

Nostalgia Corner

30 Years Ago ... by Paul Davison

Does 30 and 30 make 60?



The two previous *Nostalgia Corner* articles featured the very special 30th Anniversary Issue of *Archery* magazine published in February 1974. This issue contained a 32-page supplement detailing the 40-year history of the NFAA from 1934 through 1974 in words and pictures. [The NFAA and *Archery* magazine officially started in 1939 and 1944, respectively, but our beginnings go back to 1934.] The supplement was even printed on sepia-colored paper to make it look quite old. It is probably the most coveted issue of the magazine ever printed, and is particularly valuable to me, since I'm also NFAA Historian.

Since February 2004 is the 30th anniversary of February 1974, then it should be the magazine's 60th birthday. Right? Not quite.

During the late 1970's, the NFAA faced a severe financial crisis, and necessarily ceased publication of *Archery* magazine. From January 1980 through the middle of 1984, we published the NFAA news either as an insert in *Bow & Arrow* magazine, or as a separate quarterly newsletter (under the *Archery* name). In other words, we still owned *Archery*, but didn't publish it as a full-fledged magazine with articles and advertising.

Then, theoretically, 2004 is *Archery* magazine's 56th "birthday," and NFAA's 65th anniversary.

Now, let's get back to the February 1974 issue. In addition to about fifty pictures, there are eight articles:

1. *History of the National Field Archery Association*, by John Yount.

2. *NFAA History for the Past 20 Years ... As I Saw It*, by Roy Hoff.
3. *Take it Easy, Mister!*, by Lulu Stalker.
4. *The Passing Parade of Events and Personalities During Our First Ten Years*, by Roy Hoff.
5. *Early Days of the Flight Game*, by M. B. Davis.
6. *Roving Reminiscences and Random Recollections*, by Paul Klogsteg.
7. "Chief" Compton, *Who Started It All*, by W. H. Wescott.
8. *History of Our National Championship Bowls*.

As a service to the NFAA members, the first two articles have been reprinted, without pictures, as a single, 13-page document. For those of you have e-mail, and who can receive and print a 80-kb Microsoft® Word document, this *History of the National Field Archery Association – 1934-1974*, is available at no cost. Just request a copy of "NFAAHistory1st40" from Paul Davison at stringwalker@att.net. Alternately, if you have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can print the document directly from:

<http://www.floridaarchery.org/davison/NFAAHistory1st40.pdf>. Hard copies of this document will also be available for a cost of \$2.00 each at the three World Archery Festival tournaments (NFAA booth). Please do not request a copy from the NFAA Headquarters.