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NFAA NEWS RELEASE (Attention all VBA Members)

The 1969 National Field Archery Association annual Director's meeting held in Excelsior Springs, Missouri brought interesting programs to more than 38,000 members of NFAA. During this meeting, the association's Board laid the legislative ground work which enables members of the NFAA to start receiving the NFAA official publication effective with the payment of dues during the year 1970. The Board also favorably voted a dues increase to cover this expansion of membership services. During 1970, dues to the NFAA will be three dollars for an adult or individual member of the association. In case of an entire family, only one magazine will be sent to the residence. Other members of the family will not be subject to a dues increase. The increase will only effect the head of the family.

NFAA Headquarters has provided two examples of how the new system will work. For an individual member of the NFAA, dues will be three dollars for the year 1970. As in the past, this fee shall be remitted through the state association in which the individual is a resident. Payment of the three dollars will be included in the member's overall State/NFAA assessments. This three dollar fee includes membership in the NFAA as well as a one year subscription to Archery Magazine, official publication of the NFAA. An individual member who might also have members of his family as part of the family membership will be treated a little differently. The individual or head of a family will pay three dollars. For the second and third members of the family, the fee will be two dollars each. All members of a

family in excess of the first three will be admitted to the association at no charge. Simply stated, a family type membership which includes one magazine reaching the family will only be a maximum of seven dollars a year.

Once a state association secretary submits the membership copies to NFAA Headquarters, they will be processed and individuals or head of family memberships will start receiving the magazine. If dues are paid and the state secretary submits the membership copies to NFAA before the 15th of the month, the member shall start receiving the next issue of the magazine. Regardless of when the membership receipt and fee reaches NFAA Headquarters, the member shall receive 12 copies of the magazine for his yearly dues. It is very possible magazine and membership dates will not coincide.

Action taken by the NFAA Board of Directors at the annual meeting was very specific. "The member shall start receiving the magazine with payment of his dues." This does not mean the member will start receiving the magazine beginning with the January issue. January issues will only be mailed to those members whose dues are paid and received by the state association secretary and submitted to NFAA Headquarters on or before December 15th of this year.

Members who are present subscribers to Archery Magazine will very likely find no interruption in their service. When their dues are paid during 1970, the magazine expiration date will be extended one year.

---Editors Note---I have printed this news release in hopes that it will clear up some of the confused questions and answers I have heard concerning this issue.

THE BACKS MENDS

We have had reports of at least three VBA members falling from tree stands, two being injured seriously. Our Hunting Vice President Mr. Harold Street of Wytheville, suffered a broken back and partial paralysis. At the last report he now recuperating and able to get around slightly with the aid of crutches. Mr. James R. Davis of Newport News, also suffered a broken back and a crushed heel and is recuperating at home with the aid of crutches. Dr. H.W. Helberg also of Newport News fell from his stand and knocked himself out but suffered no injury.

I understand that Harold has been working on a new Bowhunters Safety Course for VBA and was just about finished. Now he will be adding a new chapter. How about it Harold.

We sure wish both these fine members a speedy and complete recovery.

FROM THE EDITOR

Editor:

I know there must be more news but this is all I have received in this office. I would like to have more news from other areas if someone will just send it in. The jog of getting "Flight" out would be an easy one if I just had the news. I can not print what I don't have and am sure some of the best items are missed just because no one took the time to send it in. I would like to have articles on more of our State Champions. Maybe the clubs having a champion as a member can send in an article, how about it.

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DEATH CLAIMS A MANAHOAC

Cancer recently claimed the life of John Hill, one of the outstanding members of the Manahoac Bowmen of Fredericksburg.

John was probably one of the most successful bow hunters in the state. No one knows for sure just how many deer he had taken with the bow but there were at least 10 in the past 10 years. Though John was famous in the Fredericksburg area for getting his deer every year, he will be best remembered for the courtesy and friendliness he offered to everyone he met.

Editor — Some members we lose for it is their desire
Some we lose and know not why.
But best remembered, are those we lose
To the Saints up high.

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Elmer R. Moore (EMO) - 1969 Virginia Amateur Bare Bow Champion

Elmer Moore's win in his division of the 1969 Virginia State Tournament culminated over ten years of serious archery. Early in 1959 he was considering the purchase of a bow for deer hunting, when a newspaper article alerted him to the fact that an acquaintance of his (Glenn Milton) was already an accomplished archer. Through him "EMO" joined the Warwick Bowmen of Newport News, and obtained his first instruction on shooting the bow. With this excellent start, improper beginning habits were avoided and he progressed through all classes from F to A in the next seven months. That same Fall he killed his first deer. With these early successes he could not avoid becoming an archery addict for life.

In 1960, Moore assisted the Bowmen of York in building a new range on the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station and so became an associate member of the Club formerly restricted to military personnel. Since then most of his deer hunting has been on that expansive military reservation. In nine hunting seasons he has killed nine deer. On two years he drew a blank, but on two others he harvested two deer each, proving that a dedicated tournament archer can also be a good hunter.

In 1968 "EMO" won the Bare Bow Division in every invitational shoot in the Tidewater district, plus the Black Bare shoot hosted by the Prince William Archers of Manassas. He then won the Virginia Open at Richmond but ended the year at Staunton finishing second to Warren Cowles of Fairfax, Virginia for the State championship.

In 1969 he again won all club annuals he entered except the Richmond "Bob Monteith Memorial" Tournament in May which he lost again to Warren Cowles. The rest of the year he made a clean sweep by winning the Amateur Bare Bow

division at the Mid-Atlantic shoot in June, the Virginia Open in July, The Tidewater Championship in August and the Virginia State Tournament in Roanoke ending on September 1st.

When asked if he would like to see any changes made in today's organized field archery, his response was: "I will always enjoy shooting no matter how field archery is run. However, in view of the increasing length of time it takes to shoot a tournament, it might be advisable to question the feasibility of not shooting more than one of the 28 target qualifying rounds in one day."

EMO's advice to other archers: "For beginners - Learn the fundamentals first. Learn proper stance, how to hold the bow and nock the arrow, to draw, anchor then release and follow-through.

These are basic before adding the gadgets, sights and new archery innovations which have helped modern scores to soar in recent years." "For old timers - continue to enjoy shooting the bow. Make your decisions to be a hunter, competitive archer or both, but participate and enjoy the bow and the company of other archers."

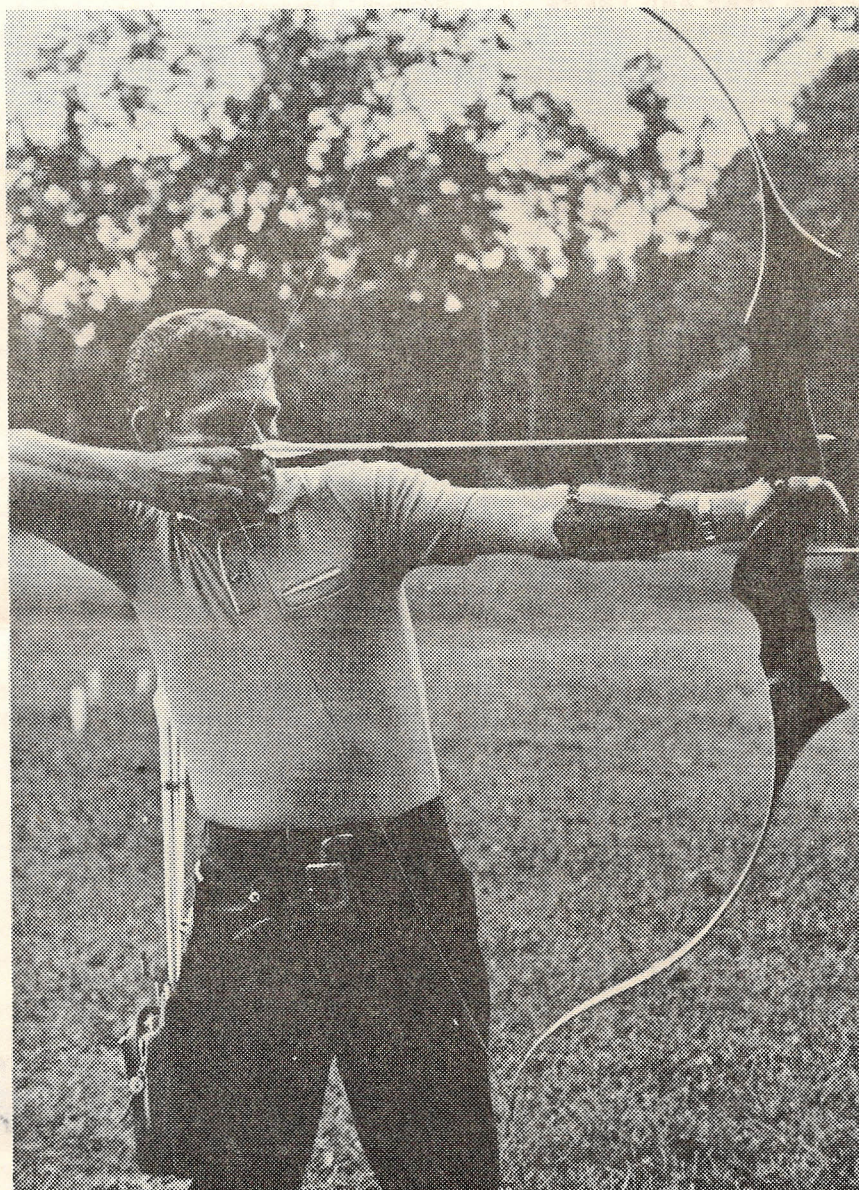
What are EMO's plans for the future? He intends to set his Bare Bow gap system of sighting on joining the United States Archery team in 1970 for the trip to the World Field Archery Championship in Sweden. Then in 1972, he will be aiming for a berth on the United States Olympic Team.

V.B.A. MEETING

VBA meeting Sunday January 11th, Mount Vernon Motel, Charlottesville. Don't forget the instructional session for new club Presidents, Secretaries, and Range Captains to be held Sat. afternoon prior to the Sunday meeting.

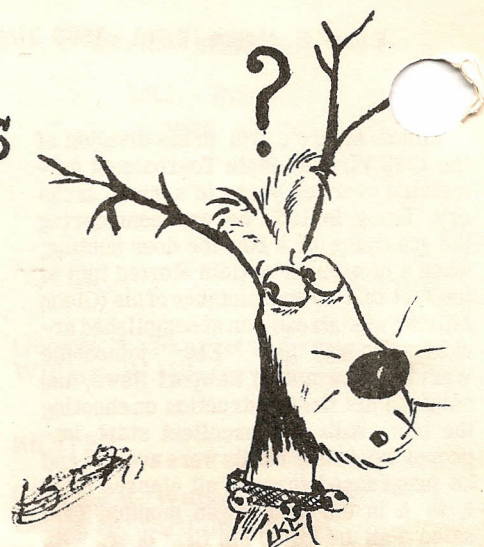
1970 VBA DUES

The VBA dues for 1970 will be Four Dollars per Adult Member and Three per Youth Member with a Family membership maximum of Ten Dollars. Plus current NFAA Dues as outlined in the NFAA News Release.





Merry Christmas
&
Happy
New year



NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Sorry but I have received no reports on hunting on Parramore Island or from the Western part of the state although I had been promised this information. I understand there was quite a bit of disappointment in the Parramore Island hunt but do not know if it was wide spread or just what it was centered around. I am quite sure that the VBA and State Officials will try to find out what was involved and what can be done about it in the future.

I hear that Toby Horne of Bowmen of York and B.C. Walker of Princess Anne Bowmen both got their first deer and both while hunting at Yorktown. A trophy should go to B.C. for this determination as he has enjoyed bowhunting for 15 years before victory was his.

The top contender for the smallest kil

should go to Jim Bickel of Princess Anne Bowmen. I understand he had a friend make a 4 arrow hip quiver from the hide and could not get but three arrows in it.

Tex Straeten of Portsmouth killed a nice nine point buck while hunting at Fort Eustis.

Rumor is that a former State Champion had a time of his life hunting at Fort Eustis. Shots at 18 deers at 20 yards or less, all misses. They would not tell his name but he lives in the Portsmouth area. Sorry I was not supposed to say that.

Now, there's also the one about a beginning archer from Langley Field who when hunting with just three arrows and had so much activity that he soon shot all three arrows away and had to sit and watch the deer play all around him. Getting tired of this, he threw his bow at a group of three, and yes - hit one. Good shot Doc.

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