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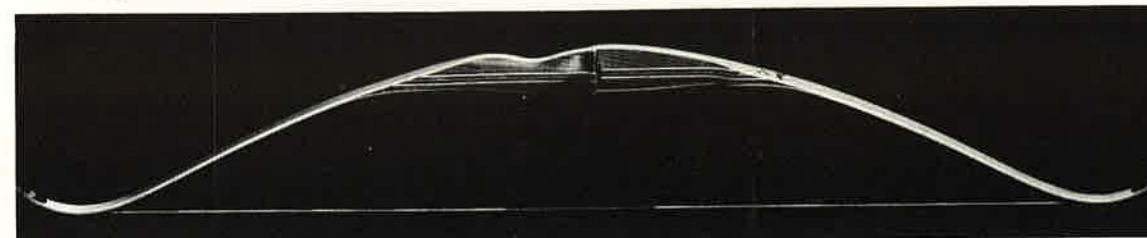
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In states such as Michigan, where this remarkable picture was taken by the Conservation Dept., archers don't see as many deer as they did just a few years ago. This may be a reason for a decrease in license sales. In addition, many people have discovered that the sport of bowhunting is hard



All across the country fewer
 and fewer archery licenses are
 being sold; here's a new theory
 which tackles the question about the

DROP-OFF IN ARCHERY HUNTING: WHY?

by LES LINE

Michigan's bow and arrow deer license sales took another critical nosedive in 1961. With reports—at this writing—in from more than 90 percent of the state's hunting tag dealers, it is certain the drop will exceed 4,000 archers for the second straight year.

Wolverine state conservation officials, their department's budget already pinched, are obviously concerned over the loss of \$40,000 in license revenue. Perplexed, too, are Michigan's bowhunting leaders, who have watched their ranks tumble by more than 20% in just two years. Deer country tourist facilities mirror the change.

But the problem, the reasons and the implications may go well beyond the one-state level.

They could foretell an *abrupt decline* in the popularity of the bowhunting sport throughout the nation.

That, theorize Michigan Conservation Department aides, may be just what has occurred.

And some equally startling figures from Pennsylvania—paired with Michigan as the country's foremost bowhunting states—lend credulity to their thoughts.

There were 40,767 bowmen afield during Michigan's 1959 season, second highest total in the state's annals. But in 1960, license sales fell to 36,456—a slump, then unexplained, of 10.5%.

Now, another drop of 11% is seen for the 1961 bow hunt. Department statisticians say the archery license total may barely reach 32,000, including some 3,500 non-residents. They estimate 3,800 fewer Michigan bowmen hunted last October, while out-of-state ranks were down some 300.

Thus, bowhunting in Michigan—second state to establish an archery deer season (1937)—has plunged to its lowest participant level since 1953.

Pennsylvania traditionally tops the nation in bowhunter numbers, Michigan follows; archers usually harvest the most whitetails in Michigan, with Wisconsin and Pennsy fighting for second.

The Keystone State sold 76,767 archery hunting licenses in 1959, but only some 68,000 the following year. Last season? In round figures, Pennsy bowhunter ranks slipped to 61,800.

Percentage-wise, this closely matches Michigan's fast downhill trend since '59. But why?

Wildlife biologists and ecologists have a term, "*eruption phenomenon*," which may well be the key here. So feels David H. Jenkins, mammologist (in deer research) for Michigan's game division, and a bowhunter too. Gaylord A. Walker, the department's chief deputy director, concurs.

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it's tournament time in las vegas



Cover model Margie Nelson is one of the Sahara's "most American girls in the world," to employ the hotel's own description. Even if she does hold her bow upside down—see the cover—Margie can shoot on our team any day. For Margie in another mood, see photo toward back of mag

**It's the Sahara Colt National, co-sponsored by NFAA; it gets underway
March 16 at Nevada's famed playground, and there'll be plenty of time for fun**

As this issue goes to press it looks like Jim Cavanaugh's Great Experiment will pay off. The NFAA executive secretary had a hunch that a national archery event, held in a glamor spot like Vegas and sponsored by a couple of high-powered outfits, would attract a record number of competitors, spectators by the busload and big league press and TV coverage.

So far over 1,800 archers have requested registration info; in California, our contacts tell us, the tournament's caused more archery excitement than anything in the modern history of the sport, and the location of the shoot is most of the reason. As for spectators, this remains to be seen. But TV, the wires and national publications have indicated they'll be on tap to cover the goings on.

The tournament, as you know, is sponsored by the Hotel Sahara, Colt's Patent Fire Arms Mfg. Co.—a recent entry in the archery industry—and by the NFAA. Billed as the Sahara Colt National Open, it's officially the NFAA's first national indoor championship shoot. It takes place in one of the fabulous city's most fabulous buildings—the \$6,500,000 Convention Center, within walking distance of the Sahara, the HQ for the event.

The joint's so vast you could shoot a York Round—the York's longest target is 100 yds.—on its floor. Competitors will be shooting a brand new round with brand new targets; rounds (there's a field, a hunter and an animal) consist of ten targets, shot twice; targets, ranging in diameter from 8" to 20", have three rings, scored three, two and one. Field faces are red and white, hunter targets are green with yellow bulls and the animals, scored the same way as the others, are four colored.

There's a niche for everyone—amateur and non-amateur, freestyle and instinctive, men and women. The prize kitty contains a whopping \$10,500. Here's the way the dough will go in each of the three men's open divisions, meaning instinctive, freestyle and handicap: \$750 for first, \$350 second, \$150 third, \$100 fourth and fifth, \$50 sixth through tenth. For the women (again, three divs) it's \$500, \$250, \$125, \$100, \$75 and five \$50 purses. Team purses start at \$700 and run through \$50 for 10th spot. Over \$1,000 in merchandise will be awarded in the money division, as well as trophies and medals; amateurs, of course, can win only trophies, and these will be in keeping with the amateur regulations.

The March 1 pre-registration deadline will be over when you read this; you can sign up in person beginning March 14 at the Sahara, paying \$12 for individual competition. Each team member pays \$7;

teams, which may be made up at Las Vegas, will consist of four archers; teams can be mixed men and women. Instead of shooting 20 field, 20 hunter and 20 animal, as in individual competition, teams will shoot ten of each. If we understand the info correctly, winning teams will be determined on the basis of handicaps computed on the scene; individual handicaps will be computed the same way. According to Cavanaugh, the scoring system which'll be used at Vegas will make handicapping easy. And remember, you

the tournament timetable

Wed.,	March 14	12 noon-6 p.m.	Registration
Thurs.	March 15	12 noon-6 p.m.	Registration
Fri.	March 16	8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Reg. and practice
		9:30 a.m.	Team reg. closes
		10 a.m.-1 p.m.	TEAM COMPETITION
		12 noon-7 p.m.	Registration
		6 p.m.-7 p.m.	Cocktail party
Sat.,	March 17	8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Reg. and practice
		9:30 a.m.	Individual registration closes
		10 a.m.-1 p.m.	FIRST ROUND
		2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	SECOND ROUND
		6 p.m.-7 p.m.	Cocktail party
Sun.,	March 18	*11 a.m.-2 p.m.	THIRD ROUND
		3 p.m.	Awards presented

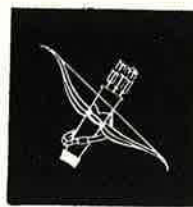
* Schedule is subject to change if event is televised. Final round will be scheduled to coincide with best televising time.

can win as much money via this route as you can shooting straight score.

No point going into it now, but Cavanaugh reminds competitors that the rules, which'll be distributed to all registrants, will be rigidly enforced; each competitor is responsible for knowing the regulations. Field captains (one to each 20 targets) will rule the roost, and they can disqualify contestants for displays of poor sportsmanship—and for sloppiness in attire.

In fact, Cavanaugh especially urges everyone to be decently dressed. Wearers of dirty dungarees aren't welcome.

On this page you'll see the hour by hour, day by day program. Even though we've concentrated on tourney details in this piece, NFAA, the Sahara and the Las Vegas city fathers also are stressing the vacation aspect of the event; it's pointed out that there'll be plenty of time to enjoy the nightlife, and plenty of time for sociability. Las Vegas is called "The Adult Playground of the World"—not that you, we or anyone else has to be told that. In fact, we're ready to board the plane. BOWHUNTING will be on tap, of course, so step up and say hello!



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THOSE MEETINGS IN CHICAGO

We think that the associations which held meetings of their individual executive bodies at Chicago accomplished something; our newspaper-like spread in this issue reports on these get-togethers. In hiring the National Sporting Goods Assn. to serve as its secretariat, NAA has made a big step forward. AMADA announced two really meaningful programs. PAA very firmly established its identity and proved to us, at any rate, that it means business. The joint meeting of the associations? As you'll read, not much was accomplished; maybe we expected too much. Even so the very fact that the groups *did* meet, *did* recognize common problems and the need for cooperation and coordination and will meet again is an achievement. It may sound namby-pamby, but we're serious when we say better a meeting of this kind than no meeting at all.

CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE HIS KIND

As Bob Degenhardt reports, C. Harry DeKeukelaere has resigned as commissioner (meaning executive secretary) of New Jersey's field archery association. We hate to see this although, heaven knows, a decade of unbelievably difficult and capable work certainly entitles Harry to a rest. In working for New Jersey archery, Harry has worked for archery, period, and, after reading Bob's column, you'll see why he deserves congratulations.

In the states where archery is strong, you'll almost always find that one individual, one really devoted man, is responsible. And that man always has enemies as well as friends. He ruffles feathers and gets cussed out—but he gets the job done and he wins respect. People like Harry DeKeukelaere have found that they simply must be positive and strong and blunt to get anything accomplished; they realize that running an archery association and making it grow isn't a popularity contest. That's why we wish every state had a Harry DeK at its helm.

BE CAREFUL OF THE WORD "OLYMPIC"

Recently J. Lyman Bingham, the United States Olympic Committee's executive director, telephoned the NAA president to caution him against the use by archery clubs of the word "Olympic" in connection with tournaments. It seems that a club was billing a forthcoming event as a "Junior Olympics" or some such. Mr. Bingham acknowledged that the club probably employed the word innocently—but he pointed out that his organization is incorporated by an act of Congress and that the act, officially Public Law 805, specifically forbids the use of the word Olympic unless authorized by the USOC. The wording is too technical to repeat here, but the penalties should be stated: "If any person violates . . . the provisions . . . he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any Federal court shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, for each and every offense."

Olympic Appointment

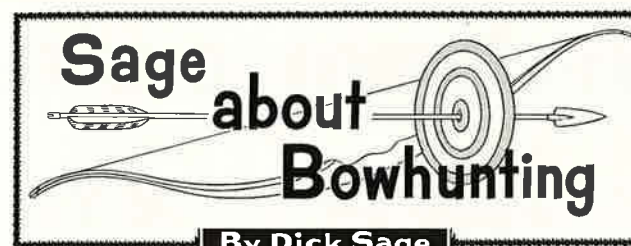
As reported in this issue's account of the National Archery Association's recent meeting at Chicago, the NAA Board of Governors has appointed me a member of the recently formed Archery Games Committee of the United States Olympic Committee. This is a responsibility as well as an honor—on which, in the years to come, should demand a staggering amount of work. Indeed I hope the job *will* demand work, because this will mean that archery is gaining a place in the Olympic firmament which, in turn, will mean promotion and added prestige for all forms of the sport. Moreover, I intend to do what I can, and as hard as I can, in this challenging task.

At the same time I certainly recognize that many archers simply are not interested in this aspect of the sport—even though I'm sure that most of them will support it and even work for it.

But you won't see the pages of this publication top-heavy with Olympic stuff. If there is news on the subject, and if I deem it important, it will be printed. However, you can be assured that I'll keep my editorial perspective, recognizing always that I'm responsible to all subscribers, be they bowhunters, field archers or targeteers. In short, this magazine will continue to keep *your* particular archery interest in mind. And, as has been stated editorially, I feel that *all* fields of archery are important to the continued growth and health of our sport. And all will continue to be covered in BOWHUNTING.

William Stump—Editor

BOWHUNTING



By Dick Sage

This is the time of the year when my spirits are lowest. Somehow, the seven month wait for a big game season seems just too much. It's too late for rabbits in most areas; it's too soon for woodchucks; and the carp haven't yet begun to move. This bowhunting vacuum is what first got me interested in spring bear hunting. I've never been successful (though I know some who have) but this has yet to dull my interest.

Spring bear hunting isn't recommended for the casual or impatient bowhunter. This is a sport that requires total devotion to purpose. Once, in two weeks of intense hunting in good bear country, I never even glimpsed old bruin once. The following year I watched a bait for a solid week and saw nothing. Yet, I can't wait to go again; it's that kind of a sport.

The best way to be successful is to arrange with an outfitter that uses baits in an area where bears are plentiful. The bowhunter then takes a stand nearby, preferably in a tree, and waits for the bear to come to the bait. Since bears are basically nocturnal, the best time is from late afternoon until dark. It's too hard to get into position on a bait in the morning without scaring bears that might be nearby after a night of feeding.

Although it may be the best way to be successful, it is also the most tedious way to hunt. Once at the bait you sit and watch, that's all. Since the best hunting is around the first of June, bugs can be fierce, particularly when you can't move around and chase them off. And you are really hunting only two or three hours each day.

For these reasons I like to hunt old logging roads on foot. Country that has been logged within the last five years is usually good bear country, particularly in Canada. One of the results of logging is a network of meandering roads. When these start to grow up with grass and berry bushes they are top notch spots to encounter a bear, even during the day. I'm told that bear eat grass soon after they are out of hibernation and before they come to baits. If you run into one that is so occupied, you have a chance for a good shot. The roads are easy to walk and bend enough so you have good cover for stalking. Just remember to walk into the wind always, and quietly, and check those black "stumps" up ahead. While I'm still waiting for the thrill of rounding a turn and seeing a huge black bulk serenely munching grass, I've talked to those who have and they say it's terrific.

Bear hunters generally use their deer hunting tackle for bruins. I wouldn't recommend anything less than a 50 lb. bow. (I use a 55 lb. bow for everything, hunting and field too.) Sharp broadheads, a camouflage

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We applaud the sense of humor being displayed by the Arkansas people putting on this year's NFAA National. Every year, an arm patch is created for the event; competitors buy 'em for their jackets or quivers. According to Milt Peters, in charge of the event for the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, the patch shows a chigger sitting in a bathtub.

No need to tell you how miserable the chiggers made things last year; Milt says that the U. S. Forest Service has given the tourney sponsors a spray that will control all pests—insect ones, at any rate. The bathtub in the patch? Hot Springs is famous for its mineral baths, etc., etc., etc. There'll always be a Chamber of Commerce man.

The NFAA event is slated for July 30-Aug. 2, again at Crystal Springs, some 20 miles from the famous spa town; BOWHUNTING, natch, will see that you get all the details in upcoming issues. The Hot Springs Chamber, the official sponsor, is working hard to make the shoot a success.

1962 MID-ATLANTIC SHOOT ANNOUNCED

June 30-July 1 are the tentative dates for the NFAA's Middle Atlantic tournament and Watkins Glen, N. Y., will be the site, announces Bill Boyle, the NFAA Middle Atlantic Regional rep

Frank A. Lawrence, Schwenksville, Pa., offers a tongue-in-cheek tip: when you photograph your deer, drape it on a compact car. Frank sent a foto showing his 118 lb. buck on a Falcon. Made it look like an elk. Matter of fact, Frank's hunting buddy, Chet Piotrowski, *did* get an elk—on the Trexler game preserve near Allentown. The 600 pounder fell to a Bear Razor-head fired from a 35 lb. bow, was dead almost immediately. (Elk aren't legal game in the Keystone State; the preserve put on a special shoot to thin out its herd.) Frank says that, until last season, neither he nor Chet ever got anything. Now Frank's freezer is filled with venison, pheasant, rabbit and, of course, the wapiti meat.

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here's the run-down on our buck contest

Missouri archer takes first prize for antler length; award for heaviest won by Virginian C. D. Tarter; deer in contest bagged at average of 23 yards; bow weight average 50 lbs.

Earl Hunziker, hunting from a tree about 15 miles from his home—Kahoka, Missouri—calls the animal which enabled him to win BOWHUNTING's annual Prize Buck Contest "cooperative."

Let's let Earl tell it: "He stopped about twenty yards from me to polish his antlers on a tree. While he was preening himself up I positioned myself and got off a good shot behind the front leg and about half way up the side . . . the arrow went completely through the liver and the lungs; I picked the arrow off the ground on the opposite side from which I shot him."

The total of the lengths of the two main antlers determines first spot in our contest; the right antler of Earl's buck was 27", the left 25½", total 51½". The bow was a 60" home-made composite, 54 lbs., and the arrow was made of glass and armed with a Bear Razorhead.

Earl says that he "wasn't a bit nervous" when he spotted his buck. "I didn't even fall out of the tree."



Earl Hunziker, Kahoka, Missouri, wins our contest with this magnificent animal; the right antler was 26" long and the left 25½" for a 51½" total. The buck, shot at 20 yards with a Razorhead mounted on a glass shaft from Earl's 54 pound home-made bow, is Earl's eighth. It weighed 218 lbs.

Good thing he didn't—else he wouldn't be getting BOWHUNTING's handsome name-engraved beer mug, emblematic of victory in our contest.

The Hunziker deer was the heaviest—218 lbs.—entered. But you can't win *two* prizes, and our second prize, a dozen arrows especially custom-made by Taylor-Made Arrows, Flint, Mich., goes to C. D. Tarter, Wytheville, West Va., who'll be getting a silver mug as well—because we thought he had won that prize instead of the arrows, and told him so.

His buck weighed 205 lbs. A Chevy dealer by trade, C.D.—that's what his friends call him—bagged the buck while leaving his stand one morning; he spotted the deer standing by a fence 25 yds. away. C.D., secretary-treasurer of the Wythe Bowhunters, got his prize with a Bear Razorhead mounted on a home-fletched cedar shaft; a 45 lb. Grizzly was the bow. The antler length of this deer was the second best reported—24" for the right, 25" for the left, total, 49".

Runner up in the weight category was the 180 lb. whitetail nailed by Lee Topping, Welch, West Va.

This was Lee's first deer in seven years of bowhunting—and the biggest archery-bagged buck in the

C. D. Tarter's buck, bagged near Wytheville in the southwest corner of Virginia, wins our prize for the heaviest deer. 205 lbs. was the weight. Antler total, incidentally, was 49", second best in contest. This is the 28-year-old Chevy dealer's second deer



This buck was taken by Babe Tucci, shown at right; killed in West Virginia, deer was third in antler length, weighed 165. It walked 25 yards after being hit, dropped dead. Left in photo is Donald E. Thompson. Middle is J. B. Graham

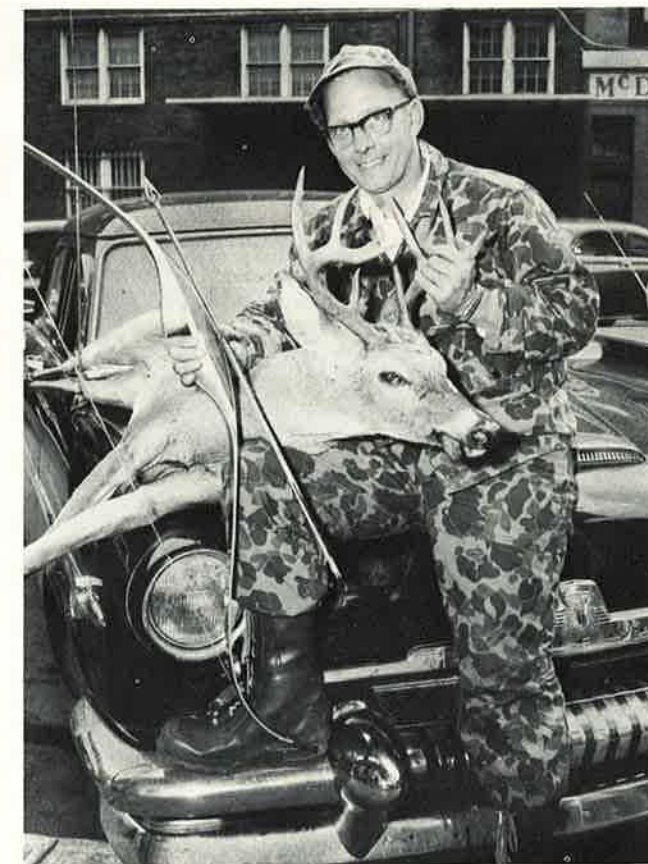
history of McDowell Co. Armed with a Wyandot bow and a Micro-Flite shaft tipped with a Bear Razorhead, Lee got his shot at *ten yards*. The arrow went all the way through the buck and stuck into a bank 15 feet away. You can imagine that feat got plenty of notice in Lee's newspaper. The left antler was 15½" and the right 14½" for a 30" total.

Third to Hunziker in antler length came the deer entered by a BOWHUNTING advertiser—O. P. "Babe" Tucci of West Virginia Archery Supply, South Charleston. Babe's buck, which field dressed at 165 lbs., was

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Lee Topping, circulation manager for Daily News of Welch, West Virginia, was runner up in "heaviest deer" category with this animal; dressed weight was 180 pounds, and Lee nailed him at ten yards. Deer set record in McDowell Co.



E. R. Moore's entry had fourth greatest antler lengths, over 40 inches. Another Virginian, this archer lives at Newport News, says he works as a safecracker—for the Army at Ft. Eustis

Alma Blundell is our only lady entrant; she tied for fifth place with the ninth deer she's bagged since 1943. Alma and her husband, Wes, have been bowhunting since 1940, are among the best-known archers in Michigan. Read how Alma got her '61 deer; you'll learn something

ARCHERY ORGANIZATIONS MEET AT NSGA SHOW IN CHICAGO; FORMAL, INFORMAL TALKS, JOINT CONFERENCE, ARE HELD; ASSOCIATIONS ANNOUNCE CHANGES, PLANS



This bear enabled Rick Cooley to become a member of the Pope & Young Club; she bagged it with a 45 lb. American Archery Cheetah Special and a Micro-Barreled arrow last year on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The skull scores at 19", or 2" above club minimum; husband Dick Cooley, jet pilot for United Airlines, holds club black bear record with 21". Couple hunted in Alaska in October, accounted for four caribou. Rick Cooley is the only gal member of the Pope & Young outfit. "But that doesn't make a bit of difference," says Dick. "She's a bowhunter, period, and is so accepted." Rick attended club's dinner in Chicago

Pope & Young Hunters Dine At Show, Plan To Incorporate As A Scientific Organization; Club Has 25 Members

Some of the nation's top bowhunters gathered for fun, feasting and talk at the NSGA Show and, with plenty of time out for tall tales and accounts of quests for trophy game, listened as Glenn St. Charles, the organization's temporary chairman, reported that:

1. The club, which has no affiliation with the NFAA, plans to incorporate as a scientific organization.

2. The club's membership stands at 25, with 65 associates. (To become a member, an archer must take three big game animals, and one of them must be in the organization's trophy class, meaning that it must be above the minimums for skull and antler measurements. Associates are bowhunters who "by their general qualifications or allied interest in the club, recommend themselves for associate membership." The club screens such applicants.)

The club, named for the fathers of modern archery hunting, stresses sportsmanship and quality in the taking of big game, lists animals bagged and makes awards for many kinds of game.

The club, purposely exclusive, is well on its way of gaining rank equal to that of the Boone & Crockett organization, on which it is patterned. Those interested in membership should write P. O. Box 887, Des Moines, Wash.

National Archery Association's Board Names NSGA To Act As Secretariat; All "Housekeeping" Details Will Be Handled From Chicago; Fees For 1962 National Set, Magazines Discussed, Appointments Made, New Award Created

The National Archery Association's Board of Governors has accepted a bid from the National Sporting Goods Assn. and henceforth will employ the Chicago-based organization to handle its secretarial functions.

The decision, made at the Board's day-long meeting, just prior to the sporting goods trade show, means that an organization and not a specific individual will be paid to fill the roles of both secretary and treasurer of the 83-year-old association. NSGA will take care of all "housekeeping" details—membership applications and renewals, day to day correspondence, awards, etc.—and provide various public relations and promotional services.

"The new arrangement," said NAA president Clayton B. Shenk, "will mean greater service to existing members and will help promote memberships. The affiliation will not mean a loss of identity for the NAA."

The NSGA employee who will be given the title of NAA Executive Secretary is Delmar S. LeSage, the sporting goods group's director of promotion. A graduate of Drake University, LeSage has had some archery experience in YMCA work. However, a number of NSGA employees in addition to Sage will work on the NAA account.

This activity will take place at NSGA headquarters, 23 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4. This location becomes the permanent address of the NAA, which also will have space for meetings there.

NAA will pay a reported \$200 a month for the service, which includes overhead expenses such as postage and telephone.

"For that \$200, NAA will be getting the equivalent of about \$1000 a month in service," BOWHUNTING was told by a Chicagoan familiar with the NSGA set-up.

In its marathon meeting, which began at 11:30 a.m. and ran until 11:45 p.m. with luncheon and dinner breaks and a visit to the NSGA building, the Board handled many other items of important business:

1. It raised the shooting fees for the '62 National; adults will pay \$18, intermediates \$12, juniors \$10, cadets \$8, crossbowmen \$23.

2. It decided that actual shooting at the National will begin Aug. 7 instead of the previously-announced Aug. 6 to give archers attending the NFAA tourna-

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Here's Doug Easton presenting the Larry Whiffen Memorial Award to Julius W. Butler for outstanding service to the sport. Mr. Butler, an archer since 1913, has worked long to promote archery in Chicago area, founded Royal Archers Assn. at Oak Brook, site of NAA National, and many a big event. Award is made by AMADA's Archery Institute in the memory of the pioneer of modern archery who died in 1960

AMADA Organizing College Archery Coaches' Group, Is Working With JAC Toward National Junior Tournament With Test Shoot Slated This Summer

After a number of meetings held during a five day period at the NSGA event, The Archery Manufacturers & Dealers Association's Board of Directors announced the following plans:

1. It will form a National Collegiate Archery Coaches Assn. and will hold an organizational meeting probably in April in the Midwest or South. Representatives from all districts of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. will be invited and their expenses will be paid by AMADA. Roland Amundson, AMADA prexy, said that his group "is looking for coaches who want archery to be an intercollegiate, competitive sport."

2. It is working closely with the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce toward what is hoped will be a national junior tournament under JCC sponsorship. A pilot, or test, tournament is scheduled for Oak Brook, probably in June, and AMADA is working with suburban Chicago Jaycee chapters on it.

3. It has contributed \$500 to combat anti-bowhunting legislation in California.

4. It is planning advertisements in the sporting goods trade press, has published a booklet to guide people interested in setting up commercial indoor ranges. Another booklet, dealing with archery pro-

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SPORTING GOODS FAIR SERVES AS A CONVENTION FOR GROUPS IN SPORT; REORGANIZATION MOVE ANNOUNCED BY NFAA SECRETARY IN JOINT TALKS

The National Sporting Goods Association's huge annual trade show—where manufacturers of everything from bows to baseball bats display their wares to dealers on a dozen floors of Chicago's Morrison and Palmer House hotels—took place in late January and, in keeping with tradition, served also as an occasion for meetings of archery's national organizations.

The National Archery Assn., the Archery Manufacturers & Dealers Assn. and the up and coming Professional Archers Assn. held formal meetings of their executive bodies, and top echelon people from these organizations met jointly with NFAA and ABA officials.

At the joint meeting, NFAA Executive Secretary James F. Cavanaugh announced that NFAA is planning to reorganize, "changing . . . into an association of state associations, not individuals." Cavanaugh said that "this may mean doing away with the state field governors."

In addition to these gatherings, many informal conferences took place—in hotel rooms, hotel bars, around the displays and in the halls. One visitor described the activity as "archery's annual convention." Only

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Professional Archers Association Stresses Instruction As Its Major Function; Group Is Determined To Keep Membership Standards High

Officials of the less-than-a-year-old Professional Archers Assn. held meetings in Chicago and from them these facts emerged:

1. PAA considers its prime mission the establishment of a nation-wide program of instruction. Bob Rhode, the association's 32-year-old president, feels that PAA instructors, who will be carefully selected, can do much to promote archery in the way that PGA pros promote golf.

2. Thus PAA does not consider itself simply as a group of hot shooters organized to hold money tournaments. However, PAA is going ahead with plans for its own rounds and tournaments. It feels that big money shooting is a valuable publicity tool.

In connection with this, it was decided that a PAA

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PSAA Indoor Team Championship Shoot Set For April 28-29 At Penn State; Teams Of Eight Archers To Shoot Chi Rounds; Stake Marking Question Tabled

by CLAYTON B. SHENK
(Secretary, PSAA)

There'll be a PSAA state indoor team championship tournament next month; it's set from April 28-29 in the 150 ft. by 150 ft. recreation hall at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

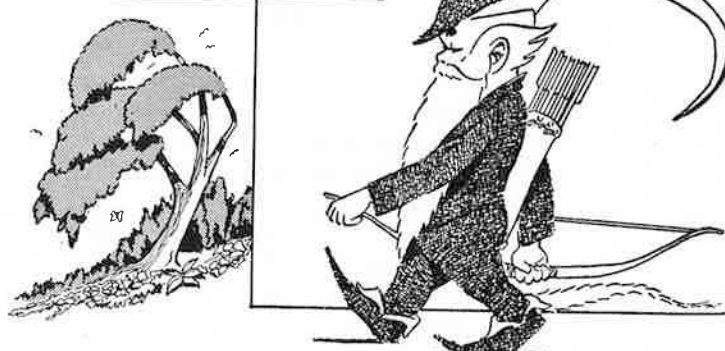
The indoor event will consist of Chicago rounds, the first to take place at 1 p.m. on the 28th. Teams will consist of eight archers; the four highest scores shot by members are used in determining tournament standings. Entry fee is \$2 per person. Registration deadline is April 21. Clubs will be sent registration blanks which, when filled out, should be returned to me.

At the Board meeting, the thorny question of stake marking was tabled until the April 28th get-together. In the meantime, the Board has instructed me to contact the NFAA Executive Committee to ask that the stake marking question be placed before the NFAA state field governors for a vote.

The Lancaster Archery Club's famed annual indoor team tournament is set for March 17-18 at the Malta Temple, 235 E. King St., 2 blocks east from Penn Sq. on Rt. 30, in Lancaster. Teams will be made up of four men or women, \$1.50 per person, payable in advance by March 10; to register, send check to Miss Luella M. Man, 337 N. Charlotte St., Lancaster. When registering, specify when you want your team to shoot. On Saturday, novelty round day, times are 6:30 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. Sunday times are 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. Freestyle or bare bow divisions.

In the last issue I stated there would be no competition at the Harrisburg show. There was. The people who run the show told BOWHUNTING there would be none, switched the decision after press time.

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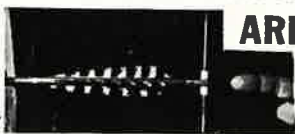
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NEW JERSEY

DeKeukelaere Resigns As Commissioner Of SFAA-NJ; His Years Of Work Are Cited; Replacement Seen As Problem; New Post, With Salary, May Be Created

by BOB DEGENHARDT

(BOWHUNTING's New Jersey Correspondent)

C. Harry DeKeukelaere, for many years the mainstay of the State Field Archery Assn. of New Jersey, has resigned as State Commissioner in that organization.

Robert Koistra, chairman of the SFAA Board of Club Representatives, in making the announcement, said, "... personal matters plus a multitude of business obligations made it impossible for him to carry the tremendous load of responsibility associated with his office of commissioner at this time. It has been said that no man is irreplaceable. I am sure you will agree when I say that the Commissioner's resignation is the exception to this rule."

We can only second Koistra's latter comment. Perhaps only the archers closest to DeKeukelaere fully realize just how vital has been his role in developing one of the strongest and best organized state field archery associations in the nation. Few may realize the endless man-hours of administrative work he contributed day in and day out, and the remarkable devotion to the sport required to overcome the challenges or the apathy of the organization's early years.

His talent for organization in the archery field began to show itself more than 10 years ago, first in his contributions to the Federated Archery Clubs (of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut) and later as prime organizer of the SFAA when he was to bring field archery order out of chaos in this area.

We know that his concern for the problems of archery organization will not lessen in the coming years. We hope that he can continue to lend his sound thinking to important questions of national archery organization, particularly at present as a member of the NFAA Reorganization Committee.

The New Jersey state organization, meanwhile, is faced with the chore of finding a new administrative officer of comparable ability and enthusiasm. The SFAA, as part of a new continuing program of reorganization and development of a constitution, plans to create a new office of secretary-treasurer with similar duties to the present post of commissioner. According to the proposal this job for the first time would become a paid position, in the beginning carrying an annual salary of \$500. This sum would be covered by raising the annual club affiliation fee from \$10 to \$25. Koistra commented, "The SFAA has grown to the point where we can no longer depend upon volunteers to help manage the vast amount of business that confronts us daily. A monetary inducement must be offered. (It is) the only way we could possibly replace the loss of the Commissioner and other volunteer workers."

Col. Witt Explains It:

Three Highest Non-Sighter Men And Women In Money Division At Pearson Open To Get Cash Bonuses

The instinctive shooter placing highest in the money division of the Ben Pearson Open will receive a \$200 bonus in addition to any money he wins. Second highest will get \$150, third highest \$100. And the same schedule of bonuses applies to the women's division.

So announces Col. Jack Witt, the Southrin gentelman who, oft described as the Rhett Butler of archery, will serve as overseer for the indoor classic, set for April 14-15 in the Coliseum at Ft. Wayne.

The cunnel freely admits that he has been bombed ferociously—he likens the attack to the Siege of Vicksburg in the War Between The States—due to the decision to lump freestyle and instinctive money shooters into one division.

Yet Marse Jack defends the decision with the conviction and tenacity reminiscent of the sainted leader of the Army of Northern Virginia. "We didn't make the change to favor or hurt any of the group," quoted Mistah Jack. "There were a number of reasons. First, the Professional Archers Assn. has sanctioned the tournament. PAA makes no distinction between instinctive and freestyle in its tournaments; it stresses only one champion, not for the champion's sake but for publicity; it says the press is confused when a great number of different kinds of champions are named at a tournament.

"Second, we looked over the number of instinctive entries in the open division in the past. We took from this the number of people who usually shoot freestyle but who entered the instinctive division because they felt they had a better chance there. The number was few.

"We also feel that since the PAA has no distinctions as to style those archers interested in placing high in pro competition are going to be shooting with sights; this means, we feel, that few instinctive archers are going to want to become PAA tournament archers. With this in mind we feel that the majority of instinctive archers are going to want to remain amateur.



—BOWHUNTING Photo by Les Line

Bill Partin was top freestyler in 1961 Open. Most of nation's best will be competing in the double Chicago Round battle set for Ft. Wayne—including NAA champ and FITA competitor Clay Sherman who, we learn, is turning pro. He's on Whiffen squad

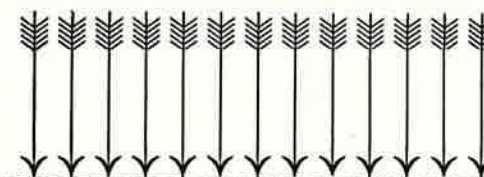
Don't forget that there'll be both instinctive and freestyle divisions in the amateur wing of this year's Open, with trophies as prizes. We are scrupulously observing the amateur rules. I might add that due to a lack of clarification regarding handicap shooting for prizes, only non-amateurs will be eligible for handicap awards.

"Third, by having only two open divisions—one for men, one for women—we didn't have to split the prize money four ways. So there's money for the top 20 men, starting at \$1000 and running down to \$100, and money for the top six women, starting at \$1000 and going to \$100. Of course the prize ratio between men and women is based on the number of men and women who usually enter. If you don't place in the money, you're eligible for one of 25 handicap prizes. These include five watches, 15 Sovereign bows and five sets of Golden Sovereign-made Easton aluminums."

Col. Jack says the registration deadline is April 1. "Get your registration in early and you'll receive your card showing your shooting time and target number," he says.

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THERESSA CARTER--CHAMP WITH SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN

the 49-year-old NFAA women's titlist proves once again that age makes no difference in competitive archery if you've got that zest for living; in our interview, she talks about her archery for the benefit of gal readers

The NFAA Women's Champion (the title goes by tradition to the top non-sighter gal at the NFAA National and, since last summer, to a non-amateur) is the 49-year-old mother of six children and the grandmother of seven more. We've known her since the dusty '59 classic at Bend, Oregon, an endurance test if there ever was one. There, and at rugged Crystal Springs last summer, we watched her in competition, and we were amazed by her vitality and glowing good health; she's one of those people who seems to sparkle so much that you think of them as being young if you think of age at all. As nice a gal archer as you'll want to meet, she's business-like on the championship course, wearing that seemingly detached air which really indicates deep concentration.

Her name? Theresa Carter, and she won her title after leading all the way in '61. For the benefit of lady archers especially, we've asked her a batch of questions, and here they are with her answers. Theresa's scores in the last National, incidentally, were a 338/-355 field, a 328/316 hunter and a 364/290 animal for a 1991.

Q: Theresa, did you go to Arkansas last year with the clear intention of winning? Did you figure you had a pretty good chance?

A: You have to have determination when you shoot in a big tournament, because you can't win unless you give it your best and then some. I'd been shooting very well in the months before the National, too. As



Theresa's from San Francisco, has six children in addition to those seven grandchildren; one son, 25 year old Darel, placed high in the last national, where we snapped this picture. Theresa, who's employed full time, practices three times a week and keeps sharp betting pennies against her husband

you wrote in your 450-350 Club report, I'd shot a 438 in a tournament at our club, the San Francisco Archers.

Q: It seems to us that champions in the 40's are the rule rather than the exception, Theresa; maybe it's because maturity brings a greater degree of self-control. And, of course, years of archery experience pay off. Have you been an archer long?

A: I began shooting in 1956; I've been to two Nationals, the one at Bend and the Arkansas one. George, my husband, got interested in archery, and it seemed he was never home on Saturday and Sunday. I didn't like the idea of staying home, so I went along with him to Golden Gate Park. I began shooting, too—with a small straight bow of my son's. In the spring of '57 we all joined the San Francisco Archers. In my first tournament I turned in a 116, but that year I won the Most Advanced Archer of the Year award, and that still means a great deal to me.

Q: Are you going to keep right on shooting field archery? Are you planning to attend this year's NFAA National in Arkansas? The Las Vegas tournament?

A: I plan to continue in archery as long as I can. I'm going to defend my title in Arkansas, and I intend to compete at Las Vegas, too.

Q: Does anyone coach you, formally or informally?

A: I've not been coached by anyone, but my son,

Darel, helps me. Darel is a fine archer and, as you know, he placed seventh in men's instinctive at Crystal Springs. Lloyd English, a fellow club member, helps me, too, and so does my husband.

Q: Theresa, how often do you practice? When? How?

A: I practice every week in the winter months if it's not too cold or rainy. I shoot occasionally in our basement, too. In the summer we go to the field course about three times a week after work. I warm up at the practice bales, starting close to the target so I can get the feel of pulling a full arrow and so I can get a good release. I practice a lot more now than I did two years ago.

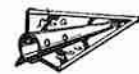
Q: We're sure our lady readers would like to know just how you shoot. Could you tell us what you do from the moment you step up to the stake until your arrow hits the target?

A: First, I look at the target very carefully. Second, I try to concentrate on the spot. I put the arrow on the target, and then I draw, holding until my arrow is lined up with the spot. In aiming, I use secondary vision to pick up a space picture. When I release I relax my fingers and follow through. I shoot a lot by feel because the space picture may look different at times. I judge distance by a comparison to the targets

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NFAA prexy Dick Freeman presents Theresa with her championship trophy at Crystal Springs, Ark., last summer; she plans to defend her title there in July, and she'll be on hand for the Las Vegas tournament. Can you find yourself in this photo?





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on my home range; I'm not good at judging yardage, so this is my method of finding distance. It's sort of hard to tell anyone how I shoot, because I try to feel each shot. This takes a lot of practice and concentration.

Q: What's the toughest thing about field archery which faces women?

A: Women shoot lighter bows and thus trajectory is the big problem. But I think any woman can shoot well if she puts in enough practice.

Q: What equipment recommendations would you make to women?

A: The bow should be the weight a woman can pull without too much strain. I started with a 20 lb. bow and wood arrows, and went up five pounds at a time until I was able to draw 35 lbs. Wood arrows are good to begin with; it takes time to develop form and the ability to release an arrow. Most people, men and women, make the mistake of trying to pull too heavy a bow, and this means they can't control their muscles.

Q: Tell us about your equipment, Theresa? Who maintains it for you?

A: I shoot an Ed Thompson bow, 35 lbs. at 26". My arrows are made from 1618 Easton shafting. I use a glove, because I always have. My fingers are short, so I have to fit my glove by cutting, shrinking and sewing. My son, Darel, and my husband straighten and fletch my arrows. For over a year, now, I've been using a P-26 Plastifletch.

Q: Have you ever shot target archery? Any bow-hunting?

A: I belong to the Golden Gate Target Archery Club; I won the bare bow title for women in the 1960 California target championships. I've competed in the NAA mail tournament, shooting indoors, every year, and last winter I held a 768 average. So I do a lot of competitive shooting. I go hunting every year with my husband. We went to Nevada last year. I had some good shots and some near misses. But no deer.

Q: Have you received much recognition for being the NFAA women's title-holder?

A: The two local papers printed short items on the National; one column was headed, "San Francisco Woman Wins Archery Title," but there were no pictures. The archery clubs in the area were very happy for me and so were my co-workers at the plant of the American Can Company, where I work. The clipping was on the bulletin board. And of course you took a picture which appeared in *Sports Illustrated* with a few words about me.

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Theresa shoots a 35 lb. bow, 26-inch arrows; she started with a 20 pounder, cautions women about starting off with bows which are too heavy. Theresa shoots target and field

Q: Do you consider yourself a potential professional archer, Theresa? Would you like to make money at archery, or doesn't this particularly interest you?

A: I think I could become a professional. I love to shoot, and I'd like to coach archery. But I may have to go back to school to achieve that. Am I too late?

Q: In your opinion, is field archery properly run? Is there anything about the rounds you'd like to see improved or changed? Do you think the rounds for women should be different?

A: I like field archery and enjoy participating. I don't want to see it changed in such a way that the men and women would be separated. The sport is so designed that a husband and wife can shoot together. George and I have a lot of fun shooting "penny a spot, penny an arrow." We shoot so evenly that we often end up even or just a few pennies apart. We also shoot "nickel on the eighty." All this gives us competition in practice.

Q: Tell us about yourself and your family.

A: I've been married 29 years, and have six nice children, three sons and three daughters. The oldest is 28 and the youngest 18. They're all married except two. Darel is home and the youngest, Curtis, is in the Navy. I have seven grandchildren, five boys and two girls. They were all home last Christmas.

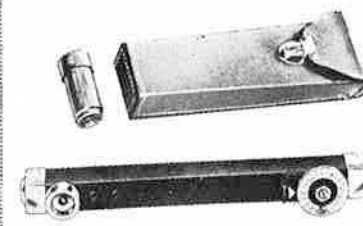
Q: Tell us something more about Darel.

A: He's been shooting with us since 1957. He's a great one to have around. Every time I have a problem, I ask Darel to watch me shoot, and he can tell me what I'm doing wrong. In archery, it helps a lot to have someone to depend upon.

Q: With President Kennedy's stress on participation in "the vigorous life" it seems to us that you're a very fine example of the fit, healthy American woman. Here you are, 49, and you don't act like it or look like it. What's the secret?

A: The secret is in being active, and in good clean living. Love of life and happiness. No more than a pack a day or a drunk a year!

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Q: Have you ever participated in other sports?
A: I was raised in Minnesota and I took part in sports in school, with a lot of swimming and skating.

Q: What does archery mean to you, Theresa? What do you like best about it?

A: I like archery so much I hate the thought of ever having to give it up. I relax a great deal when I shoot. Many people don't, but I do.

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by BOB OETTING

(Bowhunting's Minnesota Correspondent)

Joan Bollum, hotshot archer from Redwood Falls, lowered the bow on Duryea and Chicago round records at the St. Paul Winter Carnival shoot, held recently, at the St. Paul auditorium.

Joan posted an 804 Duryea (six points from perfect) to relieve Ann Sevey of a record of 794 for freestyle women. Joan also backed into Ann's records with a 786 Chicago round. Ann's old record was 782.

The Sevey family did well in the men's division, however, with Bob taking freestyle honors in the Duryea with a two-points from perfect 808. Sevey shot his only seven in the last end, but had a fight every arrow with the surprising Al Muller, who shot a perfect round, except for one nine, which went into a wrong target.

Muller left no doubt as to who was best in the Chicago round, however, when he came up with two 830s. Second was Sevey with 816. Instinctive men's high went to Floyd Ragen with 738. Instinctive women's winner was Maxine Schroeder with 618.

Maxine also won instinctive honors in the Duryea with 714. Adrian Grose took men's instinctive high with 792, a new record.

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Intermediate scores in the Chicago round were boy's instinctive, Chuck Thoun, 567; boy's freestyle, Larry Mans, 714.

Muller's impressive second 830 Chicago started with three six-gold ends and one 52 end. So confident is this Muller that he puts his target staples through the five ring when tacking the face on the butt.

Chris Sells, Coon Rapids state girl's freestyle champ, helped promote the St. Paul Winter Carnival shoot with an appearance on Randy Merriman's TV show. Chris plunked two golds and a seven into a Chicago face during the show. Her calmness was not shared by Pa and Ma Sells, who showed all the symptoms of stage fright—from their living room!

The MSAA's St. Paul Carnival shoot welcomed a large group of archers from Wisconsin; the Barron Bowmen, New Richland Archers, Superior Archers, Ellsworth Archers and Eau Clair Archers were represented. Their entry into the competition and satisfactory classification was liquid smooth and a credit to Dewey Hutchinson and others who made the Wisconsin group feel at home. The future probably holds a great deal of influx of out-of-staters and this trend is welcomed, to say the least. The Wisconsin men and gals took home some hardware, too.

Gold Fever Gossip—Vicki Cook, the state's FITA team member and a student of Al Muller's, improves her form by studying movies of herself and other top shooters. Vicki has flicks of the FITA tryouts and Oslo shooting. . . . the Chilakoot Bowhunters held a snowshoe rabbit shoot February 11 at their range near Stillwater, with proceeds going into a club building fund. . . . MSAA vice president Curt Johnson of Coon Rapids moved to Florida where he will skin-dive for buried treasure. His replacement has not yet been announced. . . . Ron Anderson, new MSAA prexy, got his first large-scale duties at the Winter Carnival shoot and carried on like a polished trouper. He's obviously a wise choice for association president. . . . the MSAA's dear friend Mike Peterson of Kasota, who nearly always takes top honors as oldest archer participating, is ill in St. Peter. . . . Rochester Archery club began 1962 festivities with a dinner at the Arthur Hotel and held a club rabbit hunting affair with 30 bunnies going into the pot at the club's annual stag. . . . Bob Kadlec and David Lind of Rochester both got an antelope in South Dakota. . . . Bob Williams got a mulie in Wyoming. . . . Kadlec also tagged a whitetail near Chatfield, Minnesota. . . . Roger Enderson, deerless for six years, nailed a buck the last week of the December season.

Flash . . . Cedar River Archery Club, Austin, Minn., will host '62 Midwestern Field Archery Tournament June 2-3, and Haven Rinehart will be tourney chairman. More info later on fees, motels, etc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ben Feltz

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Fellow Archers:

Last month you read about our first attempt at an NYFA indoor championship tournament. As we've already mentioned, we lost money on the shoot, due to the lack of competitors and the low registration fee.

But it was a good event, one of the best NYFA events of this or any other year. And the publicity we received was the best we've ever had—newspapers, radio and television. May be the indoor event has enabled us to break the publicity barrier.

I particularly want to mention the participation of the Buffalo Boosters Wheelchair Athletic Club. Six wheelchair archers competed; they shot against archers in which ever class they were in. Two of them, in fact, won class awards—Gloria Jones took the women's 125 freestyle with a 551, and Tom Lutz won in men's 100 class. Gloria, in my opinion, would be a champion in any sport, and I know you'll be hearing from her. Dick Robinson is president of the club; last October and November, weekly shoots were held at an indoor range donated by the Bucktrail Bowmen. As I've been happy to mention before, Bob Hardy, now president of WNYFA, has worked closely with the Boosters, coaching and encouraging them. You may not know, however, that the Boosters are a regular NYFA club. Members have participated in field archery under Erie County sponsorship. In fact, reports prexy Dick Robinson, the club's archers have aroused so much interest that the County Recreation and Park Dept. is planning to build a 14-target course for handicapped archers.

Let's talk about action taken at the annual meeting. Here are the things that came before the Legal and Steering Committee, of which Charlie Ryan, NYFA's 2nd v-p, is chairman:

1. *Should NFAA classification cards be used exclusively?* The answer was "no," because it was felt that if NYFA clubs abide by the rules there should be no trouble with classification cards at registration tables throughout the state. But only three cards are to be accepted in New York—the NFAA, the NYFA and the NYFA Non-Members.

2. Paragraph 3, Article 10 of the Constitution and bylaws was changed to read: "Any amendment to this constitution shall become effective on the first day of March following the annual state meeting, or no later

than one month after any special meeting called for making amendments." This change was passed with no opposition.

3. *Should the Spring Area Tournament rules become a part of the bylaws?* Yes, all changes will be printed and sent to all club secretaries for inclusion in their copies of the constitution.

4. It was voted that nominations for NYFA office can be made from the floor at the annual meeting, provided that the nominee is on hand to accept or refuse.

The Tournament Committee, chaired by Harold Converse, considered the following items:

1. *Shall NYFA have amateur and non-amateur division?* This was passed in the affirmative.

2. *Will known professional archers be allowed to compete in the non-amateur division?* The vote was a "yes," because there are only two recognized divisions, the amateur and the non-amateur.

3. *What will be considered a fair and equitable division of awards in the amateur category?* The committee decided that there will be only four top awards in the senior amateur division—first place freestyle man, ditto woman, and first place instinctive man and woman. No decision was made on the Heavy Tackle Division; we're awaiting the decision from NFAA. As for intermediates, the age limit is being raised to 18 and all intermediates and juniors will shoot as amateurs. So we're not changing our award system in this group.

4. *Tournament dates.* The Spring Area shoots will be held on June 10. That Sunday will become the permanent date. The NYFA state championship event is scheduled for August 18-19. The third week-end in August was designated as the permanent date.

5. *Shall shooting rules be conspicuously posted at all sanctioned NYFA tournaments?* This was passed.

The Publications Committee, headed by Bill Boyle, had these items on its agenda:

1. *Shall NYFA publish its own newsletter?* The vote was "no."

2. *Shall NYFA subsidize the official publication?* The vote was "no."

3. *Shall NYFA tie in a subscription to the official publication with membership dues?* The vote was "yes." From now on, the 100% membership dues are \$2, and this includes a subscription to BOWHUNTING. Where there is more than one NYFA member in the family the cost will be \$3 and only one copy of the magazine will be sent. (When I speak of "100% membership," I am talking about the dues schedule which is set up for archers belonging to clubs which have all of the members belonging to NYFA. NYFA members who do not come under this set-up will receive the magazine as part of their dues, too.)

I am hopeful that this is going to mean better com-
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Conservation & Bowhunting

By Bill Wadsworth

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In this and the next issue the plan called "A Look At Bowhunting In New York State," which was adopted by NYFA at its annual meeting in January, will be printed for your information and study. It is our job as members and member clubs of NYFA to do our utmost to sell our local federation and sportsmen on the basic ideas and then to solicit their support for the proposed legislation.

The following plan regarding New York State bowhunting was prepared for the consideration of the members of the New York State Field Archery Assn. at their annual meeting on January 13 and 14, 1962, at Utica, New York. It is an attempt on the part of the NYFA Conservation and Bowhunting Committee to bring together as many of the facts and figures regarding present day bowhunting in New York State as they have available. These facts, figures and suggestions have come from several sources including N.Y. State Conservation Dept. published figures, reports from the Howland Island and Montezuma hunts, suggestions made in letters from bowhunters, from questionnaires completed by Howland Island and Montezuma bowhunters, and from personal interviews with groups of bowhunters across the state.

The purpose of this plan is—

1. To take a careful look at bowhunting in New York State at this time.
2. To increase the interest and participation in bowhunting on the part of all New York State sportsmen.
3. To encourage the further recognition of bowhunting as one of the two principle accepted methods of taking deer in New York State available to all sportsmen. Point out that the difference, and reason for more liberal hunting regulations, is because of the type of weapon used, not a difference in the sportsman using it as often he is one in the same.
4. To bring to the attention of N.Y. State legislators and Conservation Dept. officials the importance of expanding the opportunities to bowhunt in New York State at this time.
5. To furnish every NYFA member and member club with additional facts and a common plan whereby they can sell their local county federation and sportsmen clubs on the importance of expanding the opportunities to bowhunt in N.Y.S. and the advantages of fully recognizing the sport of bowhunting for all sportsmen.

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO DATE!

The partial recognition of bowhunting in New York State came in 1947-48 when the taking of deer with the long bow was legalized for the first time. A few years later in 1952 the N.Y.S. Conservation Council and the N.Y.S. Conservation Dept. recommended additional legislation which allowed the taking of deer of either sex with the bow during a special archery season prior to the regular season. Dr. Paul W. Crouch of Oxford, N.Y.,

former chairman of the NYFA Conservation and Bowhunting Committee, took the leadership in securing this primary legislation for bowhunting.

During the following years opposition to bowhunting was expressed by various uninformed sportsmen's organizations in the state. This was the "day of rumors" when dozens of detrimental stories were started by sportsmen who felt that this "special group of bowhunters" were receiving "special" privileges which were not available at all.

Gradually education, facts, and the cooperation of sportsmen won out as more and more deer hunters enjoyed the comparatively new sport of bowhunting.

The number of bowhunters and the interest in bowhunting increased steadily until 1958.

Beginning in 1959 the trend has been in the opposite direction. Over the last three years there has been a decided decrease in the number of bowhunters and in the number of deer taken by bowhunters. The attendance at the two big yearly bowhunts at Howland Island and Montezuma dropped off by 475 bowhunters this year.

We believe that it's time to ask "Why," but first, let's consider the facts we know about bowhunting.

1. Record of bowhunting licenses issued, deer taken, and hunter success ratio since 1954.

Year	Licenses Issued	Deer Taken	No. Hunters Per Deer Taken
1954	15,357	530	29
1955	19,263	939	21
1956	24,943	1107	22
1957	25,792	1199	21
1958	25,300	1037	23
1959	20,287	694	29
1960	18,543	842	22
1961	(not available at this writing)		

2. There has been a decided decrease in the number of bowhunters attending the Howland and Montezuma hunts—475 less this year over last.

3. A recent Conservation Dept. survey tells us that 91% of all licensed bowhunters in New York also purchased a gunning license in the same one year hunting period. This established the fact that *bowhunters and gun hunters are generally one in the same*. There is really no "special group" for whom we are asking "special privileges."

4. In 1960 there were between 40,000 and 45,000 deer taken by the gun and less than one thousand (842) by the bow.

5. For each deer taken with the bow the state received over \$100 from bowhunters in license fees.

6. If the number of sportsmen using the long bow was tripled and they took three times as many deer, they would still take only about 2500 deer, less than 6% of the estimated herd.

7. Sportsmen paid about \$95,000 to hunt with a bow in 1961. The license fee is \$5.25, the highest residence deer hunting fee in the state.

8. The deer herd is still over populated in many areas of our state as evidenced by the use of the party permit system and by statement substantiated by our N.Y.S. Conservation Dept.

9. The Conservation Dept. is interested in providing a maximum number of recreational hours of hunting with the available deer herd.

10. On the average, it takes a sportsman hunting with

the bow at least twice as many hours of hunting to successfully bag his deer because he must get closer, he usually must wait for a standing shot, he must take more time becoming acquainted with his hunting territory and he must study the area more carefully to be successful. Success in New York State with the gun varies from 1 out of 8 hunters to 1 out of 14 hunters.

11. Bowhunting has been accepted generally by the sportsmen of the state as a method of taking deer.

12. Any legal method used by sportsmen to take deer results in wounding deer which are not recovered regardless of which weapon he chooses. Recent statistics tell us that deer loss through accident, illegal kill, and those that die in the woods is at least equal to the number of deer taken yearly by sportsmen. In some areas this figure is far greater.

13. The best time for bowhunting is early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Chances of success during these periods are much greater.

14. Under the present hunting time schedule in N.Y.S. (from 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. prevailing time) all evening periods during the week are lost to sportsmen who are bowhunting during the northern season. In the southern zone it is difficult to bow hunt before work when the season starts at 7 A.M.

15. Unless he is able to take a vacation, the bowhunter must confine his hunting to weekends.

16. In any one season, in any one hunting zone, this limits him to but two weekends, a maximum of four days. If he hunts both zones and is able to hunt every day of every weekend, which is unlikely, he has a maximum of only eight hunting days.

17. Opportunities for him when he is gun hunting, calculated on the same basis and including Thanksgiving, a holiday, give him a maximum of seventeen days.

*18. Many states where bowhunting seasons exist have recognized the values to their sportsmen in—

A. Treating bowhunting and the bowhunting season as part of the regular recognized deer hunting season rather than as a "special" season for a "special" group.

B. Allowing sportsmen to hunt for longer periods each day thereby increasing the success ratio by legalizing the early morning and early evening daylight hours.

Maine—dawn to dusk

New Jersey—1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1/2 hr. after sunset

C. Allowing bowhunters more total bowhunting time measured both in days and weeks, particularly weekends, both by encouraging bowhunting before and after the gun hunting season.

New Jersey—5 weekends—6 weeks

D. Designating certain carefully selected areas and particularly days for concentrated bowhunting.

Washington

E. Allowing more bowhunting time thus resulting in more recreational hunting hours for sportsmen per deer taken.

*Note: In all references to other states, only seasons allowing bowhunters to take deer of either sex are considered. More specific examples will be

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Editor's Notes

By Bill Boyle

Bowhunting Correspondent For New York
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Accompanied by our long-suffering wives, New York's NFAA field governor Jim Huntoon and I journeyed to Harrisburg, Pa., on February 11 to talk to field governors from the Mid-Atlantic states about a Mid-Atlantic field archery championship tournament in '62.

As you know, one of the biggest planks in my platform when I ran for NFAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative was my pledge to make such a tournament a reality.

And it looks like we've got it pinned down. It seems pretty certain that the 1962 Mid-Atlantic will be held on June 30 and July 1 at Watkins Glen.

The community of Watkins Glen is in the vacation business, and the powers-that-be are really anxious to have us. In fact, they'd like the Glen to become the tournament's permanent site. At this writing, it looks like the state will build the courses—we may need ten—on state land about six miles from town. The state probably will provide the bales, too. There'll be plenty of camping areas and I don't need to tell you how well equipped the Glen is when it comes to making tourists comfortable.

I stress the tentative nature of all this because only three field guys were on hand—Clayton B. Shenk from Pennsy, Oscar Lavoie from Delaware and our Jim Huntoon. The New Jersey, Virginia and West Virginia men couldn't make it; I didn't even hear from the Maryland man. Sitting in on the luncheon talk were Skip Palmer, who was in Harrisburg representing Wing Archery at the big sports show there, and BOWHUNTING editor Bill Stump.

Looks like the registration fee will be \$5—and that advance registration will be a must. There will be amateur and non-amateur shooting, freestyle and instinctive, men and women, of course, and juniors. I can assure you that we'll clearly, carefully and thoroughly explain the amateur set-up soon. For now, suffice it to say that amateurs (and most archers fall into that category) will be protected.

NYFA and New York are very happy to be hosting the tournament—which, of course, belongs to all NFAA archers in the region. Thus you'll find most of the information about the tournament in the regular pages of the magazine during the next few months.

Notice To NYFA Members

BOWHUNTING will make sure every NYFAer receives his magazine as soon after the April 1 deadline for the receipt of dues from 100% clubs. This may mean the May issue. Tell your friends this. Next month we'll explain how we'll take care of overlapping subscriptions.

He'll Work For You:

Here's Jim Huntoon's First Column; He's Your New NFAA Field Governor

By JIM HUNTOON

(2192 W. Jefferson Rd., Pittsford, N.Y.)

I am proud to serve as the NFAA State Field Governor for New York, and I am grateful for the opportunity to help build and promote a sport that has become a way of life for me. Let me here and now assure you that the wishes of NFAA members in particular and of New York in general will be my prime motivations. On all issues requiring a vote I intend to be armed with an accurate cross-section of opinions before casting my ballot. Through our improved communications, this can more easily be accomplished.

Through this column the issues will be presented and explained to you. It's then up to you to let me know how you want me to vote. Write to me to express your opinions! NFAA and NYFA are working hand in hand to reshape, refine and produce a more perfect structure to carry field archery to its rightful place as a mature, major sport. An informed and participating membership will make this task a much easier one.

The time for positive, progressive thinking is here. The negative approach begets negative results. Let's get behind organized archery and make 1962 a year of positive action. Sell archery, preach it and promote it. Every year thousands of bowhunters buy big game licenses; they take to the woods for a few days, and then they disappear from the archery scene for another year. Others pick up their favorite outdoor magazines and read about thrilling bow hunts. The idea of taking a big game animal with the same weapon used by primitive man fascinates the reader. But he reasons: "This is for experts. How could I learn to shoot like that?"

We have the answers for him. There is a great potential for new memberships. I'm sure that a little time and friendly help will bring many of these people into organized archery.

NFAA has eliminated the 5% variation in target distance! This means that a re-appraisal of all NFAA-approved courses is in order. Through misinterpretation of the rule allowing a 5% variation from the established distance for a target, some courses have become very discouraging to new archers and veterans alike. The range captains know which targets need adjustment. In the interests of harmony, I hope for cooperation in this matter. Beyond a doubt there'll be many complaints—and the proper place to which to address those complaints is to this office. Any irregularities or unsafe conditions will receive the prompt attention of your area NFAA course inspector or myself.

From Your NYFA President

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munication within the association.

For the work of Bill Wadsworth's Conservation and Bowhunting Committee, I refer you to his column.

The 1962 classification cards will have a space for you to write whether you're amateur or non-amateur.

Stuart Wilson, of Deposit, New York, accepted the appointment as NYFA Historian. I know he'll do a fine job in this important task, and I want to thank him for accepting it.

It's A Typical Club:

Chautauqua Lake Archers Report Fine Deer Record, Flourishing Club Program

Ten members of the Chautauqua Lake Archers, Celoron, N.Y., bagged deer last season to set a new club record, reports Gordon Carlson, recording secretary.

Fran Feidler took an 8 pt. buck, 136 lbs.; Harold Brigg's button buck weighed 65 lbs., as did Tony Piazza's doe; Carl Piazza nailed a 143 lb. seven pointer, Jim Bush and Don Lepley accounted for 65 pound bucks, Maurice Marz brought home a heavy—150 lb.—doe, Norm Nelson reported a 128 lb. spike buck and Walt Langford bagged a 114 lb. seven pointer. Jack Scalise went to Pennsy to get his button buck. Many of these deer won prizes put up by the club and by local business firms.

1962 club prexy is Maurice Marz, Sinclairville; Jim Hallquist, '61 president, is the new veep. Other officers are: Donald Marz, treasurer; Don Lepley, corresponding secretary; James Bush, range officer and Gordon Carlson, recording secretary.

The club, which owns 45½ acres at Celoron, which is near Chatauqua, planted 5000 trees last year. It has 28 targets, hopes to have a pond, club house and recreational facilities. Most of the winter activity centers around the YMCA at Jamestown, where four members spend Saturday afternoons instructing youngsters; on Tuesday and Friday evenings, members shoot Flint and Chicago rounds there.

(Ed. Note: Nothing unusual, perhaps. But from all we've heard about it, Chautauqua Lake is a fine, well-run club, devoted to good recreation for archers in the community. Clubs like this one are the backbone of organized field archery in New York and throughout the nation.)

Bill Wadsworth's Conser. & Bowhunting

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added here as information, already solicited, is received.

Here are a few answers to why interest in bowhunting is falling off.

1. When a sportsman chooses to hunt with a bow he needs more time to hunt.

- more total hours per day.
- more early morning and late day hours.
- more week-ends—more time before and after the regular season.
- more chance to be successful.

2. Sportsmen who are considering bowhunting need to see a greater return in recreational hours for the larger fee they must pay. (We are certainly in favor of this fee).

3. The needs of sportsmen who wish to bowhunt should be given careful consideration when changes and additions are made in the Conservation law which effect deer hunters.

In the next issue I will cover the recommended changes in the Conservation law which NYFA recommends plus a plan for selling these changes to all sportsmen.

Less Licenses Being Sold:

Michigan Conservation Official Has Theory About Bowhunting Drop-Off

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"Eruption phenomenon" refers to the numerical explosion which results when an exotic species—such as a new game bird—is introduced into an area under ideal environmental conditions. An excellent example: South Dakota released 4,000 Chinese ringneck pheasants in 1914-15. Today the state boasts 40 to 50 million of the ringnecks.

"But always," emphasizes Jenkins," the new species soars to a very high population peak, then abruptly falls back to a hard-core, fairly stable level.

"Applying this theory to hunters is admittedly something new. But I'm quite convinced this same 'eruption phenomenon' is happening to bowhunting.

"We had a new type of sport, and we offered ideal environmental conditions . . . in this case, archery hunting regulations were quickly liberalized; and at the same time, our deer herd reached record high levels.

"In the late 1940's, Michigan's much-too-large deer population totaled more than one million animals. Starvation cut this some, but in the early 1950's—when we began trying to manage our whitetails into a herd size the range could support—there were still upwards of 900,000 deer."

Bowhunters, says Jenkins, would see dozens of deer in an afternoon, get shot after shot. Ranks of archery deer stalkers swelled by thousands each season. Around 2,000 deer were being taken with a bow annually. "And," the biologist affirms, "neophytes by the hundreds took up the sport."

"Now, we're losing these, like those extra game birds which just disappear after their peak has been reached. Bowhunting wasn't as easy as the novice expected; and since we've brought the deer herd within



Michigan Conservation Department people think there may be a levelling off in bowhunting interest to a "hard core" of dedicated and experienced archers like these veterans, who were photographed by the Department in a typical campsite

reason—600,000 to 700,000 whitetails—the bowhunter needs to work a bit for his shots.

"Like with a new wildlife species," Jenkins concludes, "it's my guess we'll wind up with a hard core of archery hunters, a not-so-large but fairly stable number of died-in-the-wool bowmen."

There it is. Likely, many bow enthusiasts—accustomed to boasting of the "fastest growing sport in the country"—will be reluctant to accept this theory. Yet figures are there in black and white.

"Another year or two should certainly tell," adds Gaylor Walker, No. 2 man on the Michigan Conservation Department's executive staff. "Meanwhile, keep an eye on the phenomenal popularity rise of boating."

(Ed. Note: According to Sports Illustrated, water skiing is the fastest growing sport. Do any readers have other ideas about the decline of the number of bowhunters?)

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During March and April sportsman's shows are held in major cities across the nation, and many clubs seize the opportunity to put the club and the sport before the public. The largest is the Canadian National Sportsman's Show in Toronto on March 9-17, where the York County Bowmen, and the Toronto Anglers and Hunters Assn. put on archery exhibits and demonstrations. In London, Ont., the Western Sports Fair is being held 16th-21st with the Bowmen of London and the Canadian Bowhunting Fellowship participating.

It looks as though the efforts of the Hunting & Field Archers of Ontario and Gord Hammond, their hunting director, are to bring carp shooting to a large number of Ontario bowhunters. In a letter to the organization, the Hon. J. W. Spooner, Ontario Minister of Lands & Forests, said that his department has recommended that in 1962, a regulation permitting the use of the bow and arrow for the taking of carp from May 1 to June 15 in the counties of Elgin, Essex, Halimand, Kent, Lambton, Lincoln, Middlesex, Norfolk and Welland be authorized.

It appears, according to reports I have received to date, that Saskatchewan is the place to go in Canada if you want to get your deer. During the 1961 bowhunting season Saskatchewan archers enjoyed better than 10% hunter success, which I think must be the highest in Canada—or anywhere. Twelve members of the Saskatchewan Archery Association bagged a total of 6 bucks and 7 does, with Keith Richards of Wawota getting two does. This is the second year in a row that Keith has scored a double. One of the larger bucks was taken by Mrs. Ruby Mitchell of Moosomin. I would say that Ruby may lay claim to a place in Saskatchewan's "Archery Hall of Fame" on two counts, because not only was this Ruby's first year of bowhunting, but she is the first lady archer in the province to bag a deer. I have heard no word about Ruby's

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husband Dick, so I have no doubt as to who will be the boss in that household for the next year.

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While we are on the subject of deer hunting success I would like to mention that a CAA Big Game Award is being made up for Harry Hotmire who lives "way down south" in Clearwater, Florida.

For those bowhunters who like to start planning fall hunts early, and aspire to hunt the larger game, in this case moose, I would like to quote a few extracts from an address made by the Hon. J. W. Spooner, Minister of Lands and Forests, Ontario. He was addressing the annual banquet of the Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters.

"Unless we find ways of increasing our annual kill of moose," he said, "we shall unquestionably lose our excellent moose population, our biologists warn us. When big game populations are not cropped properly, they say, there is always a danger of damage to the food resources of the range through over-browsing.

"For the Western Moose Management Region, from and including the Geraldton District to the Manitoba border, it is estimated that 11,559 hunters last year took 5607 moose. If we assume that there has been no great change in the moose herd since 1959, the kill constitutes about 14% of the estimated 40,000 animals. Studies elsewhere have shown that it is possible to shoot about 30% of a moose population without affecting the breeding stock.

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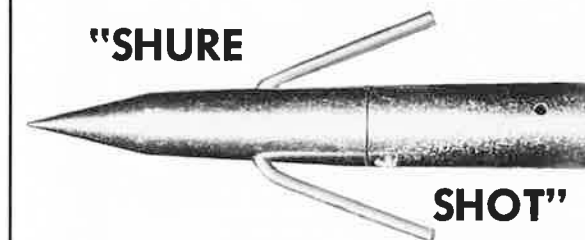
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by WAYNE H. DAUBER, JR.

(BOWHUNTING's Delaware Correspondent)

This first Delaware column is sort of an introduction; we hope to be counted among those present every month. For the record, my address is 116 Garrett Rd., Todd Estates, Newark, Del.

We in Delaware invite archers of all states to all of our shoots; we'll honor all state classification cards. On March 11 and March 25, the Delaware Bow Benders club has shoots; March 4 and March 18 are dates for tournaments at the Bew Castle Rod & Gun Club, times 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. I hope to have the Nanticoke Bowmen's schedule for next month. Cal Friedel is prexy of our state assn., Len Marsh is v-p and Frank Friedel sec'y.

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Doug Walker Elected CBH & FAA Prexy At San Diego Convention; State Shoot At Salinas June 3-4; Mantell Honored

by JERRY AMSTER

(BOWHUNTING's California Correspondent)

The Southern Border Archery Association hosted the 1962 California Bowmen Hunters & Field Archers Assn. convention last month. At the convention:

1. Former v-p Doug Walker was elected president of CBH & FAA, Al Phipps, v-p; Shirley Townsend, secretary-treasurer. Pat Wingfield is chairman for park and indoor rounds, Bill Freeman is hunting and broadhead chairman, Fred Sabelman is legal representative. Retiring president is Dr. John Smalley, who's done such a great job. Field v-p is Chuck Hutt.

2. The CBH & FAA championship tournament was set for Salinas June 3-4, with 28 field, ditto hunter and animal.

3. The association presented its first medal of merit to Jack Mantell for outstanding work in promoting field archery in California.

4. NFAA exec sec Jim Cavanaugh was present; just back from an 8,000 mile tour (22 days, 27 meetings) he reported that "amateur confusion" is the No. 1 topic, the question of marked distances No. 2.

Bowhunting With Dick Sage

(Continued from page 9)

suit, comfortable boots that are quiet, a good pair of binoculars like 7 x 35's or 7 x 50's for better vision at dusk, and you're "loaded for bear." Just remember that spring bear hunting is usually in Canada or some of the adjacent U. S. states (check your game laws). My standard rule is to expect blizzards in July and bluebird weather in March. In other words, go prepared for the extremes. On one bear hunt I went swimming and waded in 3" of snow, all during the second week of May.

There are many places in Canada and some in Maine that cater to spring bear hunters. Or you can "do it yourself," particularly in Canada. Check in with the local ranger and he'll be glad to tell you where bears are likely to be in his territory. It helps to write ahead to the area you plan to hunt. Although the best time varies from place to place and also from year to year in any place, the last two weeks of May and the first two in June are pretty much the choice.

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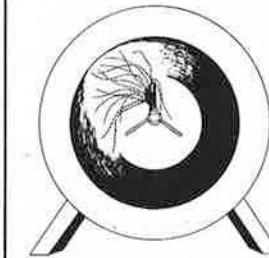
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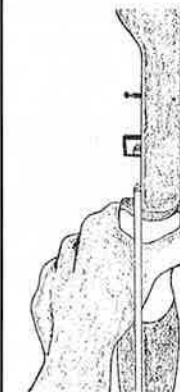
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NEW ENGLAND

New Hampshire, Maine Associations Hold Meetings; Both States Set Indoor Championship Tournaments

by TOM BLAKE

(155 Roxbury St., Keene, N. H.)

New Hampshire:

A state association meeting, conclusion of the indoor mail tournament, and the indoor championship contest highlight archery activity here this month.

On Sunday, March 4, members of the New Hampshire Bowmen, Inc., meet at Opechee Park Clubhouse in Laconia to elect officers and set up a shoot calendar.

One of the proposals to be considered at the convention calls for a half-national state tourney with each 28-target round shot on a different course. By moving the event around to different areas of the state on consecutive weekends more interest is expected to be generated and greater publicity.

At the January meeting of NHB directors 11 of 13 clubs were present. They told Joe D'Etcheverry, NFAA field gov, they favored the proposed NFAA reorganization to allow control by state associations.

It was also noted that directors agreed changing the age limit of intermediates to 18 in order to protect their amateur status was a good move. Official rule change will probably be effected this month.



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On Sunday, March 25, the indoor state title event is set for the White Mountain Field Archers range in Jackson's Hall, Bethlehem. A 28 targe Flint Round.

Maine:

The Maine State Archery Assn., holding its winter meeting at the Tri-City Bowmen's clubhouse in Hallo-well, welcomed two new clubs to the fold bringing their affiliated club membership to 13—most ever!

Accepted were the Red Shield Archers of Wells, and a group from Auburn who were still pondering the decision of a club name.

Kay Lewis, secretary of the association, said that members felt that it was not feasible yet to divide the state into sections for the purpose of tournament scheduling. More clubs are needed.

As reported earlier in the column the idea of sectioning the state came about as a means to cut travel distance for archers. Southern Maine Archers of Kittery must hike 170 miles to attend a shoot of the Highland Archery Club in Rangeley. Likewise the Highlanders jog 152 miles to take in a Sprucehead shoot.

The state association voted not to bid for the '63 New England Championship tournament lacking a suitable site and personnel to put it on.

The state indoor championship will be held in April (no definite date set at this writing) at the National Guard Armory, Bangor. Any archer may compete but only members of the MSAA are eligible for trophies.

State field championship is carded for the Long Bow Archers course, Bangor, in July. One definite date and that is the Island Shoot of the Sprucehead Bowhunters—August 12. The island is three miles offshore, can be reached by strong swimmers, but better by lobster boat.

Connecticut:

Connecticut's largest archery club, the North Guilford Archers, Inc., elected Frank St. John as president. Lee Layman, is the new v.p., Joseph Mastracchio sec., and Pat Buzzanco, treasurer. Bert Teitsch is the club's state representative.



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Group Seeks Closing Of Bois Blanc Island To Bowhunters; MBH Prexy Hoffman Calls Reasons "Ridiculous"

by LES LINE

(BOWHUNTING'S MBH Correspondent)

Closing of the bow and arrow deer season on Bois Blanc Island—Michigan's hottest bowhunting area—has been demanded by the Upper Peninsula district of the Michigan State Association of Township Supervisors.

A resolution—forwarded to the State Conservation Commission—charges (1) that several small game hunters' dogs have been killed with arrows; (2) that archers fatally wound 10 deer for every one they bag; (3) that Bois Blanc Island residents and their property are "in great danger from ill-aimed arrows"; and (4) that deer should be allowed to "fatten up for winter" during October.

Phil A. Miron of Escanaba, secretary for the UP supervisors' group, says the resolution has unanimous support. He says a similar demand was passed earlier by the board of supervisors for Mackinac County, into which Bois Blanc Island falls.

Their action has dropped like a bomb on state archery and conservation ranks. "The charges are ridiculous, totally unfounded" says Kenneth Hoffman, Michigan Bow Hunter Association president. A hurried Conservation Department check of island residents indicated there is no basis for the supervisors' demands.

Instead, the owner of Bois Blanc's hotel says she might be forced to close if the island's bow season was halted.

The 33-square mile island lies in the Straits of Mackinac, five miles from Cheboygan on the Lower Peninsula mainland. In recent years, Bois Blanc's deer

Sixty Archers And Three Bunnies? That Was The Score For MBH Outing At Battle Creek, But All Had Fun

The score for that MBH rabbit chase near Battle Creek? Sixty bowhunters, three bunnies in the bag.

No quick conclusions, please. Plenty of cottontails showed up, and everyone had plenty of tries at rabbit stew. But those first arrows didn't score, and the cold weather kept the many hounds on hand from doing their best trailing job.

All but one farm in Calhoun County's Newton township was open to the bowmen; that's 18,000 acres of good cottontail county. In charge was Loren Willey. A two-day bunny hunt is the thought for 1963, says Prexy Hoffman; township firemen benefit from chow sales, offer their community hall for headquarters. Two previous rabbit hunts by MBH have helped buy the rural smoke-eaters a new fire engine.

population has exploded to a fantastic level of 30 to 50 whitetails per square mile, with as many as 1600 deer crowded into the island's forests. Bois Blanc deer have the poorest physical condition in Michigan, say game biologists; the average 1½-year-old buck there weighs 83 lbs.

In 1961, 310 archers harvested 53 deer on Bois Blanc, a success ratio of one whitetail for each six bowhunters. Statewide, one deer is killed by each 30 bowmen. In 1960, 44 deer were taken on the island by 275 archers.

Raymond D. Schofield, Conservation Department game supervisor for the district which includes Bois Blanc, contacted the island's permanent winter residents. He said only the township supervisor wanted the bow hunt closed, that others there oppose any such move.

Schofield said one dog had been killed by an arrow, but this had occurred several years ago. He labeled "astounding" the idea that 550 bow-killed deer had been left lying in the woods on Bois Blanc last season. "That would be nearly half the deer on the island."

"To the contrary, we had a team of biologists working the island during the '61 deer seasons; and there wasn't a single case of even an arrow-wounded deer reported."

The game supervisor said he had met once with Mackinac County township supervisors on the issue and would arrange a conference with Bois Blanc's supervisor and Michigan Bow Hunter representatives.

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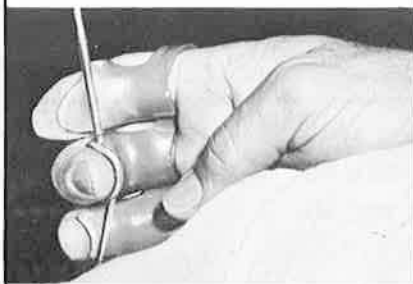
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206 colleges out of 730 contacted replied to a questionnaire. Of these, 82.5% have archery programs; 24.2% have intramural competition on an individual basis and 16% on a team basis. In interschool competition, 10.6% engage as individuals, 14.5% as teams and 47% not at all.

Co-ed and women's colleges are more likely to have archery than men's schools. "Where archery programs were initiated in co-ed colleges for women only," says the report, "it was found that men very often developed an interest in the sport." (Ed. Note: This is *surprising?*)

Eleven schools consider archery in the recreational class only. 27 favored interschool competition; all were co-ed or women's colleges. 14 colleges did *not* favor such competition.

Eight colleges said they could not undertake archery programs because of inadequate funds. But if information were available on organization and equipment matters, 16.5% would compete interscholastically, 29.6% would not and 17.4% indicated "maybe."

Most of the colleges interviewed expressed a real interest in archery; they consider it "an exceptionally fine sport for later life."

AMADA was surprised to learn that, should archery become an Olympic sport, 14.9% would want programs aimed toward participation, 17.4% *might* want them—and

32.5% would not. The Institute report says that "it seems imperative that enthusiasm for archery should be generated at the college level." How to do it is the big question.

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Up In Michigan: MBH Banquet At Saginaw March 31

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Any Conservation Commission action on the Bois Blanc Island resolution would come in late summer, when 1962 deer rules will be set.

Michigan's bowhunting ranks have dwindled by 8,000 since 1959, yet game law violations by archers continue to increase. There were 101 reported during the 1961 hunt, compared with 92 when our last count was taken two seasons before.

Again, transportation of strung bows in motor vehicles (32 arrests), transportation of uncased bows (21) and deer shining (19) led the cases. These figures are comparable to 1959.

Startling were the increases in cases involving illegal possession of firearms and those where out-of-state bowhunters were involved.

The firearms category includes hunting with a gun on a bow and arrow license and possession of a bow and rifle in a car. These cases doubled, from eight in 1959 to 16 last fall.

Twenty-four non-resident archers were fined, compared with 16 in 1959. Half these arrests were for strung bows in cars; greatest percentage of out-of-state violaters were from Illinois.

Other arrests: Possession of a bow between sunset and sunrise, 6; hunting in a closed area, 2; license falsifications, 2; bow in game area before season opened, 2.

But the stiffest fine was levied against an archer who killed a protected elk; the bowman paid \$100 in justice court. Fines and court costs for the 101 bow and arrow violations totaled \$2,756.

Those violations, legislation and key conservation issues will be hashed out when the Michigan Bow Hunters board of governors meets March 31.

The board confab will precede the annual MBH awards banquet, at High-Life Inn outside Saginaw. Diamond and ruby pins for members bagging deer and bear last season will be presented at the dinner; state conservation officials will be on hand; and a dance follows festivities.

It's election time, too, in even-numbered MBH districts. Present board members for those five areas are Vern Nelson, Cadillac; Lee York, Zeeland; Earl Taylor, Flint; Loren Willey, Albion; and K. C. Mikkelsen, Elkhart, Indiana.

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We asked the Las Vegas News Bureau to make pictures of a pretty girl for this month's cover, and this photo was on the proof sheets. It demonstrates that Las Vegas doesn't take itself too seriously; it makes us think that Margie must be an OK girl. We'll try to get a first hand report

The Conservation Department's annual postcard poll of bowhunters—to determine the yearly archery whitetail kill—is underway. Several hundred bowmen will shortly receive these concise questionnaires from the game division. If you're one picked at random, reply promptly.

It's still anyone's guess how good—or how bad—Michigan's '61 bow hunt was. But two fairly accurate "barometers" indicate a boost from 1960's poor take of 1230 whitetails.

Bois Blanc Island, as we pointed out, saw an increased archery harvest. And on Drummond Island, 551 bowhunters took home 38 deer last October; that compares with 23 whitetails for 408 archers in '60.



Archery Associations Meet In Chicago

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at the NFAA National is there such a concentration of the people who—for better or worse—are charged with the tough responsibility of “running” archery in the nation.

The joint meeting of archery organizations, hosted by AMADA and chaired by C. A. Saunders, Saunders Archery Target Co., was held to exchange information and enable the various organizations to get one another's views and plans.

NFAA was represented by President Richard D. Freeman and Cavanaugh; Clayton B. Shenk and members of the Board of Governors were on hand for NAA. Roland Amundson, AMADA prexy, led his group's delegation. PAA was represented by Bob



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Rhode, president, and Jack Clark, v-p, along with members of the association's board. David Fullington, treasurer, and F. J. Lipsky, secretary, were present for ABA.

Freeman and Shenk resisted an AMADA suggestion that a formal committee made up of two members of each organization be formed. “We feel that these joint meetings should take place to express opinions and exchange ideas,” said Freeman. Shenk said that this was the NAA's position.

During the general discussion, Freeman cited the need for dealer education, and the PAA's Rhode said his group would like to help in this task. A short discussion took place over the matter of excise taxes on archery equipment, with AMADA secretary Richard V. Gallagher citing his organization's opposition to such taxes on the Federal level. AMADA, he said, favors the raising of funds for conservation through the sale of state stamps in conjunction with state hunting licenses. Cavanaugh cites a recent NFAA resolution which states that “NFAA believes we should support the expense of conservation, whether it be by excise tax or some other means.”

The lack of communication between archery's organizations was aired, and a future meeting will take up this matter in detail, along with the establishment of an Archery Hall of Fame and the coordination of promotional literature for the sport. Such a meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Ben Pearson Open in April.

The associations present gave reports of their activities and future plans; most of these are discussed in separate reports in this issue. However, the meeting marked the only appearance of NFAA officialdom at the Chicago get-together, and in NFAA's report to the group present—it numbered about 50 people—Freeman explained NFAA's “alleged sales” of official NFAA targets, explaining that NFAA “wishes only to license the making of targets to NFAA specifications.” He explained that dealers selling targets not bearing



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the NFAA seal would be given the year to work off inventories and saw no change in prices in 1962 as this year's catalogues, listing target prices, were in circulation. “NFAA is not in the target making business,” Freeman explained.

In addition to describing the NFAA reorganization plan, Executive Secretary Cavanaugh:

1. Told of a press conference called in connection with the Sahara Colt National indoor championships at Las Vegas in which he asked newspaper reporters why archery does not get more play in the press. “The reporters told me that archery had no publicity set-up, has no activities of interest and doesn't do anything.” He mentioned that interest among archers is high for the Las Vegas shoot, told that NFAA has received over 1600 requests for registration data and described the event as “a publicity activity—a spectator event.”

2. Told of NFAA's intention to hold a national bowhunters' jamboree in the early fall of '62.

3. Indicated that the '63 National will probably take place in the West which, by the rotation system, should host the tournament. He said that 50% of the cities contacted in 11 western states as possible hosts expressed interest.

4. Told of NFAA booklets planned or in the works, including one on the organization and operation of archery clubs and an instructor's guide. He cited the NFAA's work on revising the Boy Scout merit badge pamphlet for archery and, upon a question from Shenk, who said he hoped NAA's brand of archery would be updated in the booklet, agreed to suggest to Scout officials that NAA be contacted.

5. Pointed out that, in 22 years, NFAA has spent one million dollars to promote archery. “I hope to see that much spent in the next two years,” he said.

The meeting, attended by 45 people, applauded Georges Rondeau, president of the Quebec archery country club described in January's BOWHUNTING. He invited U. S. archers to inspect the facility.

NAA prexy Shenk mentioned that the 1965 FITA world championship tournament was slated for the U. S. and invited bids from communities preferably within a 500-mile radius of New York. He said that facilities for 150 archers would be needed and cited the language barrier as something to be taken into account. “We hope to have a site for this important event by 1963 when we go to England for that year's tournament,” he said.

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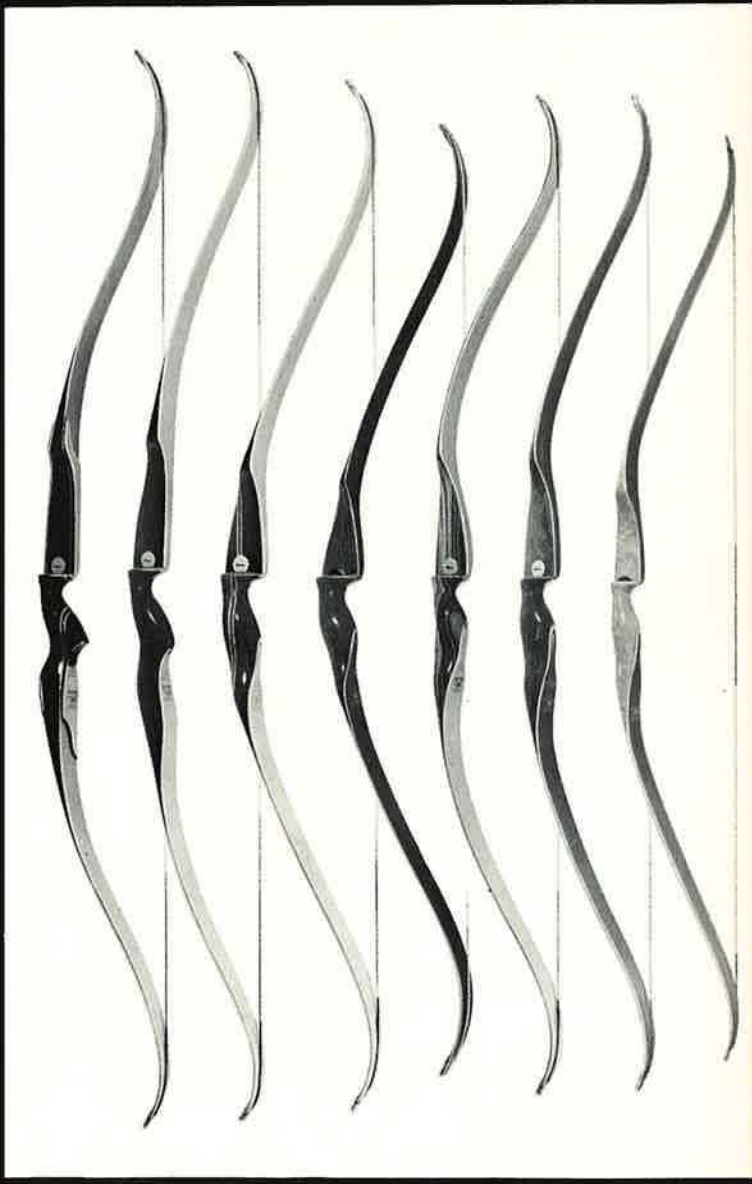
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by GERALD EBERT
(President, AMBH)

In '63 AMBH will issue a combined classification and membership card at a cost of \$2 per year to adult members and \$1 for juniors. There'll be 25 spaces for tournament registrations, and if the spaces are filled during the year, a new card will be issued free.

The decision to combine the cards was made at the Jan. meeting, at which delegates voted also to retain the broadhead round (with actual broadhead points) at the AMBH state championship shoot. I have a committee working to change the scoring so it'll conform to the NFAA system.

Other AMBH news: We're interested in forming an exhibition team to promote archery and it is expected to be available to interested organizations by April . . . as of Jan 1 the hunter round became a classifying round in the state and all field courses must be inspected and approved before a hunter round can be officially shot and recorded. . . "Do we want an amateur division in AMBH?" will be discussed at AMBH meetings. . . Wing Bowmen will be assigned to Region II and will schedule its shoots with Anne Arundel, Patapsco and B&O through Sept. . . Baltimore Bowmen took the March 25 open date on the schedule for a 28 field, 1 p.m.

I've appointed the following committee chairmen: AMPH Manual—George Clementson; Awards—Hal Gregory; Bowman of the Year Award—Eugene Colburn; Bylaws—Joe Rusinek; Charity Shoot—Russ Collins; Conservation—Carroll Yingling; Game Laws—Forrest Hoover; Ladies—Mrs. John McGreevy; Membership—Leonard Appleby; State Tournament Program—Ed Sadler; Publicity—Joseph F. Thompson; Range Safety—Russ Collins, John McGreevy; Broadhead Round—Harold Wasmer; Kernan Children's Hospital Fair—Joe Rusinek.

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WBH Convention Slated April 28-29 At Lake Delton; Possible Agenda Items Discussed; KM League Program For Junior Archers Is Described

by CHUM BOHR
(Bowhunting's Wisconsin Correspondent)

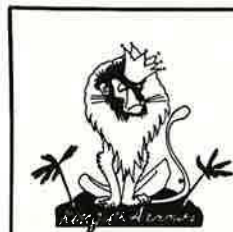
The Wisconsin Bowhunter convention is set for April 28-29 at Lake Delton, and I urge you to attend. The WBH conventions are fun, and the business transacted is important. Although I haven't received official word, I understand the agenda will cover discussion of and action on:

1. An extended state-wide bow season for small game.
2. A spring bear season for bow and rifle.
3. Request for a 1/2 hr. after sunset closing during the archery season for deer.
4. Extension of special deer season to Jan. 15.

Rumor has it that a bill is being written in Washington to change Necedah into a more comprehensive game refuge; today it's designated as a goose refuge. Fighting for the bowhunters' cause? The riflemen!

Went to the NSGA Show in Chicago, found enthusiasm and optimism among buyers and sellers of archery equipment. Fred Bear displayed a bow which had been dry-fired 250,000 times to test glass. Chuck Saunders showed a new composition butt for indoor ranges which should be good outside, too. I talked to NFAA exec sec Jim Cavanaugh who impressed me with a description of the NFAA reorganization plan. He impressed me, too, with details about an anti-hunting group in California (the group's against bowhunting) which is capable of raising big money. One individual gave \$50,000.

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PAA Executive Secretary Palmatier Misses Confab; Operation Is Reason

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championship shoot will be held this year, but no date and no site have been selected.

3. The PAA Board of Directors, which approved the PAA constitution, is determined that standards for membership be kept high. A copy of the constitution can be had by writing to Karl Palmatier at Hickory Corners, Mich. Would-be instructor members must pass rigid tests both as to competence and character—and must attend PAA schools. (It was pointed out that an instructor, to stay in the PAA ranks, must be paid for his work.) Prospective members in the tournament archer category must be capable of shooting an 800 field round, 700 American round and a 750 Chicago

round, and must be of proven good character. According to Rhode, "a very good shooter" was recently rejected because of "bad conduct."

4. Karl Palmatier has been officially appointed the PAA's executive secretary. Palmatier did not attend the Chicago deliberations, having recently undergone an operation described as serious.

5. President Rhode stressed his organization's respect for amateur archers. "We have a very deep interest in the health of amateur archery, and we'll work with the NAA to help maintain that health. And I want it stressed that PAA will not stand for any of its members raiding the amateur ranks. We welcome qualified people into PAA who want to turn professional. But being 100% for the promotion of all archery, we're for a strong amateur segment."

In a future issue, BOWHUNTING will interview Mr. Rhode in depth about the PAA's set-up and plans.

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REPORTS OF CONTESTANTS ADD UP TO VALUABLE "COURSE" IN HUNTING

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hit from 25 yds. with a Hi-Precision tipped arrow fired from a 45 lb. Steiner—and, says Tucci, it walked 25 yds. and then fell over dead. The antlers of this animal totaled 46" in length.

Right behind Babe was E. R. Moore, another Virginian; he hails from Newport News, and the antlers of his buck, which had an estimated weight of 150 lbs, checked out at 21 1/8" and 19 4/8" for a 40 5/8" total. Moore's bow was a 50 pound Bear Kodiak, and his 500 gr. Sweetland Battleshaft was armed with a Bear Razorhead. The shot was a 20-yarder and, as in the case of most of the deer reported, went all the way through. York Co. was the scene of Moore's triumph. This archer, incidentally, tells us that he's a safecracker by trade—"but a legitimate one, working for the army at Ft. Eustis." Moore's a member of the Warwick Bowmen and the Bowmen of York.

Let's concentrate on weight for the next one, shall we? Runner-up to Lee Topping is Vearl Haag of Elkton, Md. This archer, president of the Cecil Bowmen, got his first animal in six years of hunting. It weighed 170, had antlers totaling 31". This buck was nailed from a tree stand twelve feet above a clearing. The shot was a 35-yarder, and the arrow, with a Razorhead up front, was orbited with a 35 lb. Sanders Classic. Note the weight of the bow!

There's a tie for fifth place in antler length, and because we believe in ladies first, we want to tell you about Alma Blundell, the contest's only distaff entrant. Her deer, which you see pictured, is Alma's ninth; she's been a bowhunter since '40, took home

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Frank Morgan was successful in the Piny Hollow woods of New Jersey's Atlantic County; buck weighed 145 pounds. Below you see Ray Wolfe, an archer since 1938 and a bowhunter since the early '50's. This is his first deer, and it was bagged in Maryland's Pocomoke State Forest



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her venison for the first time in '43. Alma's husband, Wes, got his 15th deer this last season. The Blundells are among Michigan's best-known archers; they're charter members of the Michigan Bow Hunters. Alma's deer, which dressed out at a very respectable 136½ lbs., was an 8 pointer adjudged to be 2½ years old by the Swan Creek Wildlife Experimental Station near Allegan. The right antler was 17½", the left 18" for a 35½" total. Alma tells us that her bow was a 36 pounder made by her husband, and that her arrow was a maple-footed wood tipped by a Bear Razorhead. She experienced her moment of truth with the white-tail while sitting on a chair shortly after going into the woods. "I had pulled my bow a few times to get limbered up," she reports, when the buck appeared. We mention this because Alma did something all bowhunters should do but many don't: she concentrated on a spot behind the shoulder before shooting. The deer was recovered near the Blundells' car, having been tracked with the help of the snow.

Ray Wolfe, an archer since 1938 and unsuccessful in bagging a deer until now, went to whitetail-heavy Pocomoke State Forest on Maryland's Eastern Shore to bag the buck which tied in antler measurement to Mrs. Blundell's; Ray's deer was the fifth heaviest entered, dressing out at an impressive 158. The deer was shot from about 50 ft. from a tree stand. "He ran about 100 yards," Ray tells us. "I figure he was dead within 40 or 50 seconds after I clobbered him." Ray's bow was a 41 lb. Hoyt, and his arrow sported a Black Diamond. Our congratulations to Ray, a member of the Anne Arundel Bowmen of Annapolis.

Frank Morgan, Landisville, N. J., says his hobby is taxidermy—and the 145 lb. buck with 12½" and 11½" antlers he entered in the contest gave him, we'd say, plenty of opportunity to practice. Frank's deer, 145 lbs. field dressed, was shot from a tree in the Piny Hollow woods in Atlantic Co. The bow? A 50 lb. Pearson. The broadhead? A Razorhead.

Len Dobbins had a heavier deer than Frank's; it weighed 156 lbs. (All the contestants were extremely careful to substantiate the weight of their animals.) Antler lengths totaled 23¼". Len comes from Massapequa, on Long Island, and the deer was killed near Somers in Westchester Co. with a Razorhead-tipped shaft dispatched from a 52 lb. Ben Pearson Arabian.

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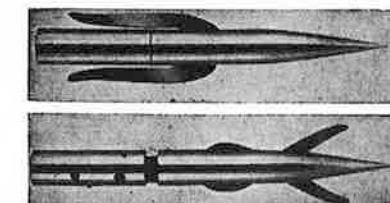
The deer, hit squarely in the rib cage, ran 40 yards and dropped stone dead.

We've compiled a few statistics on the basis of the entries (We received a few more letters and pictures from bowhunters, but in some cases the animals were does and in other cases the contest rules weren't followed and vital information was lacking.) With the figures available, the average bow weight was 50 pounds plus, the average distance from which shots were taken was 23 yards plus; deer, after being hit, traveled an average of 84 yards.

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ment ample time to get to Oak Brook, Ill. The wand event will be eliminated.

3. It established a new official Interscholastic High School Round to consist of 30 arrows at 30 yds., 30 arrows at 20 yds., ends of six arrows, 48" target face. This was done after Miss Edith Russell explained the difficulty of finding facilities to shoot the old, longer distances. The Board requested president Shenk to ask Miss Russell if she sees any desirability in using a 36" face.

4. It created a new award—a 54 Pin for the Chicago Round. The "individual or the host club shall be NAA members" and application must be made for the pin. Price of the pin is to be determined.

5. It named the following committees and made the following appointments: *1962 Nominating Committee*—Dr. Paul Crouch, Oxford, N. Y., Marvin T. Schmidt, 6929 Lamon Ave., Lincolnwood 46, Ill., Mrs. Josephine Redfield. *Flight Committee*—M. B. Davis, Charles Pierson, Sterling Jensen. *Thompson Medal of Honor Committee*—Board members Doug Easton, George Helwig and Jack Wilson; they will name a recipient should a worthy candidate be found.

Miss Lynn Knippler was named chairman of the Intercollegiate Mail Matches.

William Stump, BOWHUNTING editor, was named to the Archery Games Committee of the U. S. Olympic Committee.

6. It appointed a committee to study the subject of the NAA official publication—that is, whether to retain *The Archers' Magazine* as such or switch to BOWHUNTING, which has made a formal proposal to the Board to fill this role. The committee, chaired by Robert Albright, with George Helwig and Raymond Gooley as members, will make recommendations to the board next summer and the matter will be voted upon at the August meeting. The board talked to and asked questions of the editors of both publications during the session.

7. It heard a report from Doug Easton re the NAA Handbook, now in the works, and voted \$1000 for the continuation of the project.

8. It heard President Shenk report on a meeting with National Rifle Assn. officials relative to NAA cooperation in NRA Hunter Safety Programs. William Stump made a report re his recent talks with the U. S. Army about domestic and international archery programs for the armed forces.

9. The age limit of 18 for competitors in the FITA world championship tournament was removed.

10. It moved that persons under 18 shall shoot in nothing but the amateur division in NAA-sponsored events.

Board members present were Clayton B. Shenk, Robert Albright, Raymond Gooley, Jack Wilson, James D. Easton, George Helwig and George Chamberlain. Mrs. Betty Schmidt served as recording secretary.

AMADA Re-Elects Amundson As Prexy

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grams for under-18 youngsters, will be distributed to all Jaycee chapters.

A highlight of the Chicago program was the annual AMADA dinner, attended by some 100 manufacturers, dealers and archers. Held at the Palmer House, the meeting featured a talk by Guy Hughes, executive director of the outboard motor boat trade association; Hughes explained how industry groups should be operated.

At the dinner, Julius W. Butler received the Larry Whiffen Memorial Award, and AMADA's Board elected Amundson as president, Jack Witt as v-p and Earl Hoyt as secretary-treasurer; the membership elected Fred Bear, the L. C. Whiffen Company's Bob Bennett and Seattle Archery's Bob Williams to its board.

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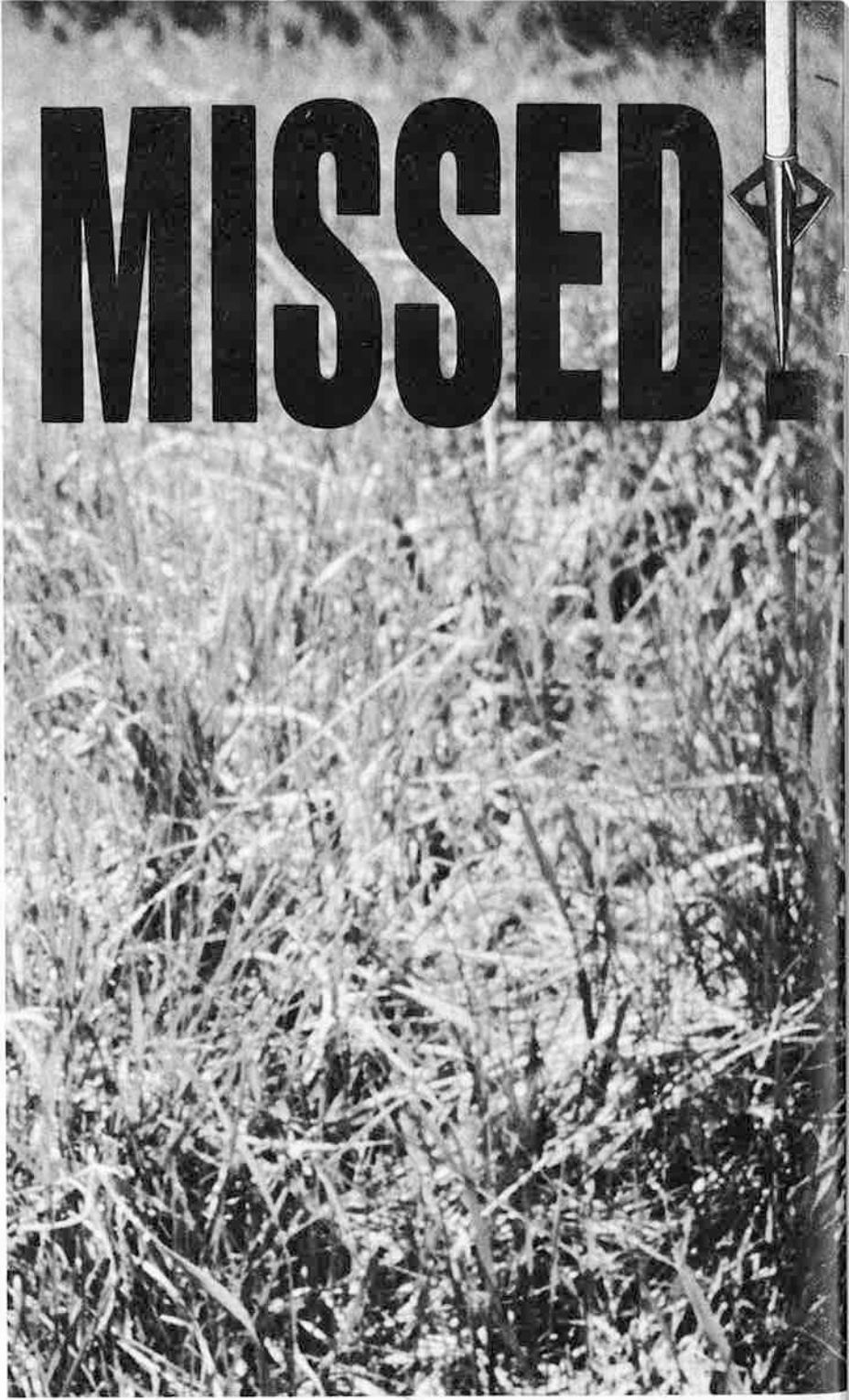
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