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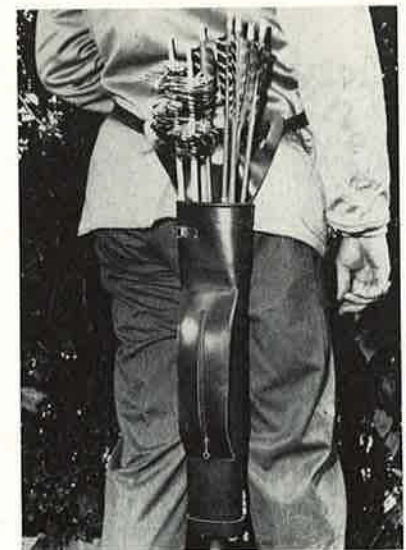
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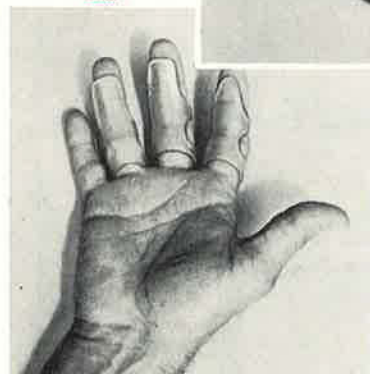
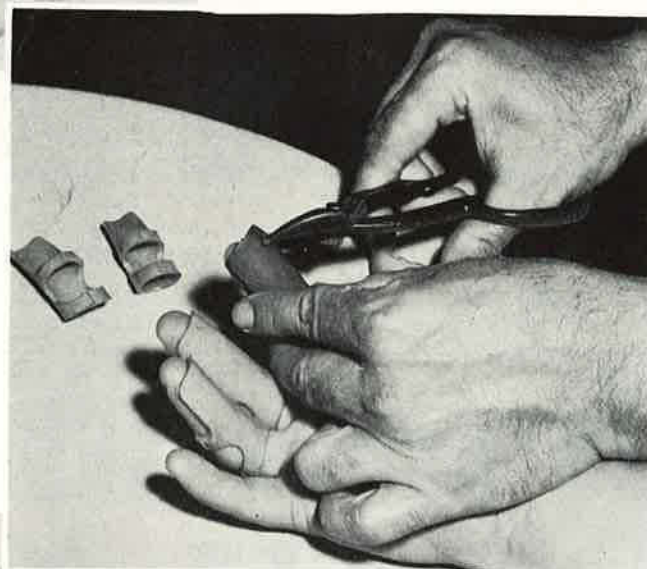
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Carl Heinrich is a 50-year-old foundry superintendent from Richmond, Michigan, and he beat another 50-year-old, Lon Stanton, to win the NFAA crown at Bend, Oregon, last summer. The title of NFAA champion refers to bare bow shooting. Although Carl has had almost no sight or target experience, he went home from the National and, as a free-styler, won Michigan's target championship. A bowhunter, he's bagged both a deer and a bear. He plans to defend his NFAA title at Grayling



An Interview With The NFAA Champion

"I don't try to beat anyone but myself," says Carl Heinrich, who counts concentration and especially a steady bow arm as all important

Each year BOWHUNTING interviews various national champions so you can get to know them and learn, to your own archery benefit, why they got to the top. A number of interviews are planned for the coming months; to launch the series, we picked perhaps the most important national champ of all—the NFAA men's title-holder. He's Carl Heinrich, and he won his crown in the lava dust at Bend, Oregon, last July.

Q: Carl, tell us something about yourself. How old are you? What is your occupation? Are any other members of your family archers?

A: I'm 50 years old and I've been a foundry worker for 30 years; at present, I'm superintendent of a foundry at Richmond, Michigan. I have two boys, 18 and 14. The oldest used to shoot very well, but he lost interest, thanks to football and college.

Q: How did you get into archery?

A: By going to a bowling tournament in Alganac, Michigan. I'd always loved archery, but I couldn't find a place to buy a bow. Nor had I ever seen an archer shooting. Well, it happened that Dick Andell was shooting a bow at his store near the bowling alley. That did it. I found out where to buy equipment—and that night I was the owner of a bow and some arrows. This was about nine years ago.

Q: Did you teach yourself how to shoot, Carl, or did you have a coach?

A: I'm self taught. At my first tournament, I shot 195 for 56 targets. I've improved a little each year. There's still room for a lot of improvement.

When I was learning, I kept my eyes and ears open. I still do. I always watch a good archer in action and copy some of the things he does. Sometimes I've copied a style and gotten all loused up. But it all leads to improvement. I picked up the stance I'm now using last Spring by copying a good archer.

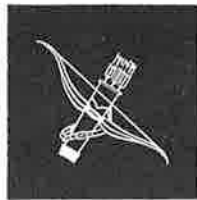
Q: Carl, how do you shoot? Do you think of yourself as an instinctive archer?

A: When I aim, I point the arrow at the center of the target, draw it back and then concentrate, I mean really concentrate, on holding the bow arm steady. I see the arrow out of the corner of my eye; I line it up with the center of the target and shoot.

I don't try to focus on the bullseye, only on the five ring. When I first started, I focused on the three ring; after three or four years, I switched to the five ring. Some day, I don't know when, I'll begin to focus on the spot. You see, I've got a long way to go.

Let me get back to the bow arm. To me it's the most

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WHAT HAPPENS TO ARCHERY IN 1960?

What does 1960 hold in store for archery in general? For bowhunting? Archery, especially hunting archery, will continue to grow. We're sure of that. And therein lies the problem. The sport of bowhunting, already big, is coming under increasing attack—by gunners, who are either jealous or who don't understand the sport, and by citizens, who don't understand it either and who blame the sins of a few on all of us. With bowhunting luring many inexperienced archers, some of the criticism will be justified—unless organized archery does a job of education.

Our hopes for 1960? We think every state should have compulsory classes for new archers seeking their first hunting licenses, and we think archers should work for this, as they've done successfully in New Jersey. We think that field archery clubs should take the time to educate all their members in the correct ways of hunting archery. We think that organized archery should work for a real public relations program. We think that bowhunters should get serious about conservation. Do bowhunters care whether a trout stream is polluted, for example? They should play a responsible role in conservation if they expect the cooperation and respect of other sportsmen.

Unless archery is more unified and better organized, it won't hold its own, much less take the great leap forward; that's why we've repeatedly spoken out for a merger of all the national associations. Archery as it relates to the public won't get very far without better organization; neither will any phase of the sport's growth. The situation explained below is a graphic indication of this.

SOLVING NFAA'S FINANCIAL PLIGHT

The NFAA, reports President Karl Palmatier, is in bad financial shape. \$3000 a month is the cost of running the association; at last count, only \$6000 was on hand. The around-20,000 membership is said to be increasing, but the more members, the more it costs to service them.

Palmatier proposes that clubs join NFAA. For a club to join, each of its members would have to be an NFAA member at only 75¢ a year, the club sending that sum to NFAA. The 75¢ membership would bring the same benefits to an archer that an individual membership does now. (Archers still could be individual members at \$4).

There are many pitfalls foreseeable in the plan: will NFAA be able to convince non-affiliated archers that a membership, even a 75¢ one, is worth the trouble? How can NFAA police clubs to make sure that every member is signed up? That will be tough. But Mr. Palmatier's idea has merit. The present 20,000 membership is very small, a fraction of the nation's organized field archers. Pennsylvania, for example, has close to 12,000 serious, organized field archers; less than 2000 are NFAA members.

Under the present system, NFAA has grown little in the last two years; under the proposed system, many thousands of archers could be added to the rolls; the fact that the clubs actually would be members would strengthen the organization, too. Practically speaking, NFAA may not have much of a choice: it may be obliged to institute the new plan in order to survive. As Palmatier says: "The whole thing boils down to just one question—do we want organized archery? Where do you get without it?"

Mid-Atlantic Shoot

The Greenbrier Archers, Rainelle, West Va., have made the only bid for the first annual Mid-Atlantic regional tournament; an NFAA-sanctioned field event, the shoot's scheduled for July 4.

C. Ray Eyler, NFAA Mid-Atlantic regional rep, says that Jan. 31 is the deadline for making bids for the shoot, so if your club's interested, write Mr. Eyler at RFD 1, Box 221-FR, Edgewater, Md.

Yardage Stake Vote

Our talks with various NFAA field governors would indicate that field course yardage stakes won't be marked with the distances; each field governor was supposed to have voted on the question before Jan. 1, after determining the sentiments of the archers in his state.

NFAA prexy Palmatier and all the members of the Executive Committee are against marking the yardages. BOWHUNTING is against it, too. But we think NFAA rushed the vote: how many clubs had time to discuss the question and consult their state field governors? And in the final analysis, the wishes of the members, not of the hierarchy, should prevail. At least in a democratic organization.

New Club Secretary?

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Important: Can You Help Him?

... May I ask your help?

On October 8, my son, Norman Strait, killed a deer off the Ridge road near Austin, Pa. He had ridden his motorcycle to the scene of the hunt. As he was struggling to get his deer out of the woods, a car stopped; two bowhunters got out, helped Norman with his deer and then took pictures of him. When he got home, Norman told me about the pictures, but he did not say who the bowhunters were or where they were from.

On October 10, both my son and I mounted our motorcycles and went to the hunting area. Norman, of course, did not have his bow, so when it came time to go home, he decided to take a short cut. But when I got home, Norman was not there. I went to look for him.

On the way I met a fish warden. He told me that Norman was dead. We found him back in the woods. He had been thrown from the motorcycle; he had died instantly of a fractured skull and a broken neck.

Can you help me find the fellows who took the pictures of Norman? We have no recent photographs of him. Perhaps I can at least get a photograph of my son.

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(Ed. Note: If the archers who took the pictures are BOWHUNTING readers, the problem is solved. Austin is located in the southwest corner of Potter County, which is in north central Pennsylvania near the New York border. It may be that the photographers were New York or Ohio residents. We suggest that you talk about this letter at meetings and tournaments. If you get a clue, please telephone us collect, and if you can put your finger on the pictures, please contact Mr. Strait, too.)

REQUIEM FOR THE ROGUE SKILLET

(Our November issue featured an allegorical story called "Quest for the Rogue Skillet," which pointed out the moral that a broadhead should be designed to kill game, not to pierce frying pans. The article was the work of a well-known Michigan bowhunter, who used a pen-name. Curiously, we received an unusual amount of comment about the piece.)

Rogue Skillet Was "Surprise"

... The last thing in the world I would expect to find myself doing is reading an archery magazine, much less writing a fan letter to one. I am not one of your clan. But a train ride can be devastating when one runs out of reading matter. Going through the empty seats rewarded me with a choice of (1) *Bugs Bunny*, (2) *The Poultryman's Journal*, (3) BOWHUNTING.

To tell you the truth, it was pretty much of a toss-up. By chance I chose your magazine, and I want to compliment you on the piece by Thorndyke Johanson III. My

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The Editor's

Arrow Barrel

Artist Wayne Trimm's Newfoundland spread, which you'll find on pages 18-19, carries on a January issue tradition... last January, you'll recall, Wayne's wonderful drawings illustrated a chapter we printed from the Conan Doyle classic, "The White Company." Wayne, both a bowhunter and a tournament field archer, works for the New York Conservation Commission and serves as staff artist for the Commission publication, *The Conservationist*... he's a wildlife expert as well as a painter, and he's done plenty—repeat, plenty—to help build bowhunting in the Empire State.

Couple of readers sent us a clipping from *Chemical Week*... shows an archer with a flaming arrow about to be shot at a flare tower at the British American Oil Company's conservation plant in Alberta... object was to relight the flare and burn off excess gas... says company "dipped into Indian lore" but gives no other details.

A reader, Frank J. Kraemer, sent us a copy of Collier's magazine, dated August 8, 1938... article in it about a young fellow named Howard Hill... called "Robin Hood's Double," article tells about Hill's technical direction of the old Errol Flynn Robin Hood movie... when we hunted with Hill in Pennsy he reminisced about Flynn's abilities... archery abilities, that is... according to Howard, Flynn was pretty good with the bow.

Our hats are off to Larry Koller and *Argosy* magazine for an excellent December issue article about the fun, challenge and effectiveness of bowhunting... happy to see that Don Thompson, national publicity director of the American Bowhunters Assn., wrote a letter to *Argosy* congratulating Koller on a job well done.

At this writing, no additional details about the forthcoming NFAA National, set for Grayling, Mich., June 27-30... advance registration will be required...

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ARIZONA

Javelina Season Now Underway; San Carlos Reservation Is Site

Arizona's javelina season for archers got underway on New Year's Day, and hunting continues through January 31; the hunting area includes all of Game Management Unit 26. That's the San Carlos Indian Reservation, and it's located east of Phoenix.

The licensing system is, to say the least, complicated. Non-residents must have a Class I license; that's an archery license, and it costs \$15; to get one, send a money order to the Arizona Fish & Game Dept., Phoenix; give name, address, and a physical description. You can buy your license in person at the Department's Phoenix and Tucson offices, too.

When you send for your non-resident license, add \$1 for a javelina tag. In addition, you must buy a San Carlos archery javelina permit. As we understand it, this can be purchased at Rupkey's Trading Post, Peridot, Ariz., near San Carlos. The \$1 javelina tag can be bought there, too. It is not clear whether the \$3 permit can be purchased from the Department at Phoenix or Tucson.

To hunt small game in addition to javelina, an additional \$10 permit is required—and to hunt predators, still another permit, costing \$3, is a must. These are San Carlos permits.

Residents, in addition to the \$1 tag and the \$3 permit, must possess a Class F or G license.

The Editor's Arrow Barrel

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we'll keep readers thoroughly informed . . . you might make plans to attend the shoot . . . a National is always a great experience, and Grayling, as was proved in '58, is a fine place to hold the classic . . .

Next month's issue: indoor archery . . . another interview with a champ . . . buck contest results . . . a new kind of bow grip . . . how one club won over a landowner.

People who think all teen-agers are delinquents should take a look at Dave Kline. At 17, he's a successful arrow manufacturer with customers in a dozen states. Among his other accomplishments: presidency of his high school's Student Council

EVANS CITY'S YOUNGEST BUSINESSMAN

17-Year-Old Dave Kline Is A Professional Arrow Maker—And With A Goal In Mind, Too

Not long ago *Life* magazine had an article about teen-age Americans who own and operate their own businesses. It told about a number of youngsters who, having started only with an idea and plenty of determination, have built up thriving factories, stores and services—while keeping up a full schedule of normal teen-age activity.

Too bad, we thought when we read the article, that *Life* didn't know about the youngest businessman in Evans City, Pa.—17-year-old Dave Kline, a professional arrow manufacturer who sells his wares in a dozen states.

Dave's a veteran in the business; he's been fletching professionally for years. And with one goal—to make enough money to pay his way through college. He's on the way to realizing the dream, too, with a 1960 production forecast of 250 dozen, mostly hunting arrows.

The youngster's schedule, to put it mildly, is a killer. A high school senior, he's president of the Student Council—and in that capacity he's working toward the establishment of a National Honor Society chapter, a job normally handled by a faculty member. He's a varsity basketballer. He's assistant editor of the year book. He takes advanced courses. He bowhunts for small and big game (no deer after five years of trying) and shoots tournaments at home and away with the Connoquenessing Valley Bowmen.

His high school grades? They're good—one reason being that his arrow making gives him time to study. "I spend three hours in the shop almost every night," he explains. "I'll fletch a dozen shafts, and I'll study while I wait for them to dry."

Dave's one-man business—he does everything from negotiating with salesmen to sweeping the floor in his basement workshop—had its beginnings when Dave was eleven. "I got tired of asking my Dad to buy arrows," he recalls, "so I decided to make them. My first arrow came out with the feathers on backwards."

Young as he was, Dave soon went to work in a sporting goods store and, in the years that followed, got to know archers and archery. When he started to make arrows for sale, he mowed lawns to buy fletching jigs and feathers.



"Progress was very slow," says the tall teen-ager. "Sometimes I made mistakes that cost me \$20 or \$30. I learned how to make arrows by making mistakes."

Now Dave's Archery Shop has all the equipment a serious manufacturer requires—fletching jigs, cresters, spinners, painting equipment and so on. Tips for home arrow makers? Undoubtedly Dave has some secrets, but here are a few ideas he passes on to you. "I've found that when putting clear lacquer on shafts," he says as an example, "the lacquer should be thin. I put on three coats; this makes a fine, transparent, waterproof covering, and one that can be dipped in colored lacquer, too."

As for aluminums, Dave applies "three very thin coats of paint on a very clean shaft." This, he has found, keeps the feathers from coming off. "I remove the paint from the shaft's tip before gluing the nock."

Dave, who plans to concentrate on producing hunting arrows from now on, puts in a dozen hours in the shop on Saturdays. When he gets to college—it may be Penn State—he plans to spend his summers at the ancient and honorable calling of the professional fletcher. Come what may, Dave feels that operating his business has been a great experience. "I've made friends over the entire United States," he says. "I've received an education, and it looks like I'll realize my ambition of attending college. Archery's been very kind to me; I know the sport will continue to grow; because of the insight, intelligence and kindness you find in all archers, it can't fail."

We doubt if Dave can fail, either.

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NFAA'S BIG GAME AWARDS AND RECORDS PROGRAM

Administered by Glenn St. Charles' Hunting Activities Committee,
it's based on the Boone & Crockett system, but there's no connection

There's some confusion in the minds of archers about the role of the NFAA Hunting Activities Committee—and even more confusion about the committee's excellent big game competition set-up which, based on the Boone and Crockett system, is used in scoring kills, determining records and making awards. Indeed, many archers believe that the NFAA set-up is officially connected with the famed Boone and Crockett Club.

To clarify the committee's work for you, we've asked its chairman, Glenn St. Charles, a number of questions. St. Charles, who is also the NFAA's vice-president, is one of the nation's top big game bowhunters—as the photographs accompanying his answers indicate.

Q: Glenn, exactly what is the Hunting Activities Committee? Why was it started?

A: When Karl Palmatier became president of the NFAA, he established the Hunting Activities Committee and named me as chairman. I immediately appointed a committee made up of men around Seattle, fellows I can gather at a moment's notice to sit down with me and discuss the program and its problems. There are eight members now—Audrey Bryan, Jesse Rust, Bill Jardine, Dr. Kenagy, Wayne Hathaway, Bill Brown and Bill Sudan. These fellows are well-known bowhunters in the area and very conscientious about the committee.

I also appointed what I call the National Committee

in order to get the thinking of bowhunters throughout the country. Members are Paul Jeffries, Missouri; Nort Schensted, Minnesota; Stuart Wilson, New York; Bob Tabbert, Louisiana, and Roy Hoff, California. The local committee discusses and passes on various programs and presents these to the National Committee for its approval or disapproval. The size of the National Committee may be increased at any time; members have been selected mainly on the basis of interest they have shown in our committee's work.

The work we had to do was very obvious from the beginning. Changes were necessary in our Art Young Big Game Award set-up; it was fast becoming meaningless, deteriorating to the extent that many of our so-called bowhunters were just shooting animals for awards, having lost sight of the fact that the real purpose of bowhunting is the sport of hunting itself—not just the killing of animals to receive a reward.

Corrective measures were taken, such as limiting the number of animals per species to one a year; this stabilized the Art Young system to one of selectivity rather than quantity, and we believe that the system now has the respect it deserves. The committee polices this program by making spot checks with witnesses who sign the Art Young Big Game Award application. Some pretty startling things have been uncovered.

Glenn's Seattle trophy room is headquarters of the NFAA's Bowhunter North American Big Game Competition. Here you see seven species of bow-bagged game. Left to right: Canada moose, black bear, Rocky Mountain goat, blacktail deer (rack on bookshelf), Roosevelt elk, Barren Ground caribou and on the back of the couch, a cougar. Glenn took all this game save the blacktail, a world record animal bagged by Sandy Tyler; at far right in photo you get a glimpse of the rack of the world record whitetail, killed by Robert Triplett



Left, Fred Bear's archery world record Barren Ground caribou, killed last August in Alaska; its score, 417 points, beat Keith Clemons' old record of 397½ points. Top, St. Charles with caribou taken in Alaska in '58

Q: Archers know, of course, that the Art Young Big Game Award is given for bagging a big game animal—not for bagging any particular size big game animal. Apart from that is your committee's system of recording trophy category kills and making awards for them. Is this system actually a part of the world-famous Boone and Crockett Club, which keeps records of North American big game?

A: No, it isn't. Early in '57 we set up a new competition for bowhunters, designed in part to keep records of the biggest bow-bagged game and to reward the takers of that game. The official name is the Bowhunter North American Big Game Competitions.

In the very near future, we're planning to "personalize" the present title by associating it with the name of some famous bowhunter of the past. By doing this, we hope to do away with the thinking that we're a part of the Boone and Crockett Club. We will, however, continue to use the club's scoring system.

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Glenn St. Charles, NFAA's vice-president, is well qualified to head the association's trophy game program; a veteran hunting archer, he's bagged most species of North American animals. This is a '54 bear

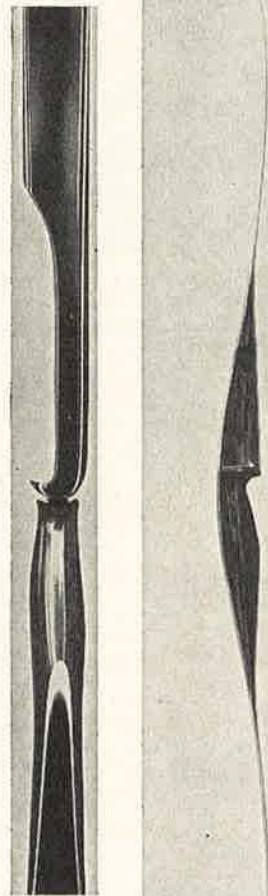


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By ERNIE LAMBDIN

(Bowhunting Correspondent for Indiana)

I'm happy to be able to write a regular column about Indiana for BOWHUNTING, because archery is really going places in the Hoosier State.

As for hunting, we've had 30-day seasons for two years. Although our herd is growing by leaps and bounds, we're limited to deer having "at least one forked antler." So we go forth with our trusty bows, opera glasses and tape measures. (However, our super-duper Northern Indiana toll road has no restrictions; it's been well-named, too. The toll of deer killed by cars annually exceeds the state's entire deer kill).

There's been some opposition to bowhunting from farmers, especially in Northern Indiana. We patiently await the day when they'll come to us on bended knee for our help in controlling the deer. At least one farmer in the area did just that last season.

Our Indiana Field Archery Assn., some dozen years old, has member clubs from all over the state. This has not always been so; until a couple of years ago, archers in the northern counties were allied with Michigan. The alliance is still close; the Michiana League, one of the best in the nation, includes four Indiana and twelve Michigan clubs. And many Hoosier archers are members of the Michigan Bow Hunters, which knits the two states very closely together. Kenny Mikkelsen, of Elkhart's Cobus Creek Archers, is our state's MBH district governor, and has been for 14 years.

Indiana notes: Michiana League sponsoring the '60 NFAA Midwest Regional, which takes place in Allegan, Mich. . . watch Northern Indiana for the 1960 NFAA men's free-style champ.

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Here's How NFAA's Trophy Game Program Works

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When we set up our competition, however, we patterned it along B-C lines. The club gave us permission to use its scoring system and scoring forms and set up our own records for bowhunters. That's as far as it goes.

Q: Even though there is no connection, does the Boone and Crockett Club welcome archery-bagged entries?

A: The club makes no distinction as to how game is taken. Thus a bowhunter can get his kill listed on the club's rolls as long as his game meets the minimum requirements. But the bowhunter must make his own application to the Boone and Crockett officials.

Q: Well, how do some of the archery records compare to the top Boone and Crockett records?

A: The minimum requirements in our NFAA set-up are approximately 25% under the Boone and Crockett minimums—that is, a deer that couldn't make the Boone and Crockett list could make our list. Even so, the game taken by archers and reported to us compares rather favorably; our top record typical whitetail, our typical and nontypical mule deer, blacktail, Barren Ground caribou, Alaska moose, antelope, grizzly bear, Polar bear and cougar are well above the B-C minimums.

Our cougar record, held by Dr. James L. Smith, Little Rock, Ark., ranks sixth in the Boone and Crockett record book, with a score of 15 4/16 points; this is out of 64 listed entries.

Archie Malm, Flasher, N. D., holds our antelope record, 88 6/8 points; it ranks fifth in the B-C book out of 170 entries listed. Our present whitetail record, held by Bob Triplett, Donnybrook, N. D., is 163 4/8 points; it's 71st in the B-C records out of 207 listed whitetails.

Q: Glenn, tell us how an archer goes about entering an animal in the NFAA competition. Must the archer be an NFAA member?

A: A bowhunter makes an entry simply by requesting a scoring form from this office (19807 First Ave. S., Seattle 88, Wash.) or from NFAA headquarters (Rt. 2, Box 514, Redlands, Cal.) for the particular type of trophy animal he wants to enter. He need not be an NFAA member.

The forms are very simple to fill out, and complete instructions are given on each. In essence, various measurements are taken and added up. There's no room for error. The B-C system is wonderful—the reason, of course, why we follow it.

If, upon filling out the form, the archer finds that his animal is above the stated minimums, he contacts the nearest measurer—more about this in a minute—and makes arrangements to have official measurements taken. If the archer can't take his trophy personally to his nearest measurer, he can mail or express it to him. Or he can ship it to this office; if it appears that the trophy might possibly break the official world bowhunting record, it *must* be

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MICHIGAN

Season May Break All Records Despite Lousy Weather; Commission Seeks Change in Strung Bow Law

By LES LINE

(Bowhunting Correspondent for Michigan)

People who won't forget Michigan's 1959 bow season: Paul Shultz of Akron, Ohio, who almost stepped on

a coiled rattlesnake near the Au Sable river, managed to put an arrow through it just as it started to strike.

Bill Durban of East Detroit, who met a big bear just minutes after he entered the woods, aimed, started to draw his arrow . . . and retreated gracefully when his bowstring broke.

The Indiana man caught jacklighting deer, with an illegal crossbow, without any hunting license . . . and without the \$75 to pay the judge.

The fellow from southern Michigan who removed the pellets from a shotgun shell, slipped an arrow into the gun barrel ahead of the shell . . . and was warmly greeted by conservation officers.

Toledo archer Richard Nagy, who shot a 375-pound bear, hit it in the heart, dropped it almost on the spot.

Marion Bullitier of Ypsilanti, who shot a coyote, had to chase after it and shoot two more arrows on the run before ending the race.

Ray Smith of Muskegon, who hit a doe about dusk, tracked the wounded deer by flashlight, found a big bear had finished the job for him, pulverized one shoulder, smashed the neck, broken the spine, ripped a gaping hole in one side, raked the hide with its claws, broken some ribs, eaten dinner . . . and had hurried off when the unarmed hunter approached.

Here's the way the weather was during the Wolverine State's 36-day season: 24 days of rain or snow, much of it heavy; temperatures below normal, and as low as 22; not a single clear day; only 11% of the possible sunshine for the period.

Veteran bowhunters, shivering and miserable, called it "the worst ever." When you consider the weather plus two more facts—that the woods were jammed with bird hunters during the first couple weeks and that the early kill was far below normal—it *should* add up to an unsuccessful hunting season.

But it doesn't!

For after checking reports from Conservation Department personnel at bowhunting hotspots, after making a handful of surveys at hunting ranches and private clubs in prime deer country, and after reading stories from outdoor editors throughout the state, you can come to just one conclusion:

Despite the fact every handicap in the book was thrown at Michigan's archers this fall, the bow deer harvest will equal and quite possibly surpass the record 2,600 taken last year.

For example, on famed Bois Blanc Island off Cheboygan in Lake Huron, 176 bowmen took 46 deer. That's a success percentage of 26.1, and compares very favorably with last season. On the Upper Peninsula's Drummond Island, another favorite haunt of bowhunters, 66 deer fell to 486 archers. The ratio of success is just about the

same as 1957, when the last count was made there.

Of the private clubs and pay-to-hunt ranches checked, only one reported a poorer take than last season. That one ranch was way down, from 35 deer for 158 archers in 1958 to 20 whitetails for 190 hunters. But another ranch just a few miles away hung up more deer on the meat pole this season than last.

The Conservation Department's early returns show license sales up slightly over the 39,106 resident and non-resident tags sold last year. The final figure could top the high of 42,356, reached in '56.

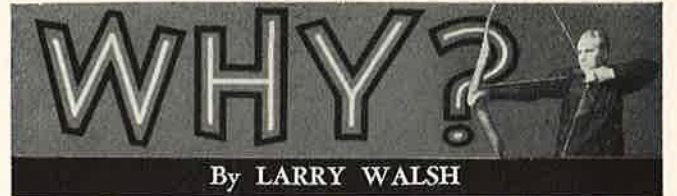
The bow season had been over just one day when the Conservation Commission decided to ask the state legislature for a change in Michigan's bow encasement law. The proposed alteration would allow archers to carry strung bows in cars—if the bows are locked in the trunk or enclosed securely in a case.

Presently, bows must always be unstrung when in or upon a motor vehicle. A case isn't necessary if the weapon is in the trunk, but it must be encased if elsewhere in the car.

The commission feels—with the Michigan Bow Hunters Association concurring—that the present law handicaps archers using bow quivers, as well as women and youngsters who may not be able to string their own bows. Often a bowhunter is just driving a mile or so to a new hunting spot, but he must unstring the bow before doing so, and this frequently means going to the trouble of removing the bow quiver.

The proposed change, conservation officials feel, will not impair the effectiveness of the over-all bow transportation regulations, which have succeeded in nearly eliminating road hunting, hunting from atop moving cars and trucks and deer poaching during Michigan's bow season.

Briefly told: Fort Custer military reservation between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo was opened to bowhunters at mid-season on a bucks-only basis, with Army officials permitting four hunters on a portion of the fort daily. Although the post commander said he hoped 100 deer would be thinned out of the reservation's herd during the bow and gun seasons, archers only harvested five. . . A 28-target public field course, built to NFAA specifications, has opened at Houghton Lake. It's not a club but a business, operated like a public golf course by two Houghton Lake men, Richard A. Slaght and the town's postmaster, Ralph J. Williams, Jr.



It's taken for granted that archery champions practice—but exactly how and with what frequency isn't too well known. (Ed. Note: See the Carl Heinrich interview.)

I know of one very successful archer whose only practice is done in an actual tournament; he's found this to be sufficient. One world champion told me he practiced four hours a day every day during the tournament season. These are extremes. But there's one thing all top tournament archers agree upon: *there must be thought behind the practice.*

In other words, don't just shoot arrows when you go out for a practice session. Shoot each arrow, whether the number be 20 or 200, as well as you possibly can. In your practice—and in competition, too—don't allow negative thoughts to enter your mind. Don't say, for example, "I've always had trouble with this target."

Try visualizing your arrow describing a graceful arc from your bow to the center of the target; this visualizing is important. One of the greatest all-time bowling champions, Hank Marino, once told me he'd rolled hundreds of perfect 300 games *in his imagination* before he actually did so. Now I don't mean that simply "daydreaming" a good round is enough. But positive thinking helps a great deal when accompanied by smart practice. The more positive thoughts you have, the less chance there is of negative thinking, which leads to indecision and ruins a shot.

Every archer who has the desire to improve his scoring—whether on the course or in the hunting field—should establish some sort of goal within reach of his ability. Don't be afraid to set the goal high. Practice as much as you think you can; if the session becomes drudgery, you're practicing too much or you're practicing without a purpose.

One archer I know said he thinks of his arrow as a long, flexible tube that extends from his bow to the center of the target: the longer the target, the longer the tube has to be, and the longer the tube, the more it bends from its own weight. Ridiculous? Not for this archer: the tube idea was a method of concentration for him, and any positive method of concentration which helps you *think* the arrow to your target is good.

As instructor Bob Bennett said in a recent BOWHUNTING interview, it's not the length of time you practice, it's the quality. Maybe you're capable of four hours a day. Perhaps you are effective only if you put in 25 minutes. But when you practice, think.



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A BOWHUNTING Interview:

NFAA Champ Heinrich Talks About Importance of Bow Arm and Slow Shooting

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important factor. At full draw, your bow arm must be perfectly still; you shouldn't move it a hair. I hold for a fraction of a second; my release comes automatically, without thinking of it. At least, it should; I'm still working to make my release similar to the action of pulling a gun trigger.

Here's something else that I've found. If you shoot too fast, you don't give your muscles enough of a rest between each arrow. I have to keep telling myself to slow down—otherwise my bow arm gets weak. It doesn't take much to weaken a bow arm, either. Sometimes, it's emotional: a fellow goes to a tournament so intent on beating the other guy that he gets butterflies. And that affects the steadiness of his bow arm. I go to a tournament to concentrate on my shooting—to improve my bow arm, to improve myself.

Q: Do you use a different anchor for different distances?

A: I anchor with my thumb under my chin and with my forefinger in the corner of my mouth. It's the same for every shot. I shoot a 50 yard target the same as I shoot most of the other targets. On the 80 yarder, I hold the tip of the arrow one foot below the target at full draw.

Q: What do you feel was the secret of your 1959 success?

A: My arrows were properly spined to my bow, I was able to concentrate at full draw and I went to tournaments with the intention of shooting a good arrow—and not trying to beat anyone but myself.

I've shot in every National since '52, and I think that helped me at Bend. Experience, of course, means a lot.

Q: Tell us about your equipment.

A: I shoot a Grimes bow, 46 lbs. at 28". My arrows are three-fletched 2013 Easton aluminums, 28 3/4" long. I use a Wilson tab Norm Wilson gave me at the '57 Watkins Glen National. It's almost worn out.

Q: How often do you practice?

A: I shoot two to four hours every day—and twice on Saturday. I compete in 50 to 60 tournaments a year. That's every Sunday. All my practice takes place on a field course. During the winter I shoot once a week

indoors, the Flint round, and I just love it. Shooting indoor rounds really helps an archer, I believe.

Q: Do you ever use a sight, Carl? Do you compete in target as well as field?

A: I use a sight now and then, and I make out surprisingly well. I haven't shot much target. But I entered the Michigan state target championship tournament last summer and won it. I think I'll shoot a lot more target from now on.

Q: Carl, tell us about your bowhunting experiences.

A: I love to hunt with the bow. In 1952 I got a bear in the Porcupine Mountains. I bagged a deer in '57. I go up north four or five times every season. No luck last season.

Q: Are you satisfied with the field round the way it is now, or would you like to see some changes?

A: I like the field round just the way it is. I wouldn't object if the yardages were marked on the stakes; that would give everyone an equal chance and, after all, isn't everyone after a high score anyway?

Q: What do you think field archery needs most?

A: More publicity, more instruction, more money shoots and the mingling of instinctive and free-style archers. I love to shoot alongside free-stylers.

I think field archery needs less trophies. Who are we making rich by awarding all these medals and trophies? Certainly not the archery manufacturers and dealers. I have enough medals and trophies to start a foundry.

Q: Carl, who in your opinion are the finest field archers in the nation today?

A: One of the finest competitors I've ever shot with is Erwin Ketzler, of Flint, the 1954 and 1955 NFAA champion. He seems to have been forgotten, but if he ever decides to try again, watch him. George Wright, another Michigan archer, is great, too. At Bend, defending champion Lon Stanton was outstanding, and believe me, it was tough beating him. Charles Hocknell is one of the finest. Wally Copensky is young; I think he needs more experience and I think he needs to learn concentration. When he does, watch out! If Corky Johnson would concentrate on his bow arm, there's no telling what would happen; Corky shoots the most beautiful arrow I've ever seen.



The NFAA champ says he watches good archers in action and copies from them. He developed this stance only last Spring. Note anchor, bow arm

I hope I haven't made these fellows mad—and I hope they don't give me too bad a beating at Grayling. I'll be there. It's going to be a big job to defend my title. Everyone will be after me. All I have to say is they better get some practice and be in shape.

Q: When you're approached by archery newcomers or by archers who can't seem to improve, what advice do you offer?

A: I advise them to work on developing a steady bow arm!

Q: Here's a tough one, Carl. Why does archery attract you?

A: I like to see that arrow fly through the air and go straight to the target, and I love good, clean competition. Archery offers it.

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Newfoundland

by Wayne Trimm



① The William Carson, ferry from North Sydney, Nova Scotia, landed me and my car full of gear in Port Au Basque, Nfld. after a quiet crossing.



⑤ The same afternoon Bob Ellis, forest ecologist for Newfoundland, made a heart shot on a good caribou stag. As the arrow hit the stag whirled and ran about 40 yards.

② Ed Ralph spotted a bull moose within half an hour after getting camp set up. We stalked him for more than an hour. Finally he stepped into an opening 40 yards up-hill and faced us. My arrow, shot from a 53 pound Kodiak, cut his heart, lungs and diaphragm. He staggered about 17 yards and was dead.



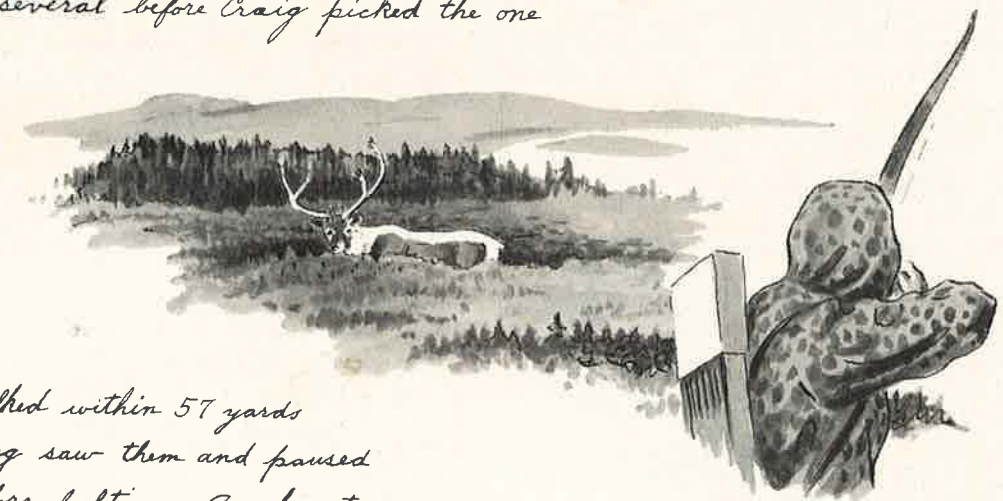
③ The next morning I cut up the beast and, with the welcome help of Stuart Peters, Chief biologist of Newfoundland, carried the meat out.



④ The same morning, Ed took Harold "Hal" Peets to a recent burn where Hal downed a nice bull with a one-arrow liver shot. It went about 100 yards.



⑥ Meanwhile Ed took Dr. Craig Loveys, an M.D. from St. John's, Newfoundland, to the high barrens after a stag caribou. They looked over several before Craig picked the one he wanted.



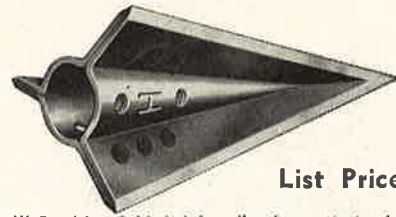
⑦ When they stalked within 57 yards of him the stag saw them and paused a moment before bolting. A heart shot dropped him. In a day and a half we had taken 2 bull moose and 2 caribou!

⑧ Later, after I left, Harry Markham and his wife both got bull moose. Except for one archer, who had to cut his trip short because of illness, all bowhunters with Ed Ralph or his archery guide got their animals!!



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sent to this office; here it is measured by the Local Hunting Activities Committee.

Q: Tell us about the men who serve as official measurers.

A: We now have close to 40 official measurers scattered throughout the country. All are volunteers. All are hard workers. In fact, it's not a simple job. There's a lot of responsibility attached to being a measurer. Frankly, we screen applicants very thoroughly in order to make sure we get the best possible men.

We do need more measurers; we're looking for intelligent, conscientious fellows who are willing to work hard. If any BOWHUNTING readers would like to apply, will they write to me, telling as much as possible about themselves and their bowhunting backgrounds? Incidentally, archers can write to me for the roster of measurers.

Q: What happens when an application meets the minimums? How are prizes awarded?

A: Besides listing the trophies in the all-time records, we have yearly awards in each animal division. Winners receive an engraved plaque and there are medals for second and third. Other outstanding trophies for the year may be given honorable mention or a certificate of merit. And at the NFAA National each year we display record and unusual game heads for all to see.

I might add that a trophy may be entered only once. And at any time we reserve the right to request proof of the kill by bow and arrow.

Let me make this clear: we want to list every trophy that meets the minimums. It doesn't have to be a record.

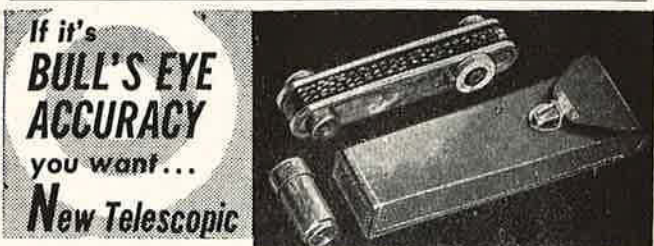
Q: Are the state game commissions aware of the program? Have they expressed opinions about it?

A: Yes, the game commissions know about it. They heartily endorse this type of competition in which quality is the important thing rather than quantity. I've got letters from many commissions congratulating us and wishing us well.

Q: How many archers have participated in the program?

A: We have about 150 entries and the list grows every day.

Q: Have you compiled statistics about the equipment



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MARYLAND

Joe Rusinek Elected President of AMBH at Association's Annual Meeting

Joe Rusinek, Anne Arundel Bowmen, was elected 1960 prexy at the Association of Maryland Bowhunters' annual meeting held in mid-December. Al Kromer, Potomac Archers, and Howard Brenner, Patapsco, were named first and second vice-presidents; Bill Dobson, Harford Bowmen, was chosen treasurer and Floyd Coleman, Baltimore Bowmen, field captain.

used by archers who've entered? Are there any lessons archers can learn from the bowhunters who have bagged this magnificent game?

A: We haven't compiled any statistics about equipment. However, statistics are compiled in the Art Young Big Game Award system and published.

I can't say there is any particular lesson bowhunters can learn from the trophies that have been entered. But every bowhunter dreams of bagging a record animal. When and if the dream comes true, a bowhunter now knows that there is a place for his achievement to be listed and recorded for posterity.

Q: Glenn, your own bowhunting exploits and achievements are known to thousands of archers. What concerning the new system has given you the greatest satisfaction?

A: Many things! The reception by archers of this trophy competition has been tremendous; we feel that as the many names and trophies are listed each year, we'll eventually establish ourselves with prestige among the many conservation groups of the world. I look forward to the day when we'll have our own club with our own awards banquets; I look forward to the day when we'll be as big as the Boone and Crockett Club itself.

And our committee feels it has added much more interest to the NFAA's bowhunting program. We modernized the old program, and now it is more in keeping with the thinking of conservation groups throughout the country. If the bowhunters conscientiously follow these programs, I think we'll find ourselves on a better footing with all the other sportsmen's groups.

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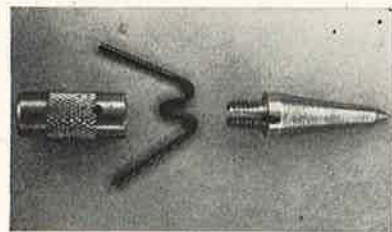
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contacts with archers have been mercifully few but if there are others of the same caliber as this fellow I will have no choice but to revise my opinions. He is a man of good taste, wit, intelligence and talent. "Quest for the Rogue Skillet" puts me in mind of that beloved but now extinct Baron Munchausen. Today a timid and cowardly world does not dare indulge itself in bold lies, but only in frightened half-lies that afford shame to the viewer instead of pleasure. It is gratifying to hear one voice in the wilderness and to know there is one publication willing to amplify it. For that I, along with all men, thank you.

L. T. GARSTON
(Enroute to Chicago)

Rogue Skillet Was "Trash"

. . . I'm not passing my November issue on to a friend. That story by Thorndyke Johanson III prevents it. We are ashamed of such trash. Please keep the magazine good even if you have to keep it small.

A. M. UPDEGRAFF
Massilon, Ohio

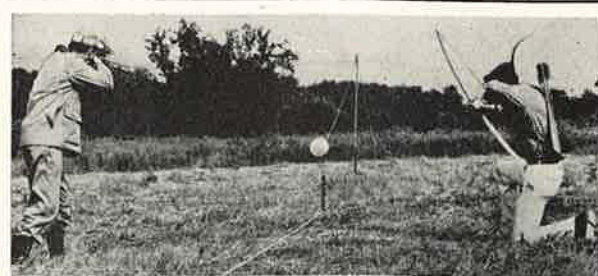
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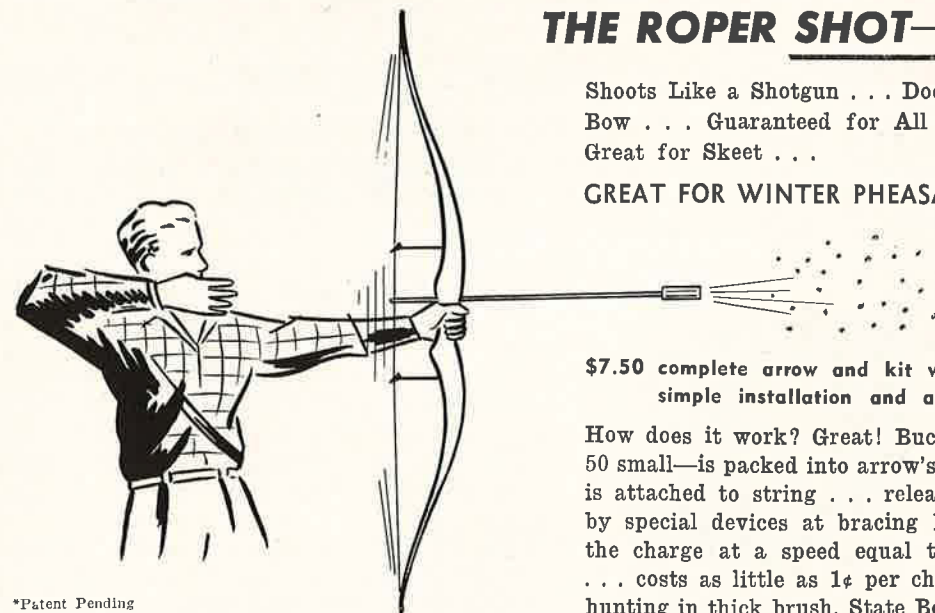


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"Yes!" seems to be the consensus of opinion expressed here. The answers to our Inquisitive Archer's questions point up something more important: archers have won the respect of their state game commissions by working closely with commission officials and conducting themselves like responsible citizens and sportsmen. Not shown here is Paul Hersey, Albuquerque, N. M., who sums it up: "We make a real effort to help our commission; for example, we've been very successful in getting archers to turn in game reports. And the commission's officers and personnel help us. They're cooperative and interested in us."

"We're well satisfied in Michigan—although personally, I think it's unfair that archers are required to buy a gun license for the gun season; the archery license we buy for our archery season should apply during the fire-arms period, in my opinion."

Bill Pierce
Hastings, Mich.



Pete Wright
Enola, Pa.

▲ "Very pleased. I especially liked our '59 season, which gave us an extra week. I feel our game commission is very interested in the bowhunter. That's due in part to the Pennsylvania State Archery Association and the Pennsylvania Federated Sportsmen's Clubs."



Forrest Chemello
Allentown, Pa.

"The laws in the Keystone State are good; we've got a game commission that sees the recreational value in archery deer hunting. However, I think the equipment restrictions should be much tighter; there are too many cheap wooden bows in the field. The game protectors should check equipment more thoroughly."

"Yes, indeed. In '59 our commission gave us our best season yet, thanks to the cooperation of the commission with the Washington Bowhunters Association and the Washington State Sports Council."

Warren Berg
Spokane, Wash.



Jim Rutherford
Houston, Texas

▲ "Well, bowhunting has been mighty slow getting a start in Texas. The Lone Star State got its first pre-season for deer in '59, and there were just a few counties open. There's no bowhunting on public land; you have to lease ranch land. Naturally, our archery organizations are working toward the future."

"I sure am! I'll bet no archers in the U. S. get along with their state game commission as well as we do. Idaho trusts the archers; we police ourselves. It must work; 53 wildlife management units are open to us."

Evelyn Kimball
Boise, Idaho



Martin Smith
Richmond, Va.

▲ "As Virginia's NFAA field governor, I can tell you that our state's bowhunters are well pleased. There's excellent cooperation between our state association and the commission—and the legislature, too. We'll have to admit we'd like a bear season."

James Ramsey
Mildred, Pa.



"There's one law I'd like to see changed; if a man wants to hunt only with the bow, I don't see why he should have to buy a regular state hunting license. Outside of that, I have nothing but praise for our Pennsylvania State Game Commission and its policies."



Bill Dennison
Salt Lake City, Utah

▲ "Utah has fine bowhunting laws. The archers respect the game commission, and the commission respects the archers. What could be better than that? We can hunt ducks and geese; we can take two deer, and no license is required for bear."




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TENNESSEE

Commission Praises Bowhunter For Trailing Gun-Shot Buck

Here's a news release from the Tennessee Game & Fish Commission and, rather than re-write it, we print it in its entirety for obvious reasons:

"An unusual twist in light of several articles appearing recently in national magazines criticizing archers for wounding game occurred during the bow season on the Shelby Wildlife Management Area near Memphis. Bowhunter Amel R. Robinson of Millington stalked and killed a 112-lb. 6 point buck, previously wounded by a rifle hunter on the area. Robinson saw the animal going through the woods and could see it had been wounded in the hind quarters. He trailed the animal for two hours before he could approach close enough for a shot and finally dispatched the buck with an arrow through the throat. Mr. Robinson, a member of the Flying Bowmen of Millington and the National Field Archery Association, is to be commended for this fine exhibition of sportsmanship."

Dates For Nation's Only Archery Camp—Teela-Wooket—Announced

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Crossbow Corner:

Survey Shows Crossbow Hunting Limited to Handful of States

(Here's a new column which will appear from time to time. Its inclusion does not mean that the editors of BOWHUNTING are advocating that you shoot the crossbow. But there is a growing fraternity of crossbowmen in the nation, and its members have no medium, no publication for the exchange of news and views. We think they should have a voice—and by having it in this magazine, we feel that their point of view will be known and thus understood: in the past, ignorance about the crossbow has resulted in suspicion and even hatred for its supporters. In addition, we think that non-crossbowmen will find the column of interest. This first column, for example, answers a question many archers have been asked: Is hunting with the crossbow legal?)

In last month's article about the present-day status of the crossbow, BOWHUNTING asked Col. Francis E. Pierce, USMC (ret.), the First Captain of the National Company of Crossbowmen, how many states permitted hunting with the weapon. When the question was asked, the NCC was in the process of contacting the game commission of every state.

Col. Pierce asked each state if crossbow hunting was legal and if not, why not?

He found that a number of states do permit crossbow hunting. Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia and South Carolina appear to be the most liberal; in these states, the crossbow has the same status as the longbow. Hawaii permits big game crossbow hunting, as long as the lands are non-public. Oregon, Idaho and Missouri permit the weapon in the gun season but not in the archery season. California, New Mexico, North Dakota and Washington restrict it to predators.

Kansas allows the crossbow under the same regulations that apply to gunners; Iowa limits its use to small game. You can hunt with the crossbow in Rhode Island, but not for deer. In New York the weapon is legal only for rough fish. Crossbow hunting is permitted in Texas "except in some counties during the archery season."

The rest of the states have definite laws against crossbow hunting. The reasons? The most frequently given one (14 states) is that the crossbow is a possible poaching

weapon; Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota feel that it can be shot from a car.

The second reason? Dangerous, say eight states, of which Delaware cites its flat terrain. The third reason? The objections made by longbow archers (Florida, Michigan, Texas and North Dakota). At least seven states cite a fourth reason: they don't know why the weapon is illegal, and don't know how the law got on the books.

There are some other reasons given by the states. North Carolina considers the crossbow "in the same category as a rifle with a silencer." Wisconsin says its no-crossbow regulation came "at the request of the public because the bow eliminates the sporting element." A few other states say there are so few crossbowmen that the question of legalizing the weapon for hunting just hasn't come up.

One state cited the absence of a safety mechanism for crossbows; Col. Pierce says that a safety device is now being perfected.

In a future column, crossbowmen will be given the opportunity to reply to the thinking of the states.

George Helwig, president for the 1960 NAA National, set for Miami College, Oxford, Ohio, Aug. 1-5, has named Col. Pierce as crossbow field captain for the event... in turn, Pierce has nominated M. H. Brumble as assistant captain and R. B. Breneman, to serve on the various pertinent NAA committees.

In addition to the National Company of Crossbowmen, we've discovered that there's another outfit: the American Crossbow Assn., headed by Jim Gerkins, Lexington, Ky. It held its '59 national in Huntsville, Ark.

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ARKANSAS

Bowhunter Bags Persimmon-Eating Wolf; Animals Rare in Arkansas

Paul Smith, El Dorado, Ark., was hunting on Mount Magazine when he spotted two wolves eating persimmons. The archer stalked the wolves and bagged one with a 20 foot shot. Eastern wolves are so wary that few gunners, let alone archers, ever shoot them.

According to an announcement made a few months ago, the first annual meeting of the recently-formed Arkansas Bowhunters Association is scheduled for January. The association, one of the nation's newest, was formally organized at Pine Bluff in September, with Roger Maynard, Little Rock, as president.

NAA Winter League Invites All Archers to Participate

Want to shoot some target archery this winter in competition with archers all over the nation? The National Archery Association's Winter League commences activity Jan. 31. There'll be five weekly mail matches.

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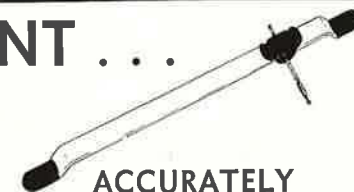
Sixth Year Of Bull's Island Regulated Hunt Is Successful

A barrier reef out in the Atlantic Ocean hardly seems like a likely spot for deer hunting, but more than sixty archers found not only whitetails there, but turkeys, racoons, and squirrels as well. This was the annual Bull's Island hunt, high spot of South Carolina's bowhunting season. The bowmen, coming from both Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland, reached the island via a shrimp boat, while a struggling barge was towed out across the three miles of tidal flats with a mountainous pile of gear.

Since Bull's Island is a part of the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, the one-week hunt was under the auspices of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. FWS representatives, in order to establish procedures that would be practical for bowhunting, had consulted with some of the leaders in South Carolina archery circles. The result was a set of regulations which proved both sound and productive.

Capt. T. A. Wagner kicked off on opening day, Nov. 30, by tagging a doe in the morning. That afternoon an archer from Easley, Jim Stewart, dropped a nice buck with a heart shot. During the rest of the week everyone saw deer, most had shots. A group from North Carolina, including Sie Graham and Howard Furr, had a fair week; they took out two deer, 28 'coons and 18 squirrels.

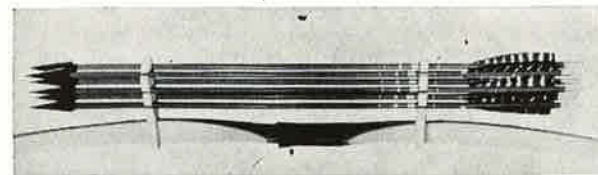
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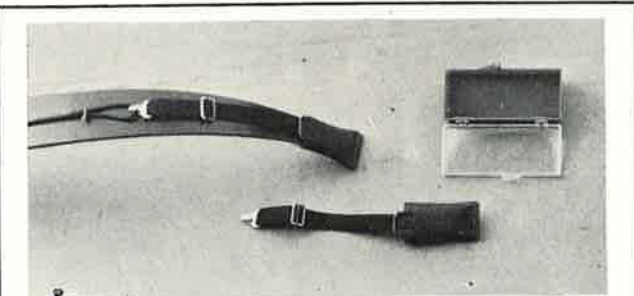
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The Dept. of Fish and Game again reports that Utah's archery deer season was successful, topping the '58 hunt in every respect.

This past September the 7440 bowmen who were afield bagged a total of 1237 deer, making a success figure of 16.6%. The sex breakdown of the killed game was surprisingly close—683 bucks to 554 does. In '58 only 881 deer were dropped by 5605 archers for a success ratio of 15.7%. Over the past nine years the percentage of lucky bowhunters averaged 16.1.

It should be noted that important statistics such as these are possible only in states requiring special archery permits.

Interstate Team Shoot Set For Big Rapids, Mich., January 30-31

January 30-31 are the dates set for the Big Rapids Archery Club's annual indoor Interstate Team Invitational, announces Bob Bitner, Box 226, Big Rapids, Mich.

Four men or four women make up a team, and each state is allowed two teams, explains the former NAA champion, who asks that teams wishing to shoot write to him as soon as possible.

Chicago rounds are shot, and all profits go to the FITA Fund. Last year's shoot was won by Wisconsin.

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Is Archery Hunting Beginning To Level Off in The Garden State?

By BOB DEGENHARDT

(Bowhunting Correspondent for New Jersey)

New Jersey bowhunters bagged 1231 deer during their four-week archery season last fall, the State Fish & Game Division has reported. The total represents 21 fewer deer than were taken during the 1958 season. Still incomplete reports of the December shotgun and special doe seasons, when a few archers may have tried their luck, may yet add a few more deer to the bow and arrow tally.

The best results were obtained in the west central and northern counties. The most arrow-killed deer, 263, were taken in heavily farmed Hunterdon County. Next in order were Morris, 219; Somerset, 189; Warren, 105; Mercer, 84; and Sussex, 80. Deer kills were reported in 20 of the state's 21 counties, only Hudson failing to produce at least one deer.

97 individual tournaments are listed by clubs affiliated with the State Field Archery Assn. of N. J. The events, sponsored by 23 clubs and associations, will cover all but three weeks of the year.

The SFAA state championship will be held Aug. 27-28 by the Suckasunny Bowmen at Denville. The New Jersey Bowhunters Assn. championship will be Sept. 18 at the Union course of the Watchung Bowmen.

Individual club championships will be July 4. A new event, the annual outdoor Flint Round competition will be held May 14 by the Paterson Long-bowmen in honor of that club's 35th anniversary. The second annual "silver dollar" handicap shoot by the Black Hawk Bow Hunters of Rockaway will be Sept. 11. The Annual Watchung "stump shoot," club team event, will be Aug. 7. The Hunterdon Hills Bowmen will hold a turkey shoot Nov. 20.

Full schedules will be obtainable through the state archery commissioner, C. Harry De Keukelaere, 33 East Glen Ave., Ridgewood, or from individual clubs.

One of the bigger deer to be taken this year in popular Westchester County, N. Y., was taken by Charley Montana of Hillside, N. J. An old eight-pointer, it woods dressed at 191 pounds.

By way of background, Charley has been bowhunting faithfully for more than 20 years. He downed hundreds of woodchucks, foxes and other small game, but didn't get his first deer until 1958. Now in the past season he took a 72 lb. button buck in Jersey and later the 191-pound monster, that would be a pride and joy to almost any eastern bowhunter. He recovered the big buck with the help of Johnnie Holland of Jersey City and a row boat, in a stranger-than-fiction adventure, after the deer jumped into the Cross River Reservoir and died there in deep water.

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Busier these days than the proverbial cat on the hot tin roof is Jack Witt, silver-thatched major domo of the Ben Pearson Company's sales promotion department. Witt, who is getting things ready for the second annual Ben Pearson Open, an indoor tournament slated for Feb. 13-14 at the Goodyear gym in Akron, Ohio, wants to remind archers that:

1. They should register as soon as possible in order that target assignments can be given out around Feb. 1. Individual fee is \$10, team fee \$25; register with Jack via mail. The Pearson Co. address is Pine Bluff, Ark.
2. Programs are now available at archery and sporting goods stores. Or write to Jack for one.
3. They'll have to make plans for accommodations, and suggests three motels which are close to the gym: the Mid-Town, 219 E. Market, single room \$8.50, double \$11 to \$13 (it's within walking distance); Chesterfield Motel, 1709 State St., Cuyahoga Falls, single \$7, double \$9; Town & Country Motel, 1850 State St., Cuyahoga Falls, \$7 and \$10 to \$13; the last two motels are about 2 mi. from the gym.
4. There'll be \$6000 in cash prizes for the top individuals and the top teams and \$2000 in merchandise for handicap winners; there are no classifications and no dis-



These Wisconsinites are competing for four spots on the L. C. Whiffen squad which, captained by World Champ Jim Caspers, will shoot in the Ben Pearson Open. From left, top row: Ron Imhoff, Caspers, Jim Frey. Gordon Bentley, Jim Meyers and Bill Ehlers are in front row. First four in individual competition at Open will make up the team

tinction between free-style and instinctive; individual competition will consist of two Chicago rounds; each round is 96 arrows at 20 yds. at a regulation 16" face. Teams also will shoot two rounds.

5. The shooting begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13. Additional details will appear in the Feb. issue.

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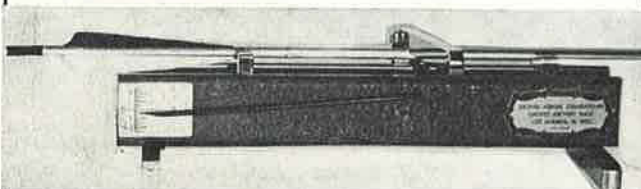
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PENNSYLVANIA

81 Out of 76,600 Bowhunters Arrested for Violations in '59

By CLAYTON B. SHENK

(Secretary, PSAA)

I've asked the Pennsylvania Game Commission to give me a list of the kind and the number of game violations prosecuted during our 1959 archery deer season.

The Commission tells me there were 81 violations—a very small percentage of the 76,600 bowhunters who, at last count, took the field during the season. Even so, that's too many. However, some of the violations were minor; as for the serious ones, I'm certain they weren't perpetrated by real archers.

The violations include: 7 arrests for hunting without a license; 19 for before-hours shooting; 8 for killing deer with lights and 12 for attempting to kill deer with lights; 5 for shooting within 150 yds. of occupied dwellings; 13 for hunting from vehicles; 2 for failure to keep or post hunting camp rosters; 1 for shooting mistakenly at a human; 1 for injuring livestock; 2 for possessing untagged deer; 2 for attempting to kill a second deer and 1 for "shooting a deer in a menagerie."

Hunting season notes: Brian Hartman, Shartlesville, found he had company when he hid in the brush near a deer trail. The company? A rattlesnake. Brian shot it, took it home and, with a number of friends, ate it.

Hats off to bowhunter Louis Micale, Pennfield, who came upon a buck whose antlers were tangled in a fence on State Game Lands No. 34, Elk and Clearfield counties; Lou laid his bow aside and pried the antlers loose with a stick. The deer scampered to safety. Micale told Game Protector Fred Servey that for a fleeting moment he "thought of shooting the buck, but decided to give it a sporting chance instead."

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