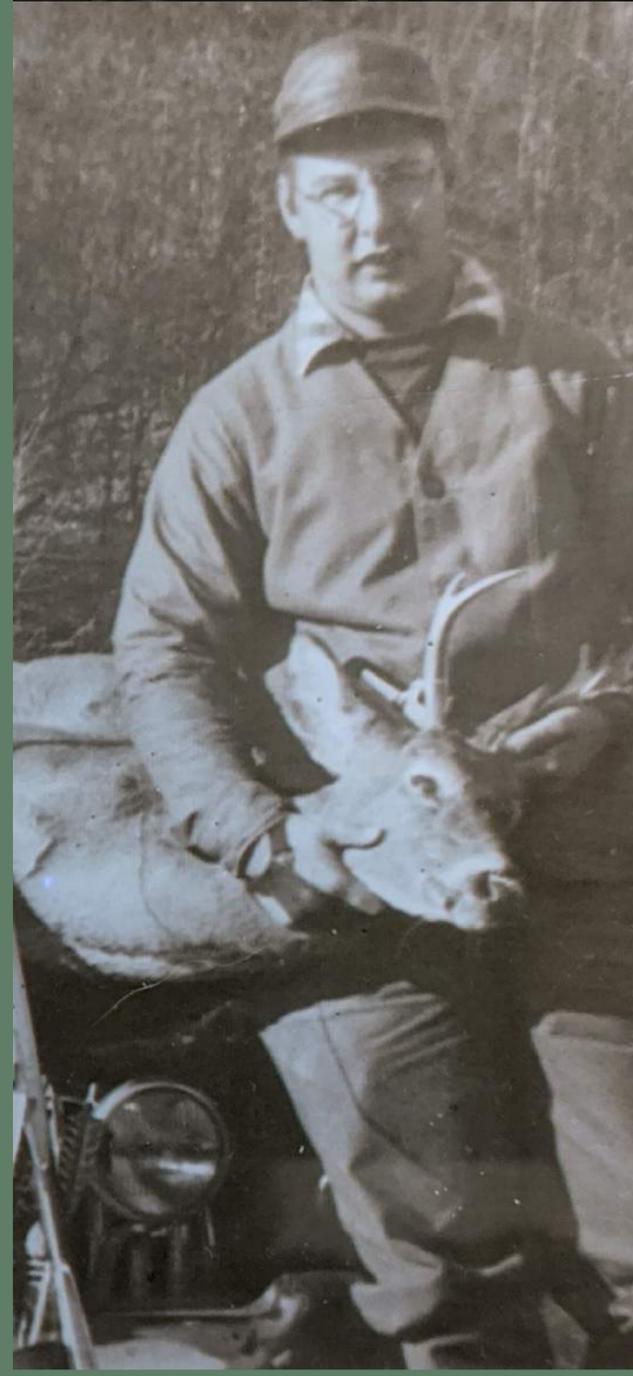


The Aerie

Spring 2021

Dick Zorn Memorial Issue



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This issue of the Aerie is dedicated to our brother Dick Zorn. A founding father of our club, to whom, we owe an unpayable debt of gratitude for his gift of our club.

From Falcon's Wall of Fame

Dick Zorn Buck Harvests: 1951, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1971, 1974, & 1975.

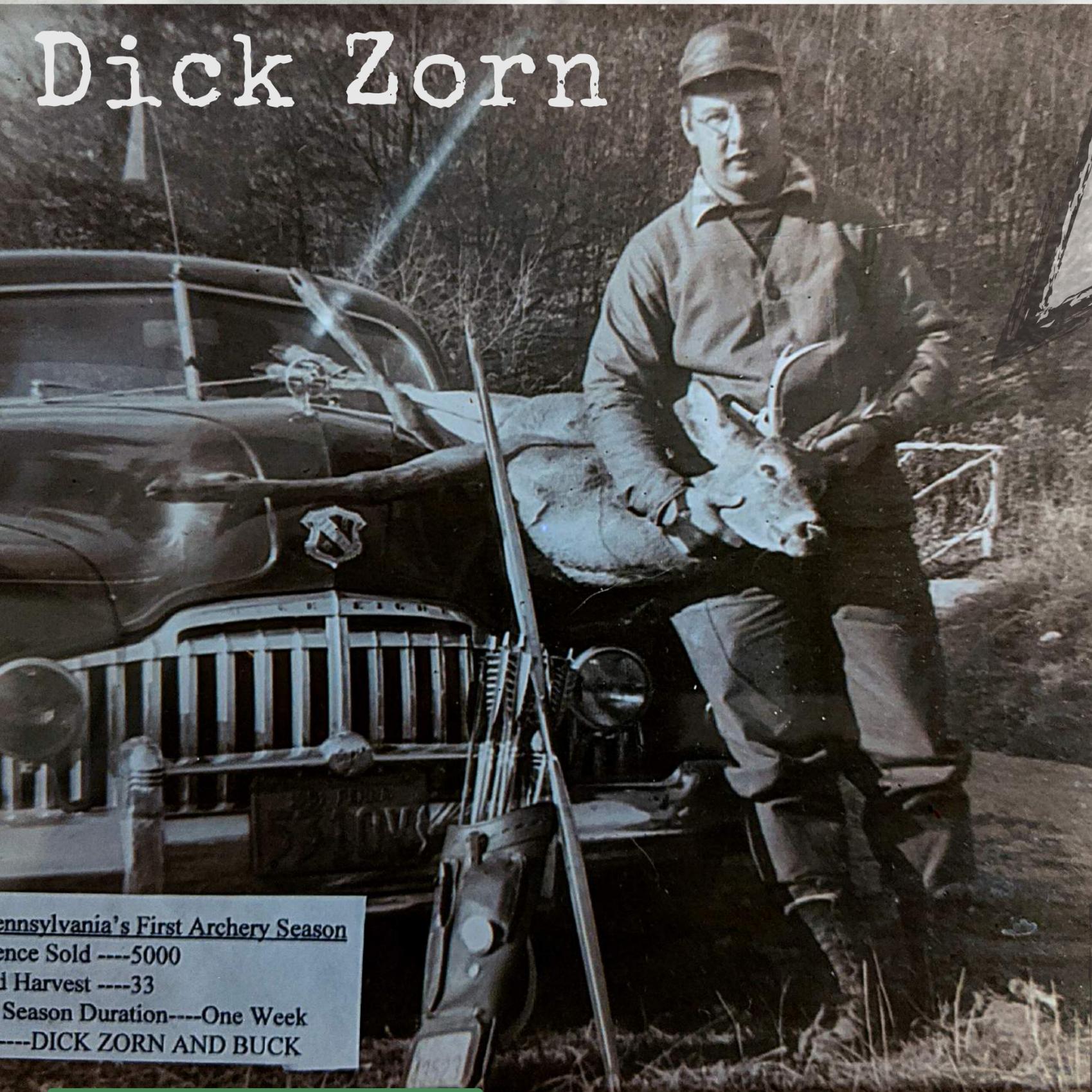
Dick Zorn Doe Harvests: 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1973.

NO RECORDS AVAILABLE AFTER 1976

1951 Pennsylvania Archery Season

First in State History

Dick Zorn



Pennsylvania's First Archery Season
Licenses Sold ----5000
Recorded Harvest ----33
Season Duration----One Week
----DICK ZORN AND BUCK

Season
Length:

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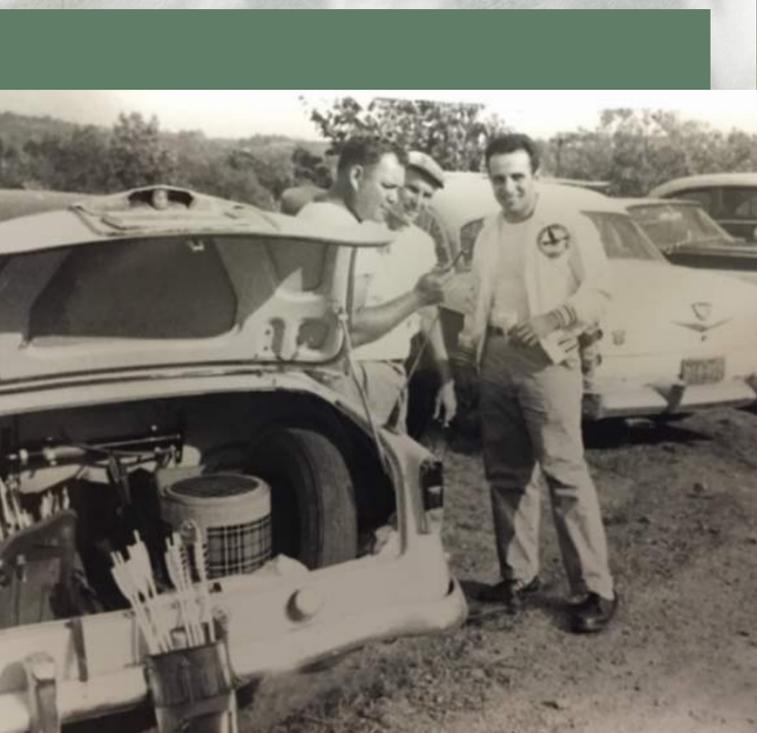
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Bucks Taken:

5



FIRST KNOW "3D SHOOT" DICK ZORN SHOOT - 1963



BOWHUNTERS NATURAL TARGET SHOOT

DICK ZORN *invites you to the* FALCON ARCHERS



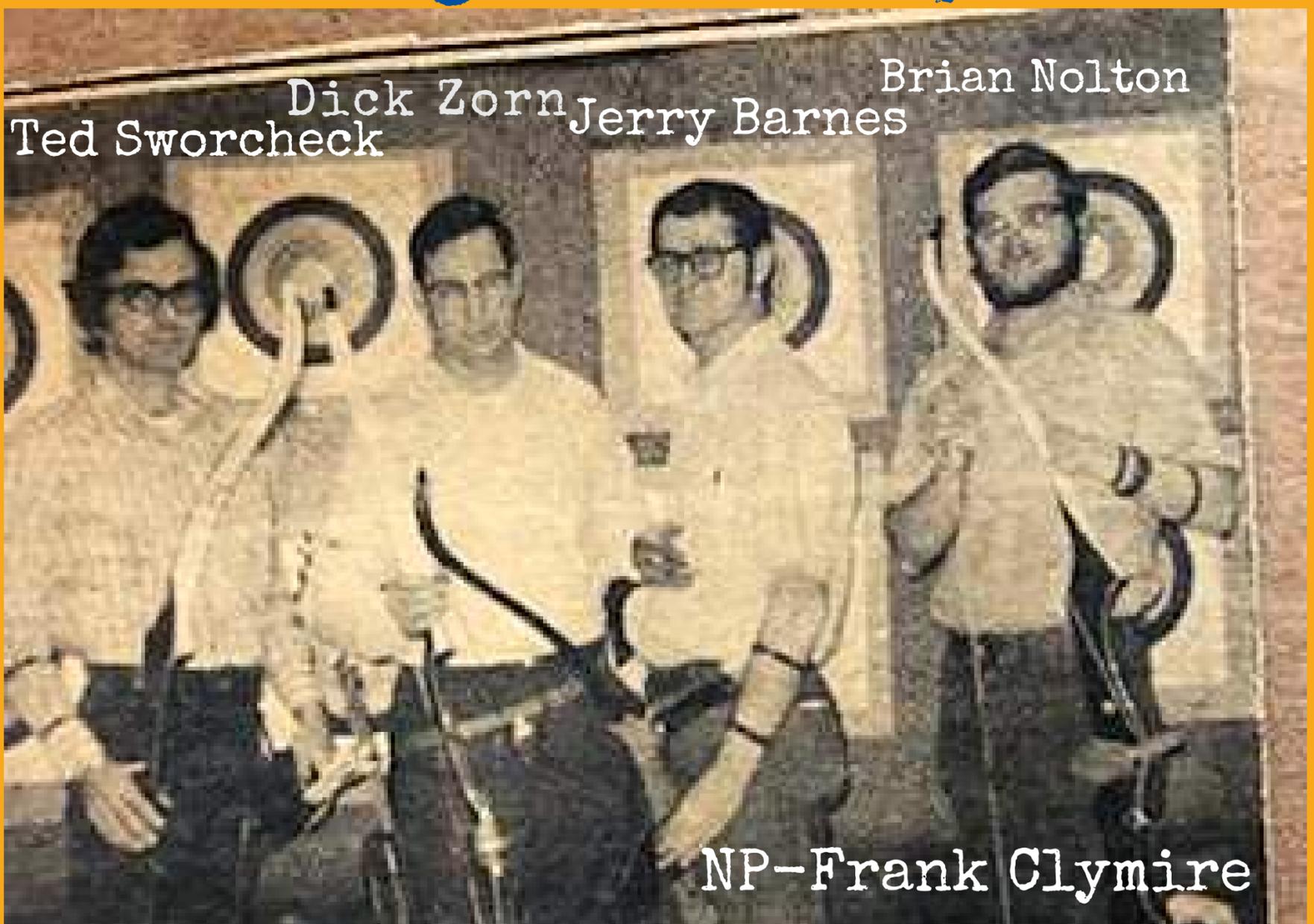
*Door Prizes
Refreshments Available
No broad heads*

"My only regret is not patenting our foam targets! We could have made a lot of money for the club!"
- Dick Zorn



Dick Zorn Shoot - 2019

1974 Pennsylvania Bowhunting Team Champions



MODERN-DAY WILLIAM TELLS--These members of the Falcon Archers of Greater Canonsburg brought the Pennsylvania Bowhunting Team Championship home after competing recently the State Indoor Team Championships. Shown above, l-r, Ted Sworcheck, Dick Zorn, Jerry Barnes and Brian Nolton. Not above, Frank Clymire. Both the State and National Tournaments were held in the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg. Miss Claudia Thompson, a senior at Canon-McMillan High School, placed second in her class in the National Indoor Individual Championship.

JERRY BARNES, ED HOFFMAN, & DICK ZORN



1960s Headline!!!

Two Falcon Archers Bring Back Whitetails

Two members of the Falcon Archers, a Washington County club made good 60 and 45-yard shots to bag their deer on the third day of the

October archery season.

Hunting in Cameron County, Jerry Barnes and Rich Zorn tallied on two fat does October 4th. Barnes is the Falcon's president.

Personal memos:

I met Dick Zorn at Falcon Archers when I was volunteering for the 3D shoots. I was getting back into archery after my spinal cord injury. He came over and sat beside me and we talked about how much fun it is shooting and getting outside with family and friends. It was so nice to meet him and have a real conversation about the importance of archery. I'm thankful for everything he did for our community and the time he spent with me that day.

Greg Traynor

A 50 year friendship with Dick Zorn by Dale Pritchard

I first met Dick back in the early '70's. I was a member of North Park Archers and we were holding an indoor shoot at our club and Dick and some other members of Falcon Archers came to our shoot. We were introduced by Al Oswald and spent most of the afternoon talking about bowhunting. At the end of the shoot we exchanged phone numbers and agreed to get together in the fall for Falcons shoot, the Dick Zorn animal shoot. I had never heard of the shoot but told Dick I would attend. Dick called me and reminded me when the shoot was and we met up at Falcons club. I got to tell you that day was the most fun I had ever had shooting a bow. No stress, no scores, just shooting at home made animal targets and cutting it up with new friends, and we have been friends ever since.

What can I tell you about Dick that you already don't know, he was a veteran of WWII and flew missions over in Europe as a tail gunner. One story Dick always talked about was how they would get shot at from the Zorn Castle as they would fly by and the other service men would ask him if he could use his family influence to get them to stop. Dick was proud to serve his country and never complained about the war even though I am sure he saw things worth complaining about.

Dick was a legend in our little bowhunting area of S. W. Pennsylvania but you wouldn't know it to talk to him, I'm not even sure if he knew how well known he was.

Being one of the first people to harvest a buck during Pa.'s first ever bow season and it was a buck with a longbow made him quite the celebrity. I know when Dick and I first met he had already killed around 20 deer with a bow, he said he started hunting with a bow because hunting with a gun was too easy. Dick would add 45 more whitetails and some Muledeer, antelope, and black bears to the list before he was done, most being taken back when we only got one tag a year. He was pretty consistent. We had fun hunting in Pa., New York,

He was pretty consistent. We had fun hunting in Pa., New York, West Virginia and Colorado over the years and he always seemed to come home with something. Dick was probably the best instinctive shooter I ever saw and this was back before the new woods and better equipment came along. One of his favorite sayings was you can't get anything if you leave the arrows in the quiver and he never worried about leaving arrows in the quiver. One time in Colorado we both emptied our quivers to get four sage grouse, Dick losing six of his old wood arrows with MA3 broadheads and me losing six of my XX75 autumn orange with satellite broadheads. He was the only person I ever met that shot wood arrows out of a compound bow and of course I had to try it to but I never shot them as good as Dick.

One of the things Dick was most proud of was his involvement in starting Falcon Archers and proud that the current membership has kept the club going all these years, yes he was proud of all of you. The one thing that he always said he would do different if he could was he would try to patent the old animals that the club used to make long before the current 3-D shoots were ever thought of, he said he thought the club might have been able to profit from that. He was always ahead of his time. How many people do you think got to try archery and bowhunting just because Falcon Archery club was there to give them the exposure they needed and people like Dick were there to help them along.

So that's the Dick Zorn that I knew, proud family man, proud Veteran, proud member of Falcon Archers. Great friend, great hunting buddy. Always quick with a joke or a jab. Always humble, always a gentleman, no brag just fact. Always there to help show somebody what he knew about archery and always my mentor along with many others. From the first time we met all I ever wanted to be was like Dick Zorn and given enough time maybe someday I'll make it, and don't forget,

A GREAT BOWHUNTER.

Dick Zorn by Tim Barnes

I knew Dick my whole life , he and my father Jerry were good friends, with Dick being about 10 years older than my Dad. When Dad was working late Dick would pick me up and take me to the club to shoot, I was probably all of 11 years old at the time. For a while my father worked for Dick doing construction and house painting.

Later after Dad found a mill job I remember the Union called a strike.

Things were tight and sometimes we'd find a box of food on our porch that, although left anonymously, we knew Dick was responsible.

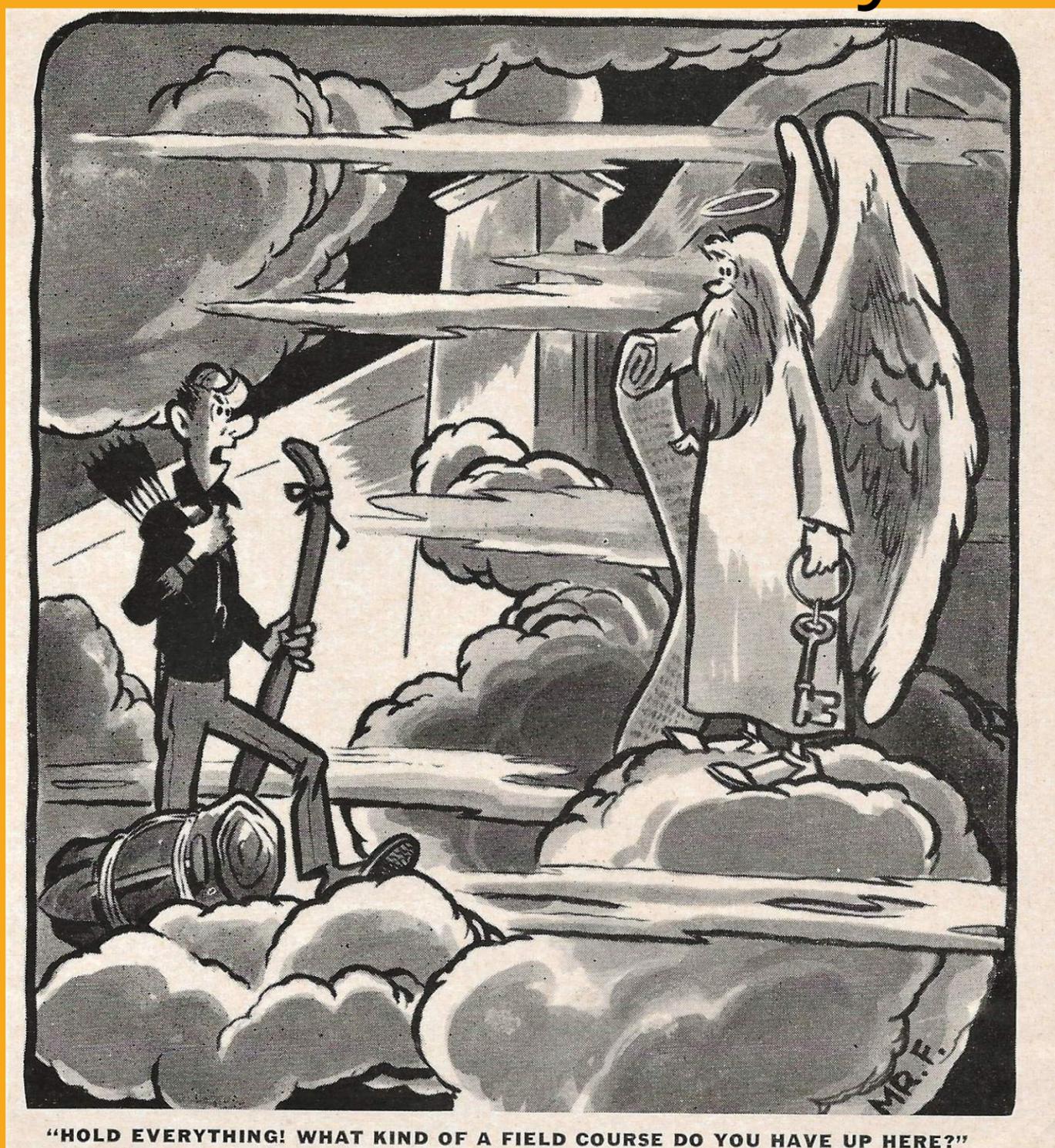
Dick was a B-17 tail-gunner in WWII flying many missions over Europe and told many stories of those experiences.

One time Dick stopped into our shop and had a wooden arrow he had shafted "Robin Hood style". I had him sign the arrow to keep at the shop as a memento. As he was signing it he remarked, "I ain't dead yet!!" and laughed.

Dick did the furnace work at the Frontier Shop, the Falcon clubhouse, and the indoor range. I learned alot looking over his shoulder.

My father and I often traveled to Harrisburg with Dick for the state archery tournaments. He was a rock-solid guy who played the game of life with the cards he was dealt. I miss him already.

Dick Zorn at the Pearly Gates



"HOLD EVERYTHING!...WHAT KIND OF FIELD COURSE DO YOU HAVE UP HERE?"

Club News

Kamp takes 2nd in VA State Collegiate Championship



Emily Kamp, Falcon Archers Member, was finally able to get her archery season and collegiate career kicked off at James Madison University-- and how!

With Covid-19 putting so many restrictions on everyone, the archery team at JMU also was put on hold and unable to practice. The university finally granted the team permission to practice in January with a limit of 4 archers at a time. Emily persevered and went to practice as much as she could. The team hosted the 2021 USA Archery Virginia State Indoor Championship in Harrisonburg, Virginia on March 26-28, 2021. Emily did a great job of shooting. Not where she wanted to be, but still impressive after nearly a year of no shooting, and as the only freshman on the team. She finished in 2nd place in the Women's Recurve Collegiate division.

Emily is now working on shooting 70 meters for outdoor and has 2 tournaments regionals April 24-25, 2021 and Collegiate Nationals May 21-23, 2021 in Richmond Virginia.

CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK EMILY!!



Work/Play

WORK

Please maintain your lanes!

Front of clubhouse needs washed down.

Work committee assignments are available online. See what type of work you are interested in and let Tim know.

Record any work you do on the Work Log that will be posted in the clubhouse.

PLAY

Outdoor 450 Target league starting soon..

Stay tuned for details.

WE SURE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE MEMBERS SHOOT OUR 3D!!!!

Beast Mode Archery

at Meadowcroft-- June 26-27
beastmodearcherychallenge.com

COVID-19 Update -- The clubhouse and range are now open without occupancy restrictions. Masks and social distancing are still required.

Please use common sense, sanitize surfaces after use, and respect other members rights.

An in-person May meeting is anticipated.

!!NEW MEMBERS!!

Ray Roberts -- Working
Phil Snoke -- Working
Dave Griffith -- Social
Frank Kusler-- Social
Chad Lindley -- Social
Bret Price -- Social

FACTS 'n' FIGURES

Checking balance **-\$50,178**

April Shoot attendance -- 70

Falcon shooters at April 3d -- 5

REALLY ONLY 5 SHOOTERS ???

[See falconarchers.com for more details](http://falconarchers.com)

[Follow SWPA 3D Tour Facebook Page!!](#)

Upcoming Events

May 9- 3D- Mom's FREE!

June 5-6 - ASA Qualifier

June 13 - PSAA SW Regional

July 11 -- 3D

Aug 7-8 -- SWPA 3D Tour!

Notable News

Steve Motosicke was elected to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors.

New combination locks have been installed on the front gaste, shed, and clubhouse. If you do not have the combination contact an officer or Board member.

The club ordered new 3d target inserts and new gazelle and lynx targets.

Insulating the inside range was put on hold due to high lumber prices.

The club is considering a new sign at the entrance along with a bulletin board for shoot announcements etc.



- Clean Bathroom
- Wipe Surfaces
- Mop Floor
- Take out Trash
- Sign off in book

<u>Date</u>	<u>Upstairs</u>	<u>Downstairs</u>
4/18	Valerie Chappo	Tim Connor
4/25	Greg Cowden	Tanny Deliere
5/2	J. Craig Dillard	Chuck Eckenrode
5/9	Mario Fatigati	Anjalie Field
5/16	Jason Frye	Gretchen Graff