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39th Annual V.B.A. State Closed Tournament Buggs Island Archers Host — Aug. 31 & Sept. 1 Registration

Friday, August 30
Saturday, August 31

6-10 p.m. \$15.00 per shooter
6-10 a.m. \$25.00 family maximum

Saturday, August 31

10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony
11:00 a.m. Target Assignments
11:30 a.m. Start of Tournament—Field Round
7:00 p.m. B-B-Q Chicken Supper
\$3.00 per plate
\$1.50 children 6 and under
8:00 p.m. Live Entertainment provided by "Dixie"

Sunday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Re-grouping
9:00 a.m. Begin 14 Hunter—14 Animal Round
ASAP at Conclusion of Shoot Awards Presentation

Once again the gates of the Buggs Island Fish and Wildlife Club will be opened for the "main event" in Virginia Archery for 1985. The State Closed Tournament will be a weekend packed with fun, food and competitive archery.

There will be plenty of free camping space on the grounds. There are some spaces with electrical hook-up—first come first served.

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Make your reservations soon for this holiday weekend.

For further information or details contact:

Betty M. Trent
(919) 342-0442
Tournament Chairman

Club News

Notice

"The Scheduling Session" for the 1986 Season will be Sept. 21, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. Note: This is the Saturday before the regularly scheduled Board of Directors. All Clubs wanting their shoots on the upcoming card, please plan to attend.

Thanks,
John Street
VFVP

Northern Virginia Archers Annual

Deerslayer Tournament

September 7th and 8th.
Warm up for deer season by shooting 28 deer targets.
Nice trophies, good food, and a fun shoot.
Camping available at range. No hookups.

For more information call: Jim Little
at 703-491-6786.

Warwick Bowmen

We the Warwick Bowmen would like to thank Buggs Island for the fine time we had. Warwick had 12 Shooters who brought home 11 Fine Trophies.

We would like to invite everyone to our All Animal Pin Shoot on Sept. 29th at 10:00 a.m.

Gail

Club News

126 Archers Shoot The Big Apple

The Archers began entering the grounds of the Buggs Island Fish & Wildlife Club as early as Wednesday evening, and continued on through Sunday morning. There was swimming, fishing, skiing as well as fireworks displays to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Along with the sun and fun, there was a constant threat of rain Friday evening and Saturday. But due to the mystic powers that prevail at Buggs Island, all the planned activities continued on schedule.

There were 46 participants in the Horseshoe Tourney that finally ended with Brad Baker and Robert Eason defeating Richard Rhodes and Bill Colgate.

Saturday's Flu-Flu shoot at the "Big" Apple continued until after midnight with more than 500 arrows having been shot at the apples. The final results were Brad Baker winning with 17 points and a 3-way tie for second place with 16 points. In a very unusual shoot off on Sunday (look out, this may replace the current Flu-Flu shoot) the tie was settled and second place was awarded to Mike W. Smith and third to Brian Sapp.

Steve Trent was the lucky winner of the "Happy Basket," and after selecting the contents that would most make him happy, he allowed another name to be drawn. The remainder of the now "half-happy basket" went to Ron Layman.

As for archery—the Division winners were as follows:

Cub FS-UL
Richard Dunn, Jr.
Cub FS-L
Chris Schroeder
Youth FS-UL
Michael Brown
Youth FS-L
Larry Grogg
Young Adult FS-UL
Rebecca Dunn
Young Adult FS-L
John Blevins
Young Adult BB
Tony Craig
Men BH
Kenneth Sorrels
Men BHFS-UL
Ron Layman
Women BHFS-UL
Kitty Bowen
Men BHFS-L
Richard Rhodes
Women BHFS-L
Jannie Dillon

Men FS-UL
John Street
Women FS-UL
Ellen Madison
Men FS-L
Don Brunk
Men BB
Dennis Cline
Women BB
Cay McManus

The "Club Participation" Award, which is presented to the club with the most registered archers, went to the Seminole Archers of Danville with 19 shooters.

The awards presentations were highlighted by the unusual "Big Apple" trophies which were made of ceramic apples complete with worms. The apples were made by Tammy Hiner of Blacksburg and assembled by All Star Trophies of Madison Heights. The Buggs Island Archers appreciate their efforts in making this years awards so outstanding.

Our thanks also goes to each of the 126 archers, their families and friends, that made this years "Big Apple Shoot" a record breaker for Buggs Island and a fun week-end for all.

Betty M. Trent



Bowhunter Jamboree/ East

at Princess Anne Bowmen
Oceana Blvd., Va. Beach

September 14 & 15, 1985. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards given in V.B.A. Men/ Women and Non-V.B.A. Men/ Women. Fee is \$10.00. Saturday: unmarked animal shoot, horseshoe tournament. Sunday: broadhead championships.

Registration closes at 9:30 a.m. Limited camping at range; food available both days; Sunday special: venison stew. A Pearson Pays Shoot.

Non-club members welcome. Good friends - good food - good fun.

Directions: Take I-64 to 44 (toll road) 44 to Exit 6. Follow ramp to NAS Oceana. At second traffic light make a right on Route 615. Range is approximately 2 miles on left.

PAB Silver Quiver Results

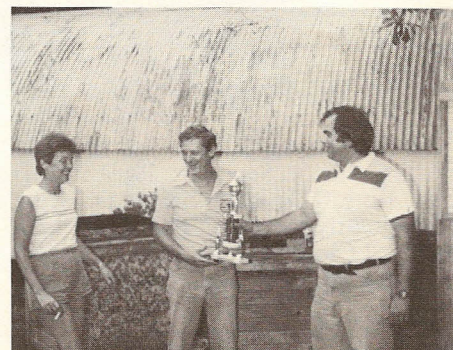
This years annual turned out to be the best yet. We had 62 shooters for a total of 110 rounds shot. There were 9 different visiting clubs.

Warwick Bowmen took home the participation trophy. The husband and wife trophy was won by Van and Marlene Vanek.

PAB hosted Tidewater Championship July 21st. 42 archers and numerous spectators turned out for the reinstated Tidewater Championship. Champions were:

Men Freestyle
John Street
Freestyle/Limited
Roger Hickey
Bowhunter
Wilson Godfrey
FS Bowhunter/UL
Jerry Thomas
FS Bowhunter/Limited
Art Prentice
Barebow
Tom Schanbacher
Youth Barebow
Scott Wilkins
Women Freestyle
Judy Paulsen
FS Bowhunter
Kitty Bowen
FS Bowhunter/Limited
Sharon Guillen
Barebow
Mary Covert

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Trophy being awarded by Tom Schanbacher, President PAB to Van and Marlene Vanek.

Bill Cochran

Outdoor editor

Clearing up confusion for archers

The 1985-86 hunting licenses went on sale this month, not without some confusion over a new archery license, which has a \$10 price tag.

The archery license, established by the 1985 General Assembly, is required of bow hunters during the special archery season and has two deer tags of its own. The tags allow you to kill a deer—or two—during the archery season, and they won't count against your yearly bag limit during the regular firearms deer season.

License buyers will notice still another change for the coming season. The big-game license contains three deer tags, reflecting the fact that several Eastern Virginia counties will be going from a limit of two to three. This makes the license a tad more difficult to get into your billfold, in some instances.

Even more difficult can be the task of determining exactly what the new archery license does and doesn't do for hunters. At this point, the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries' annual publication entitled "Summary of Virginia Game Laws" provides no help because it did not meet its printing deadline and won't be available until late in the month, officials said.

The delay in the printing schedule is saving the commission approximately \$15,000 in costs, according to Mel White, an information officer.

Here are some questions and answers designed to help clear up a few uncertainties about the new archery license:

Q. Am I required to have one of the new archery licenses to bow hunt for deer during the special archery season, or may I choose to use a regular big-game license, as I have used in the past?

A. You must purchase the archery license for the bow season, and in addition, you must have a regular \$7.50 hunting license. A big-game license is not required for pursuing deer.

Q. What is the benefit of the archery license?

It provides you two deer tags for use during the archery season. Deer killed while using these tags will not count as part of your regular firearm's limit. This gives you an opportunity to kill two more deer than in the past. Both may be antlerless.

Q. What is the disadvantage?

A. You will be required to spend \$10 more to hunt during the archery season. In past years, you could bow hunt at no extra cost by using your regular firearm licenses.

Q. May I kill a bear or turkey with the archery license?

A. Yes, but besides that license and your regular hunting license, you must carry a \$7.50 big-game license. Bears and turkeys killed during the archery season do count toward your firearms limit.

Q. What if I kill two deer during the archery season and use both archery tags? May I kill more deer during the same season while using the tags on my regular big-game license?

A. Yes, you may use the big-game license tags during the archery season; however, you may not use the archery license tags during the firearms season.

Q. Is the special archery license valid during the late archery deer season west of the Blue Ridge Mountains?

A. Yes.

Q. If I choose to hunt with a bow during the regular firearms season, must I have an archery license?

A. No, but you must have a regular hunting license, and if you hunt deer, bears or turkeys, you must have a big-game license.

Q. May I use my bow to hunt squirrels during the archery season?

A. As long as you have a regular hunting license and an archery license, you may.

Q. What are the dates of the archery season?

A. Oct. 12-Nov. 9 statewide; Dec. 2-Jan 5 west of the Blue Ridge.

James Overfelt
Conservation VP

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One Dozen XX-75 Camo Arrows of your choice with field points to be given as awards for highest field round.

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B. Date Shot

C. Shooter and witness and Range Officer

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20-Pin Winners

June-July
1985

Field

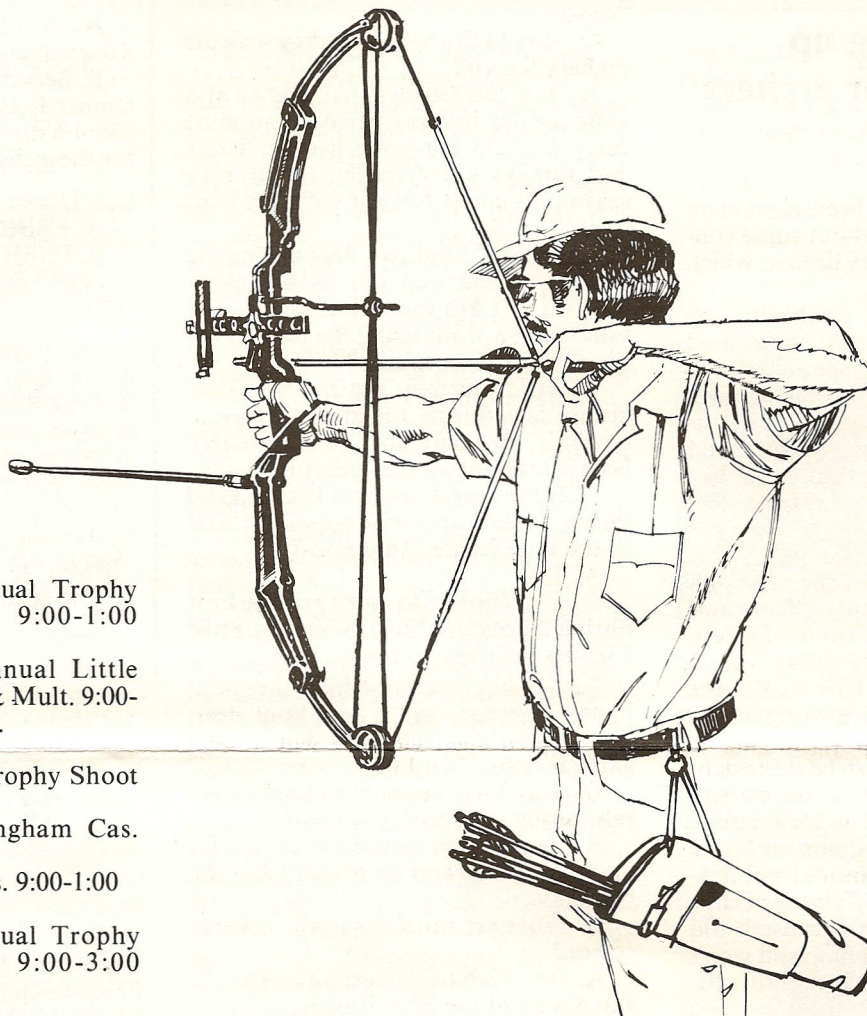
Keith Hall, Rocky Mount
Percy Shepherd, Jr., Front Royal
Michael Johnson, Manassas

Hunter

Walter Davis, Herndon
Dean Hall, Glade Hill
Rick Neupert, Virginia Beach
Keith Hall, Rocky Mount
John Bauswell, Suffolk
Michael Johnson, Manassas
Cay McManus, Lynch Station
Philip Kemble, Portsmouth
Paul Strehan, Chesapeake
Fuzzy Melton, Axton
Steven Quarles, Midlothian
Joseph Shipley, Centreville
Junior—Robinhood Pin
Thomas Gray Turner, Rocky Mount



Tournament Schedule — August-October



August 17 & 18

Seminole Archers Annual Trophy Shoot Cas. & Mult. 9:00-1:00
Sat./8:00-11:00 Sun.
Shawnee Bowmen Annual Little Brown Jug Shoot Cas. & Mult. 9:00-1:00 Sat/9:00-12:00 Sun.

August 18

Boones Trail Annual Trophy Shoot Cas. 10:00-1:00
Bowhunters of Rockingham Cas. 10:00-1:00
Kingsboro Bowmen Cas. 9:00-1:00

August 24 & 25

Augusta Archers Annual Trophy Shoot Cas. & Mult 9:00-3:00
Sat./9:00-1:30 Sun.

August 25

Bearcreek Annual Trophy Shoot 10:00
Warwick Bowmen 10:00
Northern Virginia Archers 10:00

August 31-September 1

V.B.A. State Closed Championship
Buggs Island

September 7 & 8

Northern Virginia Archers Annual Deerslayer Shoot Cas. & Mult. 9:00-2:00
Bear Creek Bowmen Bowhunter Championship All Animal Cas. 9:00-12:00
Dixie Bowmen All American Shoot Cas. & Mult. 9:00-1:00 Sat./9:00-11:00 Sun.

September 8

Symth Co. All Animal 10:00
Walton Park All Animal Trophy Shoot 10:00

September 14 & 15

V.B.A. Bowhunter Jamboree
East-Princess Anne Trophy Shoot 10:00
North-Two Rivers Archers
West-Sherwood Archers

September 21 & 22

V.B.A. Meeting

September 22

Bowhunters of Paradise Bowhunter Division Championship Cas. & Mult. 10:00-2:00
Cochise Archers All Animal Trophy Shoot 10:00
Augusta Archers All Deer Cas. 9:00-1:30
Shawnee Bowmen Cas. 9:00-1:00

September 28 & 29

Triangle Bowhunters All Animal Big Game Trophy Shoot Cas. 10:00
Manahoac Bowmen Bowhunter Festival Cas. & Mult. 9:00-1:00

September 29

Central Virginia Archers All Animal Trophy Shoot 10:00
Warwick Bowmen All Animal Trophy Shoot 10:00

October 5 & 6

Blackwater Bowhunters Annual Big Game Trophy Shoot and Broadhead Tournament Broadheads on Sun. Cas. & Mult. 9:00-12:00

October 6

Prince William Archers All Animal Cas. & Mult. 9:00-1:00
Princeton Archers WV All Animal 10:00
Shenandoah Co. Archers All Animal Cas. & Mult. 8:00-2:00

Hunting Highlights

Close Encounters of The Furry Kind!!

By Larry C. Sherertz

Charlie wasn't at his pickup point on the road back to camp. It was nearly 10:30 p.m. but his absence was certainly no great cause for alarm. After all, his bait site was only a mile from the cabin. The previous night he had walked back after coming off stand at ten. Tom Kidwell, John Stockman, Rod Hillegas and I decided to wait anyway, just in case he was on his way to our truck. It didn't take long; maybe a quarter minute, until Rod caught the pungent odor in the cool Ontario night air. The heavy saturation was unmistakable. A bear, at least one, had been here shortly before us. Possibly he was still nearby and keeping us under surveillance from the swampy tangles of birch and pine. It suddenly became urgent to find Charlie Hitt. Tom and Rod, unarmed except for belt knives, took up flashlights and started the quarter-mile hike into Charlie's bear stand on the hunter extraction mission. Meanwhile John and I roared down the road hoping our companion would turn up in the headlights. A half mile away we found Charlie, who was wasting no time in getting back to camp. Something was up. "You stick one, Charlie?" I asked as he climbed inside. With bugged eyes, not unlike a person who had narrowly escaped certain death, he replied, "No, but I got a story to tell!" Charlie, who is normally the strong and silent type, was obviously excited as he related the evening's events.

Things got started round 6 pm when a large black wolf paid Charlie a visit. This alone was enough to keep anyone awake on stand. The stand in this case was only six feet off the ground. At this height you encourage a close encounter of the furry kind, as Charlie would shortly learn.

An adult bear suddenly appeared under Charlie's stand and quietly padded over to the vicinity of the bait, a scant ten yards away. The bear appeared to be in the 200-225 pound class, truly trophy size for Ontario in May. Acting figety, he would not commit to the bait nor present a decent shot for Charlie's awesome Snuffer broadhead. The scenario of Charlie looking for the perfect shot and the bear not cooperating continued for two hours. Then IT happened.

Like the scream of a drill sergeant in the face of a raw recruit, an ear-splitting roar erupted from beneath Charlie's seat that would loosen the most secure of bowels. Lesser men would have fallen or simply passed out. Charlie watched in utter disbelief as a second bear, of Volkswagon proportions, attacked the first bear. Fur flew as jaws popped and the two rolled in the leaves under the skinny pine that held Charlie, for the moment, slightly out of reach. It probably wasn't any comfort knowing black bears climb trees like squirrels. What prompted such violence will never be known. The first bear having been thoroughly and repeatedly trounced by the boss bear made a hasty exit. The larger pursued the smaller bear out of sight and then back to the bait area. This chase throughout the bait area continued, even after shooting light was lost, when Charlie jumped down and beat feet back to camp.

Somewhere near the end of Charlie's story it dawned on me that Tom and Rod were walking in on a potentially nasty situation. A "Dukes of Hazzard" U-turn put us enroute to the entrance to Charlie's stand. As we raced up the dirt road I sounded the horn hoping to get their attention and discourage any aggression on the part of the bears. It was probably the longest half mile I'd ever driven. Neither Tom or Rod were at the pick-up point and I was getting a bit spooked. No one wanted to think the worst. Our discussion of options was cut

short when a twinkle of light appeared in the woods. Tom and Rod finally made it to the road, oblivious to what had happened to Charlie, and without having had any close encounters of the furry kind.



Larry C. Sherertz and Ontario Black bear.



Leslie Payne, member of the Bowhunters of Rockingham, shows us how it's done with his 31½ lb. Carp. Congratulations Porky.



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