

## Time Out!

The trouble with writing an article tied to a specific date is that sometimes nothing significant happened, or we have a brainlock. So, instead of reminiscing about 1973, we're going to summarize NFAA's history from 1939 through 2003 in the next two issues. The following 1939-1973 summary was first printed in the February 1974 issue of *Archery*. We've done a little editing, and have added a few more highlights.

<b>NFAA History Highlights - 1939-1973</b>
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| 1939 | ? NFAA founded   |
| 1940 | ? Art Young Big Game Award provided for NFAA bowhunters  |
| 1941 | ? NFAA Stump Emblem adopted<br>? Indoor and Outdoor NFAA Mail Tournament competition started   |
| 1942 | ? First NFAA Field Archery Handbook issued<br>? Standardized Field Round adopted<br>? 20 pin adopted for NFAA members shooting a perfect score on an 18 or 24 inch target face   |
| 1943 | ? The NFAA Indoor 30 yard Flint Round adopted  |
| 1944 | ? <b>Archery</b> magazine adopted as NFAA official publication, although NFAA has no ownership or editorial control<br>? Art Young Small Game Awards created<br>? Archery Safety Code adopted  |
| 1945 | ? Order of the Bone adopted<br>? Single arrows and crossed arrows in both silver and gold adopted as additional awards for the Art Young Small Game and Big Game Programs  |
| 1946 | ? 1 <sup>st</sup> NFAA National Championship (now National Outdoor) held in Allegan, MI<br>? Course approval system adopted  |
| 1947 | ? Compton Medal of Honor and NFAA Hall of Fame established<br>? Good Sportsmanship Award adopted   |
| 1951 | ? Prize Buck Contest adopted   |
| 1953 | ? Landowners Guarantee against property damage formulated  |
| 1954 | ? Chartering of clubs started, and clubs began receiving bi-monthly bulletins of information from the NFAA<br>? Booklet on exhibition shooting published   |
| 1955 | ? NFAA Instructors Program designed and a program initiated for certifying instructors   |
| 1956 | ? School kit developed to supplement the Instructors Program   |
| 1957 | ? Pope & Young Club started as part of NFAA's Hunting Activities Committee   |
| 1958 | ? Club liability insurance program adopted for all NFAA chartered clubs  |
| 1959 | ? State championship certificates designed and provided by the association for members<br>? NFAA acquired its own office building and headquarters<br>? Junior 20 pin provided for NFAA youth members<br>? Fair chase rules adopted for big game hunting<br>? Fellowship of Robin Hood provided for members<br>? 100% certificate provided for clubs who had 100% membership in the NFAA |
| 1960 | ? Modified Flint Round devised so clubs could shoot indoors  |

- at 20 yards
- ? NFAA Medal of Merit founded to provide recognition by state associations to its members
- 1961 ? NFAA Park Round and Instinctive Round established
- ? Series of bars added to the 20 pin which could be won by archers
- ? Archery cartoon booklet published with the best cartoons from **Archery** magazine
- 1962 ? Course approval system with bonus points, safety outlines and "star" ratings adopted
- ? 1st Indoor National Tournament (Las Vegas Open or "Vegas Shoot") held in Las Vegas, NV
- 1963 ? Sectional tournaments standardized throughout the NFAA eight sections. NFAA provided awards for these hosted tournaments
- 1964 ? NFAA Master Bowhunting Award created
- ? NFAA 500 Club founded
- ? Service Pins for continued membership in the NFAA were adopted
- ? Medal awards program promoted for chartered clubs having NFAA registered tournaments
- 1965 ? Most of the preliminary work done in respect to NFAA reorganization
- 1966 ? Reorganization of the NFAA accomplished and a new Constitution and By-Law book devised
- 1967 ? Youth Scholarship Program founded as well as youth progressive patches for achievement awards
- 1968 ? Handicap system developed and adopted
- ? New Youth Division provided for competitive NFAA youth members
- ? Hunter 20 pins and bar series adopted as further incentive awards
- 1969 ? International pins and bars provided for this adopted round
- ? NFAA becomes part of IFAA
- ? NFAA purchases and publishes **Archery** magazine
- 1970 ? **Archery** magazine provided with dues for single members of heads of family units
- ? NFAA Indoor Program provided and developed for clubs along with the new NFAA Indoor Round
- 1971 ? Compound bow accepted in all divisions
- 1972 ? National Bowhunting Defense Fund created and a direct NFAA Bowhunter membership created to fund it
- ? NFAA Certified Instructor School started
- ? 1st National Bowhunter Rendezvous was held in Georgia
- 1973 ? NFAA Professional Division set up
- ? First NFAA-sponsored U.S. National Champion archers attended IFAA World Championships
- ? Freestyle Limited shooting style added to NFAA competition
- ? Sixty-six NFAA Professional Archers made their first appearance at the Outdoor Nationals at Aurora, IL. Total purse was \$2,800.00

## Time Out! Phase II

Thirty years ago in the February 1974 issue of this magazine, Roy Hoff and John Yount wrote a very comprehensive *History of National Field Archery Association*. They also listed the 1939-1973 highlights in a table accompanying the article. In the previous *Nostalgia Corner* (Oct/Nov 2003), we printed the amended and edited version of these highlights. With help from former NFAA Presidents John Slack and Dean Hupp, we can now show the history highlights for the next (and past) thirty years, 1974 through 2003.

### NFAA History Highlights - 1974-2003

- 1974 ? First-time IFAA World Championships hosted in the United States at Jay, VT
  - ? NFAA flight system used at the National Tournament for the first time
- 1976 ? Implementation of Bowhunter Education Program completed
  - ? Two, perfect 2800's shot at Outdoor Nationals at Aurora, IL
- 1977 ? Bowhunter Freestyle style established for adult competitors
  - ? NFAA Indoor Championship face and round established
  - ? New, metric, 5-4-3, field and hunter round target faces made official
- 1978 ? Bowhunter Freestyle Limited style established for adult competitors
- 1979 ? NFAA suffers financial crisis. Suspends publication of **Archery** magazine
- 1980 ? **Bow & Arrow** magazine becomes official publication for the NFAA
  - ? 1st NFAA Indoor National Tournament held in Omaha, NE, with 524 archers attending
- 1982 ? NFAA Newsletter published three times a year
  - ? 1st NFAA Bowhunter Jamboree held in Casper, WY, and Baltimore, MD
- 1983 ? New NFAA Headquarter Building Fund established
  - ? New Robin Hood Patch designed
  - ? 1st NAFAC (North American Field Archery Championship) tournament held in London, Ontario, Canada
- 1984 ? 1st Doug Walker/NFAA Bowhunter Javelina Get-Together
  - ? **Archery** magazine again published as the official NFAA magazine
  - ? New NFAA Headquarters completed
- 1985 ? NFAA Scholarship Program revived
- 1986 ? NFAA Membership Billing Program offered to State Associations
- 1988 ? Indoor National Tournament moved to Kansas City, MO
- 1989 ? First scholarships awarded from revived NFAA Scholarship Program
  - ? **Archery** magazine takes on a new design
- 1990 ? Pro Division styles of competition reduced to Freestyle and Freestyle Limited only
  - ? "Traditional" added to NFAA recognized shooting styles for adults
  - ? New Bowfisher Program and awards added
  - ? NFAA Foundation established
- 1991 ? Safety requirements/standards and lighting requirements for indoor archery ranges added to the NFAA Constitution and By-laws
  - ? 1st NFAA Unmarked 3-D National Tournament held in Hickory, NC
- 1993 ? Indoor National Tournament moved to Louisville, KY. Record 1436 archers attended
  - ? Challenge presented to USOC for NFAA to replace NAA as National Governing Body for archery
- 1994 ? Indoor National Tournament moved to Tulsa, OK
  - ? NGB challenge withdrawn. NFAA/NAA tournament participation reciprocity agreement signed
  - ? New, 5-3, field and hunter round target faces approved (optional until 1996)
  - ? Arlyne Rhode becomes **Archery** magazine publisher
  - ? FITA equipment styles added to NFAA recognized shooting styles
- 1995 ? Western Classic Trail Shoot, Redding, CA, becomes NFAA Marked 3-D National Tournament

- ? Senior (age 55 and older) added to NFAA Divisions of Competition (was previously for complementary awards only)
- 1996 ? NFAA Shooter's School started
- ? 1<sup>st</sup> IFAA World Indoor Tournament held in conjunction with NFAA National Indoor
- ? NFAA website implemented
- 1997 ? Retrograde 5-3 target face shelved. Old 5-4-3 face returns
- 1998 ? Maple Leaf Press becomes official NFAA target face supplier
- ? Ted Nugent becomes celebrity spokesman for the NFAA
- 1999 ? NFAA purchases the World Archery Festival (Vegas Shoot). WAF, Inc. becomes separate corporation
- ? Development in Archery for Youth Shooters (D.A.Y.S.) program started as pilot program
- ? FITA equipment styles no longer recognized in NFAA competition
- 2000 ? National Outdoor becomes 3-day tournament
- ? Rogers Printing becomes publisher of Archery magazine
- ? NFAA Museum at NFAA headquarters becomes fully functional
- 2001 ? NFAA (WAF) purchases Atlantic City Archery Classic
- ? Indoor National Tournament returns to Kansas City, MO
- ? Master Senior (age 65 and older) added to NFAA Divisions of Competition
- ? D.A.Y.S. program made permanent
- 2002 ? WAF's 3 Star Tour implemented
- ? 5-day option returns for National Outdoor
- 2003 ? Recurve/Longbow style added to Youth divisions
- ? One-point bonus ring added to Animal targets (mandatory for Outdoor Nationals and Sectionals)