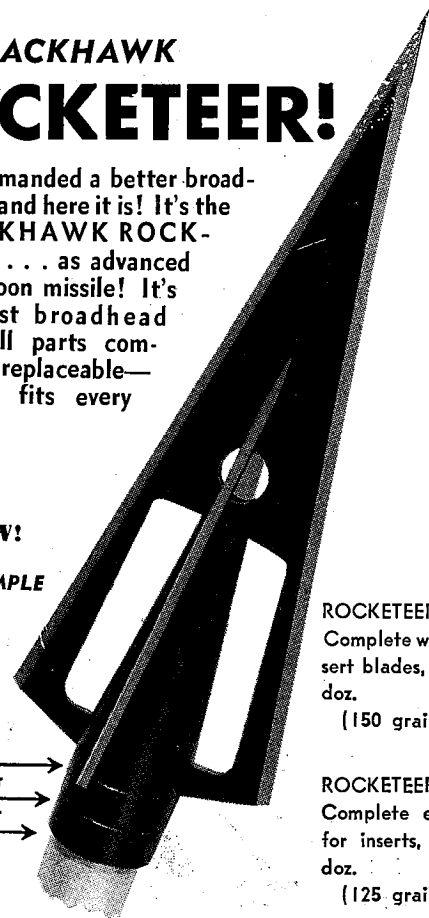
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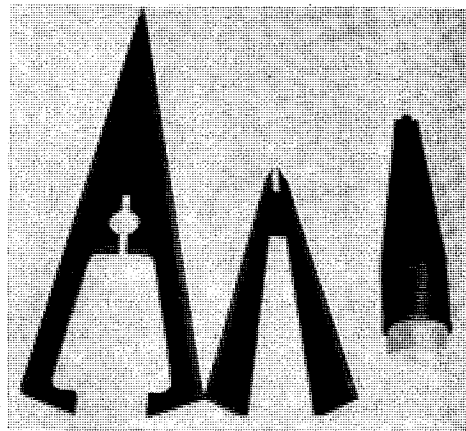
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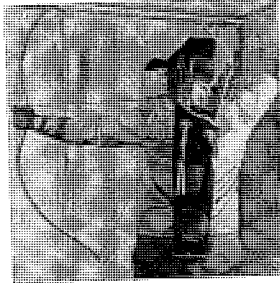
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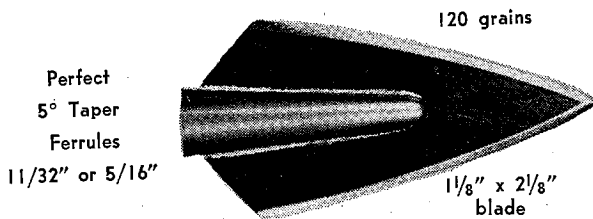
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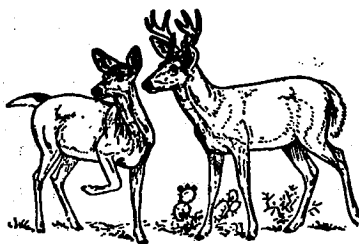
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NORTH CAROLINA

Seasons: Standing Indian, Uwharrie, Daniel Boone and Fox Camp game management areas, Nov. 3-15; Pisgah National Game Reserve and Davidson River areas, Nov. 10-15 (deer and bear); South Mountain, Nov. 3-6. Licenses: Resident, \$4.10, non-resident \$15.50. Sie Graham says Tar Heel bowhunters are jubilant over the declaration of the above public lands as doe as well as buck areas (Sie, who visited the Governor and spent many hours with game officials, should get much of the credit). "These management areas are overstocked with doe, which have never been hunted in most cases. We North Carolina archers invite out-of-staters to hunt with us; there's no more beautiful spot in the U. S. than our western mountains."

CONNECTICUT

Season: Dec. 6-13 on state lands only; from Dec. 1-Jan. 31, deer may be taken "on private lands used for agricultural purposes upon application signed by the owner or leasee of such land and permit issued by the Board of Fisheries & Game. Up to five permits can be issued, one deer to a permit, maximum bag two regardless of number of permits." Licenses: Resident, \$4.35 plus \$5.35 fee, non-resident, \$11.35 plus \$5.35 fee. (Farm land permits

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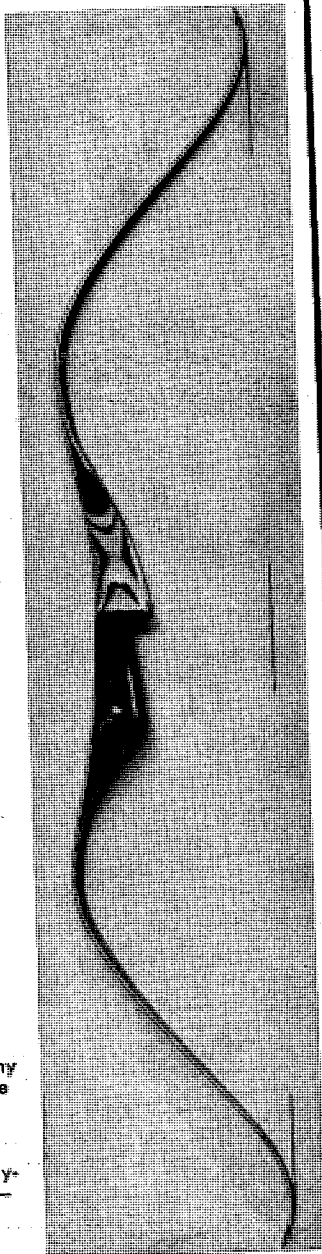
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are \$5.) H. B. Gifford, Connecticut EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent, says that the Board of Fisheries & Game, Hartford, has issued an abstract of the 1958-1959 laws, and this contains a directory of all public-owned land on which bowhunting is permitted; Field Service personnel names and addresses are given. Write for one. Giff points out that 40 lbs. is the bow-weight minimum and that children under 12 are not permitted to hunt; 12 to 16 year-olds may accompany a license-holder over 21, but that such a licensee and minor may take only one deer between them. Last year, Housatonic and Tunxis state forests were hot, and deer were killed in Peoples and Wyantnock forests.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Season: Aug. 15-Jan. 1. Licenses: Resident, \$4.10, non-resident, \$20.25, or a three-day permit, \$2.10. Full details of South Carolina's long and liberal season (you can take *five* bucks!) was given last month; send 25c for a copy if you missed it. The Bull's Island hunt, in the Cape Romaine National Wildlife Refuge, is set for Oct. 6-11, at the Francis Marion Wild Turkey Refuge Dec. 29-Jan. 1.

OHIO

Season: Oct. 15-Dec. 31. Licenses: Resident, \$2.25 plus \$5 deer permit, non-resident, \$15.25 plus \$5 deer permit. Glass arrows may be used, and there's no minimum bow poundage in the Buckeye State. Ben H. Anderson, Enforcement Supervisor, Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, tells us that the state's eastern counties, especially those bordering West Virginia, are the best; in the north, two counties bordering Pennsylvania are good, too, and these are Ashtabula and Trumbull. State wildlife lands promising good hunting are the Auburn Marsh Wildlife Area, Geauga Co., northeast Ohio; Beaver Creek Wildlife Area, Williams Co., north west Ohio; Berlin Reservoir Wildlife Area, in Portage Stark and Mahoning, northeast; Grand River, in Trumbull, and New Lyme in Ashtabula. Sixteen state forests are recommended; these are scattered throughout the state, with many being located in the hot southeastern area. The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District lands, taking in Tuscarawas, Stark, Harrison, Carroll, Coshocton, Belmont, Richland, Ashland, Guernsey, Noble and Muskingum counties, these in the middle eastern part of the state, are also pointed out as being likely bow hunting spots.

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In center, Sigrid Johansson, FITA winner. Ann Corby, left, was second, Carole Meinhart, right, third. American Ann Sevey was fourth. The women took team title, too

Yanks Beaten In FITA Shoot At World's Fair

**Swedes Win Individual Honors,
But U. S. Women Take Team Title;
Caspers 4th, Cantwell 5th, Doan 20th**

When it came to individual titles, they lost. We're speaking of the six Americans—two men, a boy, three women—who flew to the Brussels World's Fair to shoot as the United States team in the international target tourney sponsored by the FITA—le Fédération Internationale de Tir À l'Arc.

The new World Champions are two Swedes: 40-year-old Stig Thysell and Mrs. Sigrid Johansson, a former Chicagoan. A Finn was second for the men, and English champ Roy Matthews was third; Jim Caspers, Racine, Wisc., was fourth, and 16-year-old Tim Cantwell was fifth. Horald Doan, the other official team member, placed 20th, and O. K. Smathers, '57 world champ (his native state, North Carolina, sent him to Brussels) was 16th.

The women fared better: Ann Corby was second, Carole Meinhart was third and Ann Sevey was fourth. This showing enabled our gals to win the women's team championship; the Finns won the mens'.

What happened to the Yanks? It's obvious they weren't in top form: Caspers, for example, shot a 2253 to win the St. Louis qualifying round, and Stig Thysell's winning score in Brussels, 2101, was far short of that and, for that matter, far short of Cantwell's and Doan's qualifying scores.

For an answer, we asked a man who accompanied the team to Belgium; he's Dick Smith, of the AMADA-

retained public relations firm that helped publicize the tourney. "The Swedes outshot us," says Dick. "That fact remains. So they deserved to win, and our team recognized that with good sportsmanship. Looking at it this way, there aren't any excuses."

But, Dick says, the weather conditions, very familiar to the Swedes, Finns and English, had seldom been encountered by the Americans in competition at home. "It rained off and on every day, and the temperatures ranged from 98 to 50 degrees. And the wind was awful, especially in the bowl-like Heysel Stadium, where the shoot took place. It particularly affected those shooting in the middle of the bowl. The wind was so strong it toppled the pavillion tent behind the shooting line."

We asked a couple of the American participants about their impressions of the great international get-together. Harold Doan was most impressed by the "friendly feeling" that broke down international barriers. "We were all archers together, having a fine time," Doan told us. "There were 15 nations there: you met and swapped notes with archers from South Africa and Luxembourg and Germany and all the rest."

Doan says that *almost 90% of the European archers shot American equipment!* This, he feels, was a result of the 1957 Prague tourney, where the Europeans were introduced to U. S.-made tackle.

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Caroga to Host Jersey State Shoot Sept. 27-28

By BOB DEGENHARDT

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for New Jersey)

A north Jersey field archery club that has made amazing strides in its one-year existence will be host to the State Field Archery Assn. championship, Sept. 27-28, in what may be one of the best tourneys the state has seen in recent years.

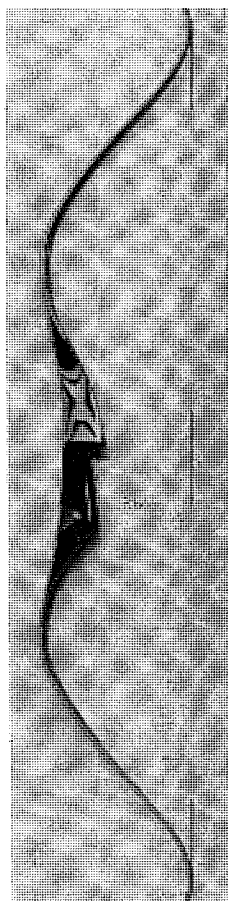
The club, the Caroga Bowmen Assn., started from scratch a year ago with a few members who shared practically no archery experience but plenty of brand-new archery enthusiasm.

Best of all, it has set up the state's first 56-target field course off Westbrook Rd. in Macopin. The course, west of the Wanaque Reservoir, lies in rugged, mountainous terrain in one of the state's most beautiful sections.

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Jersey notes: The New Jersey Bowhunters Assn. championship will feature a 56-target animal round Sept. 21 at the course of the Unami Archers in Portland Rd., Leonardo. The perpetual Ken Hare silver platter will be the prize. One of the interesting features of the Unami course is a huge pile of rocks, purported to be a genuine Indian burial ground. Visiting archers are told that good fortune awaits them if they cast a stone on the mound.



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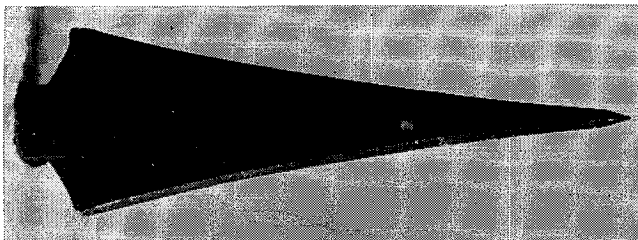
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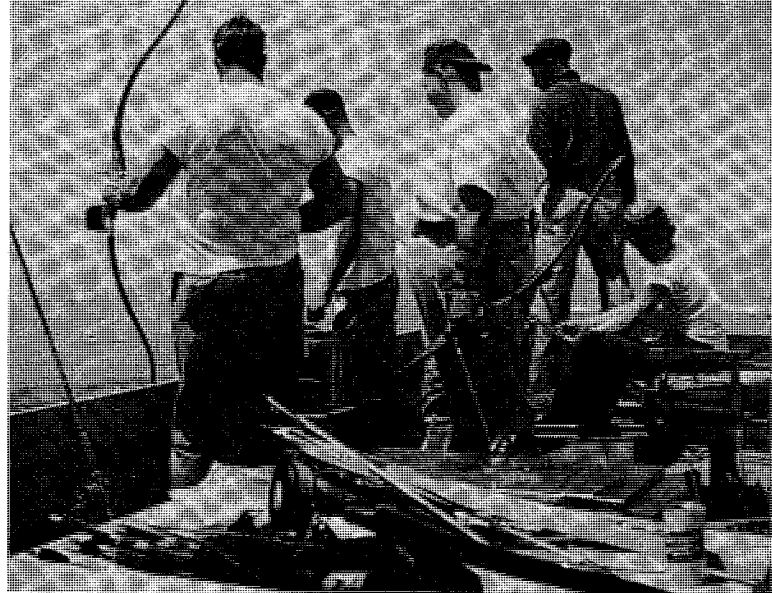
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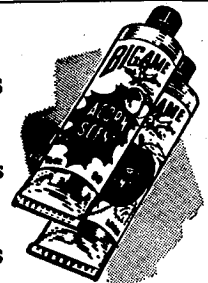
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A reader has written in asking for the solution to a tent care problem which every experienced camper runs into sooner or later. It's a problem for which I can't give a pat answer, namely this: since it's important not to pack or stow a tent when wet or damp; what does one do when, after a night of rain or a heavy morning dew, he is forced by schedule to hit the trail?

The danger of storing or packing a tent, clothing or sleeping bags when they're damp is that mildew may set in, resulting in the beginning of rot. While it appears as simply a harmless looking scattering of small black spots, mildew is a mold which thrives with dampness, dirt and darkness, and should be taken care of at once. The ideal way, of course, is to air and dry your gear before packing, but, as mentioned above, this isn't always possible. As soon as the opportunity presents itself, unfold the tent and pitch it. If you've come home, do this in your back yard, preferably where plenty of sun and air will reach the fabric. If you're still traveling, stop an hour or so early and dry your equipment in a sunny, open place. The situation that I can't lick, however, is where you're faced with several rainy days in a row.

After your tent is pitched in the sun and your sleeping bag and clothes are hanging, let them dry for an hour or more; then, with a medium stiff brush go over every inch of cloth, especially around the stitching where the fabric is doubled or folded. Remove the mildew and brush away any dirt, both inside and out. If you can't take off the little black or dark gray spots, mix salt and lemon juice, applying the mixture to the spotted area. Then bleach in the sun again for as long as possible.

When your tent is new, the original waterproofing will usually present a degree of resistance to mildew. Depending on how often you use your rig and how it's stored when not in use, you should from time to time give it an extra coat of waterproofing. You can mix your own by dissolving paraffin in turpentine. There's no need to worry, once the tent is completely dry, about the inflammatory quality of turpentine. I've found that commercial waterproofing compounds are relatively inexpensive and



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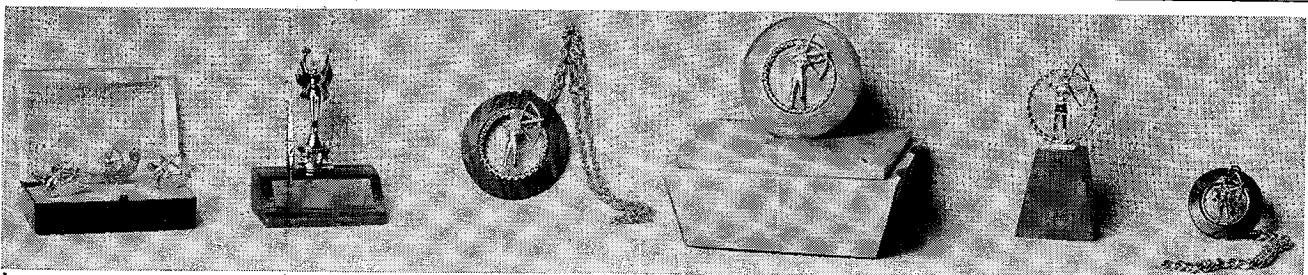
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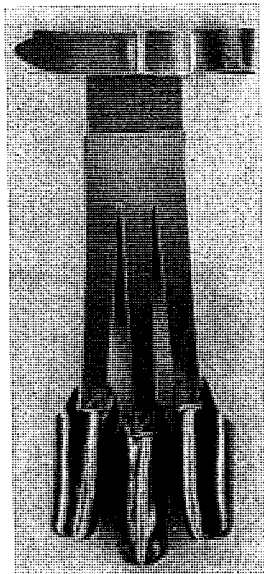
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New Yorkers' Shark Hunt

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as well. The sharks would first head for the bottom and finding this impossible would return to the surface to roll up in the wire and the can. Then the mate had to go out in the dory and try to slip a noose over the violently thrashing shark's tail.

Because the action comes so fast and is so furious, only two rods should be in action at one time to prevent tangling the lines. When we got into the mako, I was handling one rod and Bill Bell was doing the shooting. With a nice shot Bill half-buried his fish arrow in the sea grizzly's back. It really went crazy as it got into an underwater orbit. It came close to the stern where Vince Riccardi was ready. His arrow, connected to a five gallon can, smacked the shark with a splash. As soon as the mako felt the drag of the can, he came out of the water and danced on his tail like a rainbow trout does when it feels the bite of a streamer fly.

Bois Blanc Island— Michigan Hot Spot

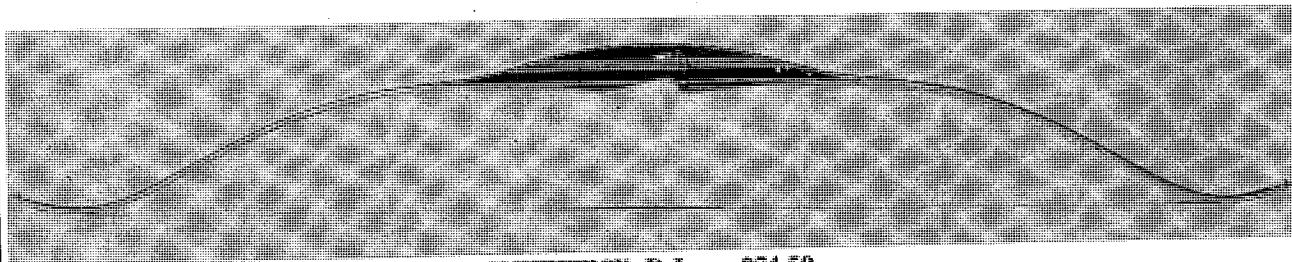
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more amazing is that one year a party of six hunters required 15½ days to even see a buck, when at least seven were known to be within the square mile enclosure. The moral of this meritorious bit of wildlife research is: don't judge the size of your herd by the number of deer you see.

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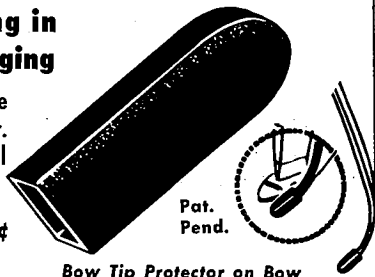
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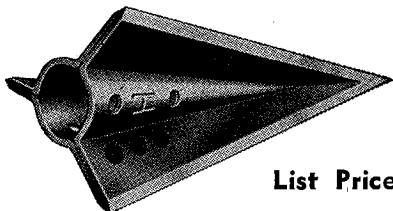
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Russians "Observed" FITA Tournament, Says Smathers

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The Iron Curtain countries? O. K. Smathers had some words to say about them. "The Czechs were on hand, like last year," the soft-spoken Tar Heel told us. "And the Russians had observers there. When the Russians observe, they do it real thorough. Someone said they'd go back home and start training a team—and Russian athletic training means a full-time job. So don't be surprised if you see Russian archers in Sweden next year."

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Your 1958 Deer Report State-By-State

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KENTUCKY

Season: Nov. 1-31, state-wide, Oct. 20-Nov. 1 Kentucky Woodlands (see below). Licenses: \$3.25 plus \$5.50 deer permit, non-resident, \$15.50 plus \$25.50 deer permit. Dr. Don Graves—who says Kentucky archers hope to get a more reasonable out-of-state fee—reports that the Robinson Forest area between Brathitt and Perry counties in the southeast Cumberland Forest, has the big bucks; so do the northeast Cumberlands, Lewis Co. and the south central Cumberlands near the Beaver Creek Refuge. But Kentucky Woodlands is the spot that draws the bowhunter; it's the only spot in America where fallow deer can be hunted. "Fallow deer are stocky," says Dr. Graves, "with colors varying from a light gray to nearly black, also with browns and reds and with a distinguishing feature of spots along the side. The antlers are spatulate, similar to moose antlers. The deer are about the size of whitetails. If you connect and want to mount the head, it will require a special mold as the head is broader, more like the head of a young calf of similar weight."

DELAWARE

Season: Oct. 1-31. Licenses: Resident, \$2.25, non-resident, \$20. Reports indicate that the herd is increasing

in the coastal areas near Bethany Beach and Rehoboth. However, most Delaware archers will probably head for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Bombay Hook Refuge, near Smyrna. No advance registration is needed this year, but bowhunters will be checked in and out. The Petersburg Wildlife Area, 14 miles south of Dover, will be open, except for the refuge area.

MASSACHUSETTS

Season: Nov. 21-27. Licenses: Resident, \$3.25, non-resident, \$15.25. Archers can hunt during the regular gun season, Dec. 1-6. Ernest C. Kay, EASTERN BOWHUNTER correspondent in the Bay State, believes that some of the best spots are in the area around the Quobbin Reservation. "And archers will do well to work the apple orchards in the north and west sections of the state; the deer herd is increasing rapidly in these areas." Worcester Co. has long been a productive area for gunners, and the Berkshire foothills hold some promise."

RHODE ISLAND

Season: Oct. 18-31, Jan. 5-25. Licenses: Resident, \$5, non-resident, \$20. An autumn season for the first time this year. Bob Pratt, Rhode Island EASTERN BOWHUNTER, reports that Great Swamp Reservation, Arcadia State Forest, Burlingame State Reservation and Carolina State Park are the best spots.

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Nov. 1-15; northern counties, Oct. 11-24. Licenses: Resident, \$5.25, non-resident, \$10. Nick Drahos, New York Conservation Commission, says that New York is "lousy with deer." Westchester, of course, is a real hot spot: some of the nation's biggest whitetail bucks are taken there—including the specimen that won Joe Keeler last year's **EASTERN BOWHUNTER** Big Buck contest. In the Eastern part of the Empire State, Washington, Rensselaer, Washington, Green, Ulster, Schoharie, Delaware and Sullivan counties are good; Sullivan Co. is putting on its fifth annual archery meet and bowhunting festival, dates Nov. 8-9. (more details on this next month). In the central and western areas, Chenango, Broome, Tioga, Cortland, Onondaga, Tompkins, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties are especially good, and don't overlook Allegany State Park; write Rental Office, Allegany State Park, Red House, N. Y., for full info. Warren, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Hamilton and Herkimer are the best counties in the northern zone.

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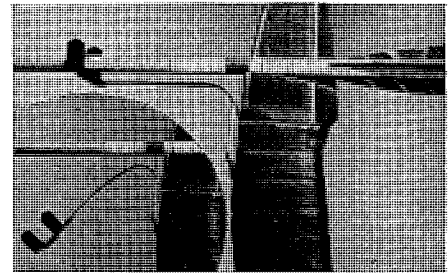
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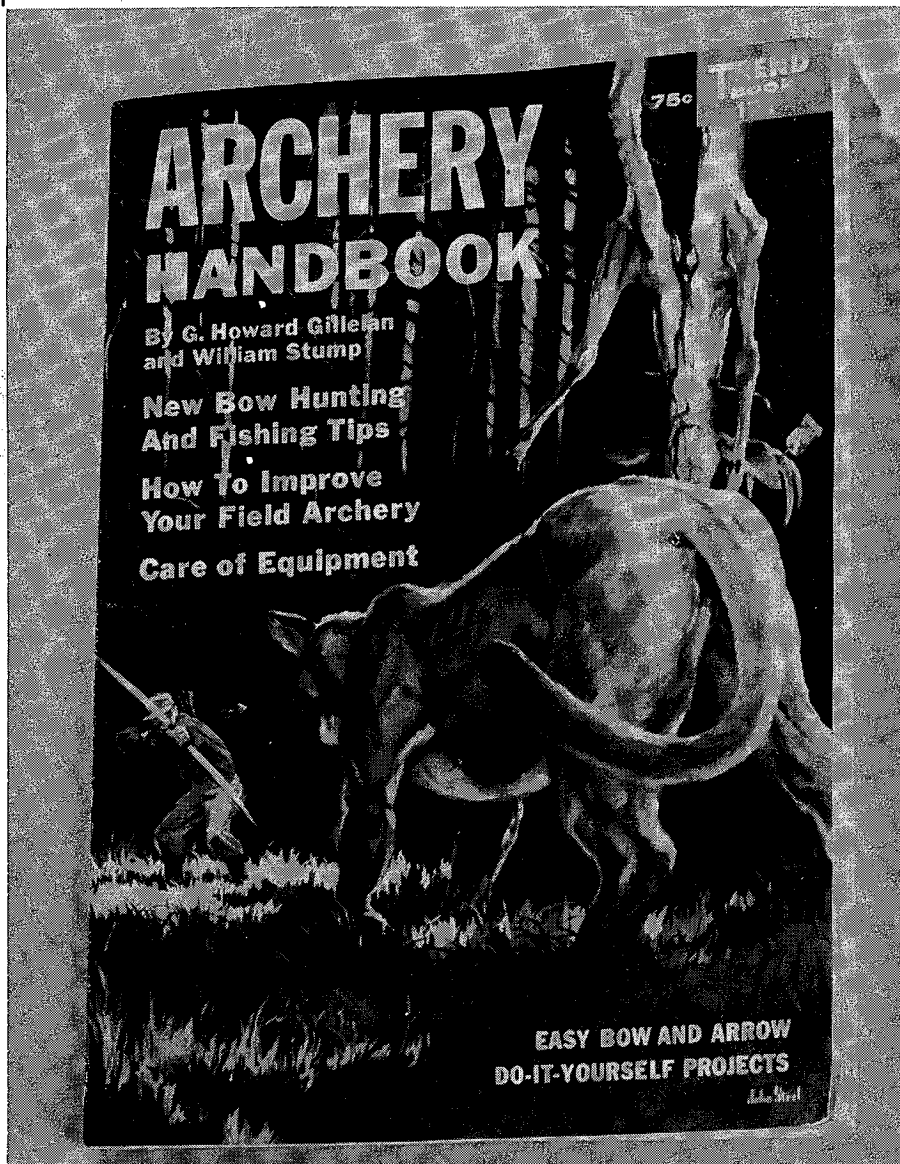
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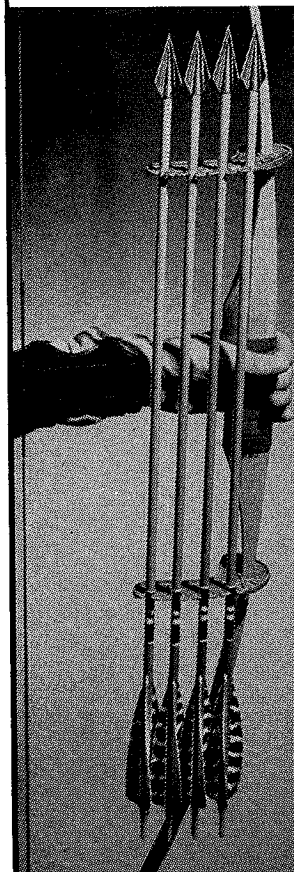
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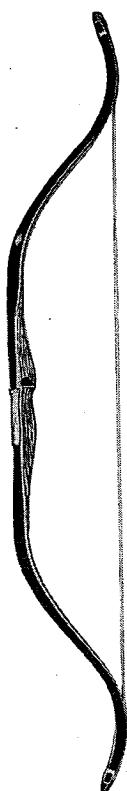
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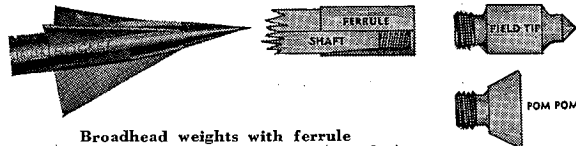
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(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for Michigan)

With the NFAA national at Camp Grayling down in history as the greatest ever held, Michigan archers turn their attention to club championships and broadhead tournaments in preparation for the opening of the deer season, Wednesday, Oct. 1.

The state field championships were held at Howell with the Twig Shooters as hosts on August 24; while the Saginaw Bowmen handled the state target championships at Saginaw over the Labor Day weekend.

But the shoot that will attract the most bowhunters is the Michigan Bowhunters annual deer silhouette shoot at Higgins Lake, Sept. 27-28. More than 500 bowhunters will shoot at 28 deer targets for \$2500 worth of merchandise prizes. They can shoot either Saturday or Sunday. Only Michigan Bowhunter members can compete but one can join MBA at the range. There will be a big weenie roast and square dance Saturday night.

While the best deer hunting in years is forecast for Michigan archers, there is opportunity for even bigger game—bear, starting Sept. 1 in the Upper Peninsula and Oct. 1 in the Lower Peninsula. The Michigan Bear Hunters Assn. (P. O. Box 29, Cadillac, Michigan) has

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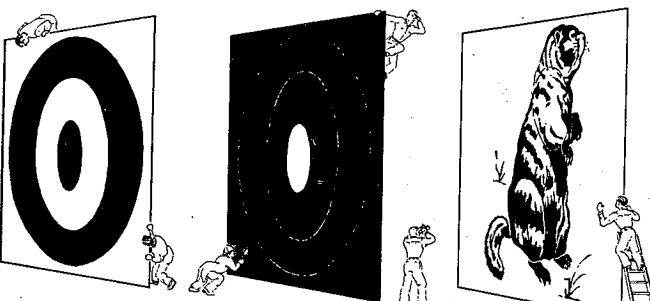


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Here are a couple of events coming up in September. There's the Robin Hood Festival, taking place Sept. 27-28 in north central Pennsylvania's McKean County. The Port Allegheny range, five miles west of Smithport is the scene; there'll be a 74-target tournament (a 28 field, 28 hunter, 28 big game) with \$1000 in trophies. An invitational shoot—the sponsoring Seneca Highlands Assn. reserves the right to turn down applications—it will be highlighted by a barbecue and a dance. A man and wife can shoot the entire tourney for \$6. For details, write Mrs. R. B. Varney, Box 219, Roulette, Pa.

Another big event is the Schaugh-Naugh-Ta-Da Bow-hunters' annual Long Table feast; it takes place at Balston Lake, Schenectady, N. Y., on Sept. 21. The second biggest archery event in New York (topped only by the state field shoot), it features 90 ft. long tables laden with food. This year's Long Table is probably sold out by now, but we suggest you write Ernie Bezio, 147 Gifford Rd., Schenectady, for details. There'll be no tournament in connection with the Long Table, but novelty shooting, with tic-tac-toe and poker targets, will be featured, and there'll be movies for the youngsters.

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Md., whose fish tipped the scales at 26¼. The spot was a creek of the Potomac, the bow was a Bear Polar, the arrow glass—as were practically all the arrows used in this year's competition.

We'd like to especially congratulate sixth-place Danny Decker—because he's only 9 years old. Danny, whose dad runs a sporting goods store in Philmont, N. Y., has taken many a carp in his time. His sixth-place monster came in at 24¼ lbs., and Danny was shooting a Black Hawk Mosquito and a Ben Pearson point. The Hudson River was the scene of the kill by the up-and-coming member of the Broken Arrow Archers.

A half-pound behind young Danny was Bill Nagle, of Sunbury, Pa., who took his immense-looking fish from the Susquehanna; eighth in our contest was Ray Des-Roches of Windsor, Conn., whose 23½ lb. specimen won the Connecticut Bow Hunters club contest. Andrew Pollinger—he placed in the magazine's "What Is Instinctive Shooting?" competition, too—came in ninth with a 23¼ pounder that resided in the water near Port Penn., Del.

There are plenty of others, ranging down to Charley Van Brunt's nine pounder. A nine-pounder is a good size carp; in fact, a fish of that weight always brings whistles when shown around a club. Any carp, for that matter,



Ray DesRoches bagged his eighth-place monster in the Kenny Cove area near Glastonbury, Conn. Ray's carp tipped scales at 23½, which gives you an idea of big ones entered in the contest. Ray and Bill Siemienko got 115 in one day at spot

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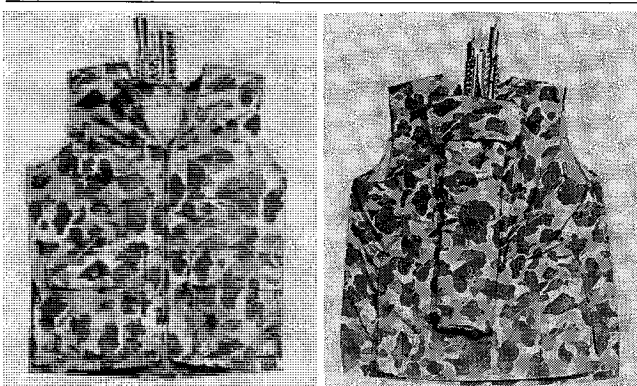
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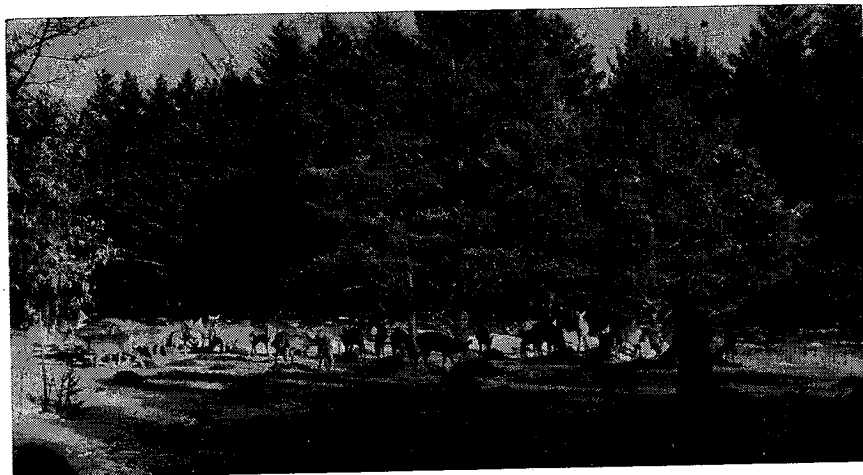
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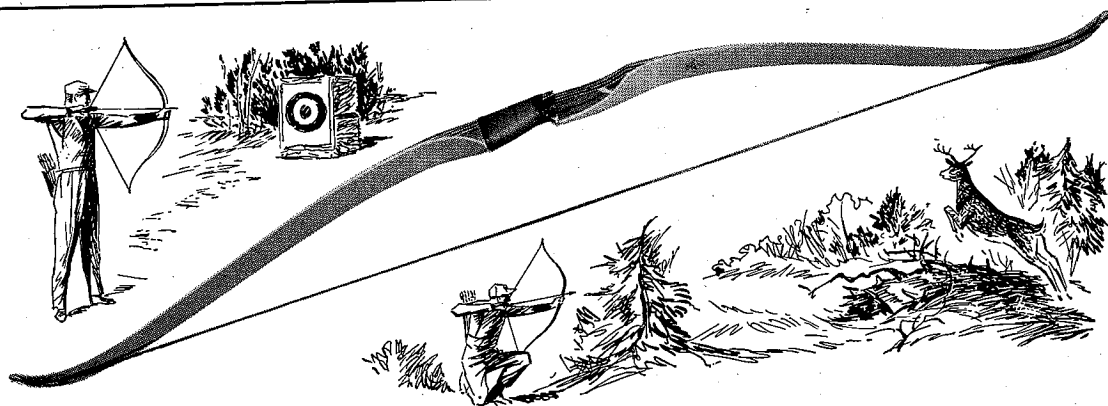
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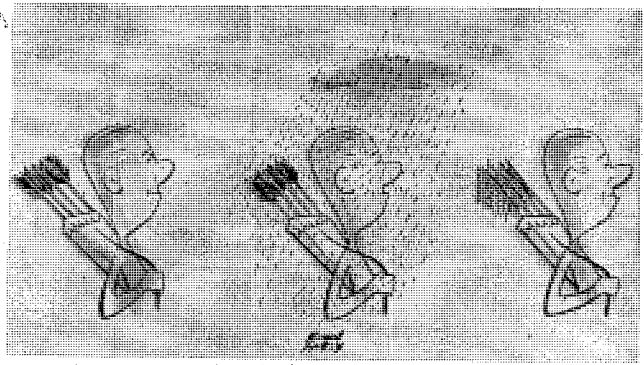
THE ARROW BARREL

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The moment—combined with a hundred other moments, ranging from packing the equipment in the car to coming home healthy-tired at night—counts whether or not the deer falls. Bowhunters are not meat hunters, not butchers; they do not have to make a kill to gain a deep and basic satisfaction from the hunt. Saxton Pope, the father of modern bowhunting, said it far better than we possibly can: "We who have hunted thus, trod the forest trails, climbed the lofty peaks, breathed the magic air, and viewed the endless roll of mountain ridges, blue in the distance, have been blessed by the gods."

Another bit from the National story: all the top shooters talked about bowhunting while waiting for the rounds to begin. This was more than an attempt to calm nerves. These men are just typical archers. We've often said that if it was not for tournament shooting, bowhunting would suffer, and vice-versa. Each aspect of archery is part of a whole; each has the same basic impetus, with variations like a musical composition.

Out of the arrow barrel: Dave Fahnestock, of the Shawnee Bowmen, Winchester, Va., says nine of the club's 50 men are Ex A's. He wonders if any other club has such a ratio . . . you can write Dave at the Police Dept., Winchester . . . club welcomes all to its Little Brown Jug shoot, Sept. 21 . . . teams consisting of Ex A, Ex B, Bowman and Archer can compete for jug . . . write Dave for more details . . . Don Jolivet, Jean Bird new Vermont champs; Jim Kilmer, Elsie Margeau ditto



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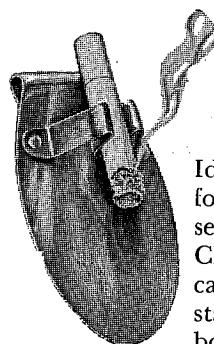
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It was a 56-target tourney, meaning four times around the 14-target course. Archers shot in groups of two. Interesting to watch? It was extremely interesting, whether you were concerned with crowd reaction, the effect of the pressure or the drama of close competition. One thing stood out to us as we watched the groups shoot—the intense concentration of each archer. Just observing the competition was filled with lessons for so-so archers.

In the morning round, scores were nip and tuck; when the lunch-time break came, Bob Bitner, a Root Archery Co. bowyer (and winner of the NAA target national a week later) was in front with 468. Jack Clark of Cincinnati was second with a 464. Then came Wisconsinite

Ralph Imhoff with 459, Rube Powell with 452, Joe Fries with 441, Missourian Norm Wilson (he made Lon Stanton's National-winning bow) with 434, Cliff McGrane's 427 and Leo Baldwin's 425. (With hundreds of Easterners in the gallery, Leo was perhaps the major favorite.)

In the women's part of it, Ann Corby was well ahead with a 434. Then came Cleo Roberson with 362, and Ann Marston—clad in a gold outfit—with 361. Lou Shine was fourth with 338, Merle Wimer was fifth with 324, Sharlene Sieloff was next with 307, followed by Fran Lozon and Iowa's Jeanette Gibson.

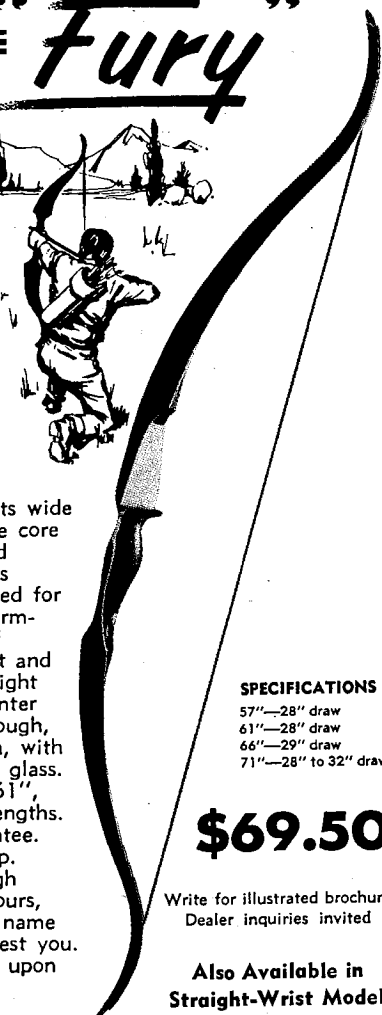
At the luncheon break, we asked some of the competitors for their reaction. Some complained of the heat. Some said they "couldn't get going." One was bothered by the noise. Merle Wimer and Ann Marston said they were having fun. Others, such as Joe Fries, were so wrapped up in the pressure that they seemed unable to speak at all. No one mentioned the money—although on one target during the morning, some whimsical competitor left a note saying "This target cost me \$800."

In the afternoon, Corby seemed sure to win—and so did Bitner. Then experience began to tell. Fries got hotter and hotter. Even so, Bitner had it made—or so it seemed. Then came each man's 53rd target, an 80 yarder for Fries, a shorter shot for Bob, who got a nine. *Fries*

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And so the winners—the first four men and the first four women—stepped up to the scoreboard, where Fred Bear presented them with the golden money bags. Fries, so tired that he sat down on a chair as soon as he could,

Fred Bear Writes a Post-Mortem

Can archery be made really interesting to a gallery of spectators? If so, will the newspapers and magazines give it the coverage it deserves? We sponsored the Bear National Invitational Tournament because we wanted an answer to these questions.

In planning the event we had two goals: first, a range layout that would permit a large gallery to stand as close to the shooters and to the targets as possible, with a *minimum* of effort.

Second, and most important, we wanted to end up with *only one men's champion and one women's champion*.

We realized that this meant eliminating any distinction between instinctive and free-style shooters, but in making our decision we reminded ourselves of the confusion that has always existed in the minds of the press when confronted with two divisions. We believe that this confusion has discouraged press coverage more than any other factor.

It stands to reason that if better coverage can be obtained for archery in general it will benefit all phases of our sport.

Whether we were right or wrong only the future can tell. We did have a large and interested audience. Non-archers stayed right through that hot day and liked it, and now the coffee-shop conversation revolves about that one arrow that was worth \$1,250.00—FRED BEAR.

had won \$5000. Bitner won \$750, Imhoff \$400, Rube Powell \$200. Ann Corby, who was graciously congratulated by Ann Marston, was presented with \$1000, Cleo Roberson with \$350, Ann herself with \$200 and Lou Shine with \$100.

The future of money shoots? It seems certain that this one will not be the last—although Fred Bear, at last report, is not planning to sponsor one next year. But THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER predicts money shoots will become a permanent part of the archery scene. The interest is there. So is the publicity, And so is the drama.

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The NAA's national target championship tournament was shot last month at St. Paul, Minn. Bob Bitner led throughout to win for men, and Carole Meinhart took her third crown. Jim Caspers was second; Joe Fries did not defend. Wand, clout, crossbow and flight events were held; Harry Drake set a new flight record of 706 yards with a 105-lb. bow held in hand

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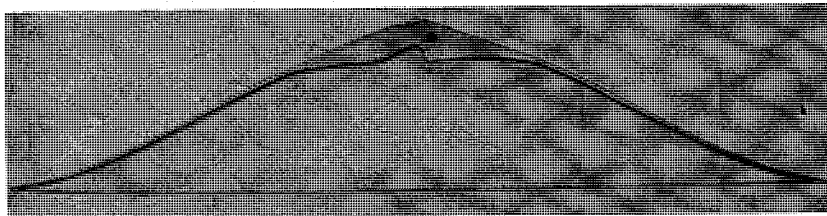
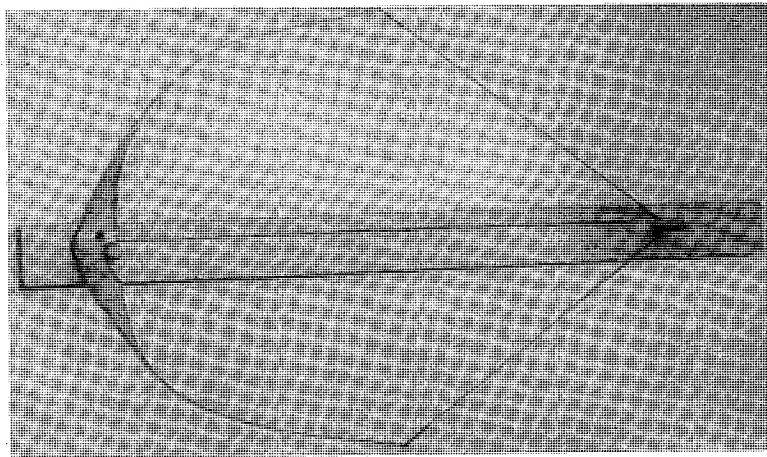
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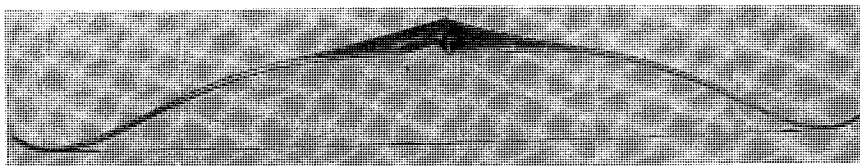
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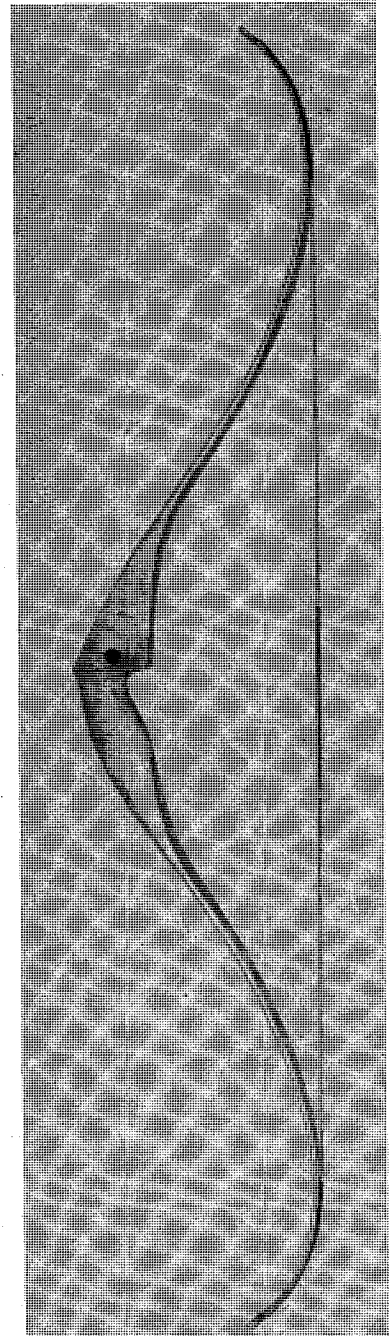
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Fred Bear signed the most autographs. A friendly girl, unaffected by TV appearances and movie-making, Ann's victory overjoyed the members of her home club, the Lincoln Park Bowmen, of Wyandotte, Mich.

Skip Palmer, Dansville, N. Y., once more walked away with the Heavy Tackle division crown, shooting a 2584 to beat Pennsylvanian Jim Mackey. Pearl Hammerstrom won for the gals in the division with an 1807, with Gwen Shumaker runner-up with 1248. As for youngsters, there were more than ever competing. Hot-shooting Gene Beckerle, 15, piled up 2323 points to win for the Intermediate Boys, instinctive. 15-year-old Carol Hastic, Passaic, N. J. destined to be top lady shooter someday, recaptured her Intermediate Girls crown with an 1853—and her little sister, 11-year-old Eileen, placed second in the Juniors Girls division, behind 12-year-old Linda Seebach, Iowa. Junior Boy winner was Larry Mann, Brockway, Pa. For the free-style youngsters, the top Intermediate Boy was 15-year-old Kenny Smathers, son of former World Champion O. K. Smathers: watch this boy. Winning Junior Boy in the division was Doug Krohn, California.

But records and scores and even the drama of close competition are only a part of the 1958 National story. The 1400 competitors, plus the estimated 1000 wives and children and non-shooters, will have other memories—ones that will remain long after the scores are forgotten.

They'll remember air of excitement created by the presence of hundreds of people vitally interested in one thing—a great sport, a sport just coming into its own: the feeling of standing on the threshold of something big was there. And, of course, there was a vacation mood, meaning a carefree mood. The local kids who sold newspapers couldn't use the front page headlines as a selling pitch: "Is there any tournament news in that paper?" was the first question the kids heard.

For an archery pilgrimage, the National Guard camp could hardly have been improved upon. There was plenty of room—about fifty times more room than was needed. The layout was just right—a single street fronted by buildings housing manufacturer and dealer displays (hundreds of people stopped by THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER booth to say hello) and baby sitting services and cafeterias. (450 loaves of bread a day were consumed; that doesn't include rolls. Everyday, 300 pies were eaten, in addition to tons of other desserts; 3600 pounds of coffee and hundreds of gallons of ice tea were used, and a ton and a half of meat.)

Behind the buildings (one of them housed the "Den of Vice," a wonderful replica of an Old West gambling joint; the Lincoln Park archers who operated the wheels and other sinful devices were garbed as frontier types, and one character was dressed as—and looked like—Paladin) were the tents, big army tents where groups and entire

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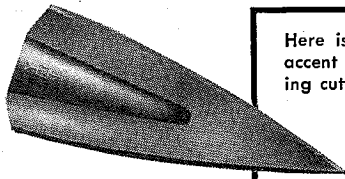
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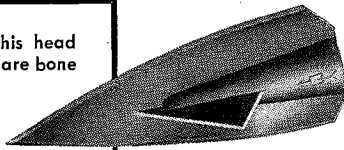
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Archers who brought their own tents lived in a wooded area on the shores of breath-taking Lake Margarethe, where a swim felt good after a day of shooting. There were water ski demonstrations and rides and fireworks there at night, and some archers caught the lake's famous bass.

The courses? There were two practice layouts, as well as a stuffed animal range. The 19 tournament layouts were thoughtfully and expertly designed by the Grayling Bowhunters, whose work in making the tourney a success was awesome. The terrain was typically Michigan—sandy soil, second-growth pine and hardwoods. The courses were along a road, 14 targets on each side. And at each course was a youngster selling cold pop. The shots were varied; some were in the open. And deer tracks galore: one archer, drawing on a target, found himself aiming at a doe and a fawn that strolled across the shooting path. (There were a few rattlesnakes; archers who killed them showed the rattles proudly in camp).

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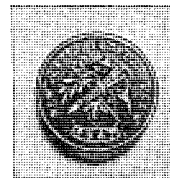
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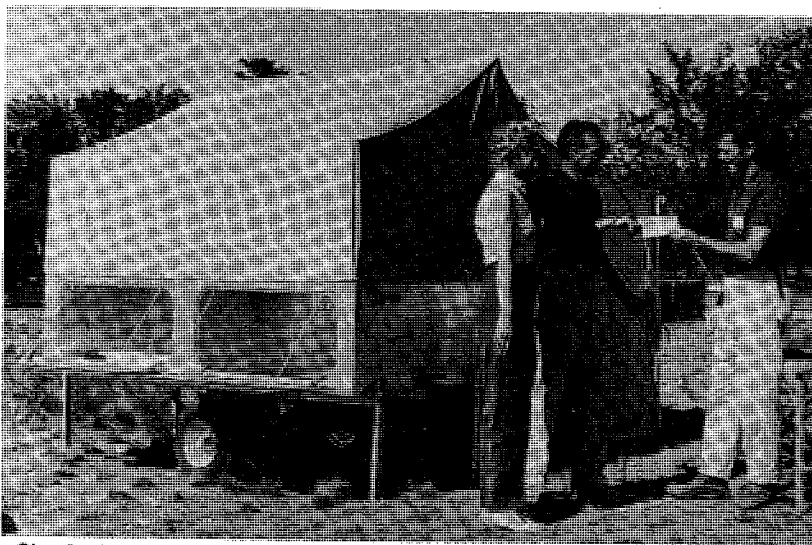
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And For The Record . . .

A flock of new records were established at the National: although Lon Stanton's aggregate 2707 is short of Jay Peake's 1957 tally of 2747, Lon's 894 field round was a new high, and two archers, Jim White and Gene Jones, shot 975 big game rounds to tie Jay's old record. For the gals, Ann Corby set a new field record of 715, and Jo McCubbins' 880 was a new big game high; her aggregate 2139 beat out the old record she set in 1956. As for free stylers, Joe Fries came up with a 959, bettering Rube's old 941, and George Gardner's fabulous 1010 big game round was, of course, the highest ever shot at a National. Fries had an aggregate about 75 points above the old record. Ann Marston set a new aggregate record and a new—880—big game record, and second-place Cleo Roberson shot an 810 field round, a new high.

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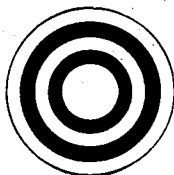
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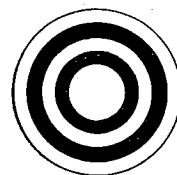
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(Ed. Note: Here we go again. This tip, which we learned from Cliff Krohn on a Michigan hunting trip a couple of years back, has attracted amazing attention since we first published it.

It's simple. Hie yourself down to your neighborhood garage and ask for part of a busted-up innertube. Cut two strips from it, each strip about 3" long and about 3/8" wide. String your bow. Now knot one of the strips around the string opposite the half-way mark of your bow limb. Knot another around the string opposite the lower limb.

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The Terylene-Dacron Question

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NFAA Execs Vote Classification Changes

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the difference of an archer's average of his three most recent 28 target competitive field round scores and 560.

6. Voted these classification procedures: Two 56 or 28 target tournament scores or equivalent (later, a system may be devised so that hunter and big game rounds apply) will reclassify into a higher class; *an archer may be reclassified into a higher class by the vote of any club or association of which he is a member if there are sufficient reasons to believe said member is underclassified.* (Ed. Note: That's great!)

Other moves: The Hunters Division will henceforth be called the Heavy Tackle . . . the big game round will be called the animal round (because there are small game targets in the round) . . . made amendments to make the NFAA secretary-treasurer a non-voting member of the executive committee . . . he is an appointed officer . . . the president cannot make a motion and can vote only in event of a tie . . . eliminated the "Do you shoot instinctively? If not, how do you aim?" clause from the Art Young big game application. . . There were many other items covered at this important get-together of your elected NFAA officials; I'll fill in with more details next month.

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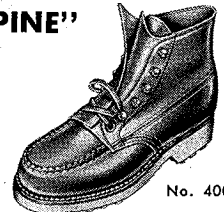
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