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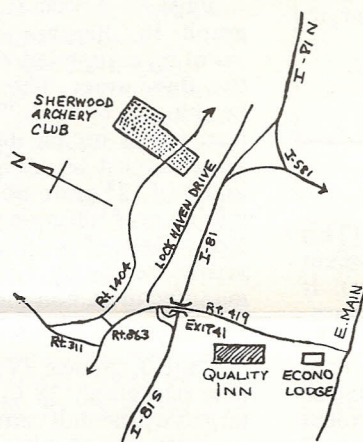
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SHERWOOD ARCHERS *hosts*

1987 Virginia State Open Outdoor Tournament
May 16-17
at the Sherwood Archery Range, Roanoke, Virginia



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REGISTRATION

Friday, May 15 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 16 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Registration fees will be \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for families.

CAMPING

Camping will be available at
Sherwood Archers in Roanoke.

HOTELS

You may wish to stay at the Quality Inn
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\$11.00 off nightly rate of \$53.00 for singles
(\$42.00)

\$11.00 off night rate of \$57.00 for doubles
(\$46.00)

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1987 Virginia State Open Tournament Preregistration Form

Host: Sherwood Archers-Roanoke, VA

Name: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____

VBA No. (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Fee: Family \$25.00
Individual \$15.00

Note: If you intend to register as a family, you *must*
register together.

Please complete and forward along with registration fee, to:
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2720 Coachman Circle
Roanoke, Va. 24012

Style (circle one)

Freestyle
Bowhunter
Barebow
Freestyle Bowhunter

(circle one)

Adult
Young Adult
Youth
Cub

(circle one)

Male
Female

(circle one)

Limited (fingers)
Unlimited (release)

From The Hunting Vice President

The power and seriousness of the anti-hunter has finally been brought to light for many, especially in the state of New Jersey. In October 1986, the trappers of N.J. lost the right to trap. Not satisfied with the ban on trapping, the anti-hunters, with the support of assemblyman D.B. Mauzur, have introduced two bills that would ban bowhunting in the state of New Jersey. This bill would make it illegal to take any animal or fish with a bow and arrow in the state. The possibility of stopping bowhunting in N.J. is very real and, if it happens, it may set the stage for similar anti-hunting activities in other states. Geographically, Va. is not that far from N.J., and our state could possibly be the next one on the anti-hunters list.

New Jersey bowhunters need the help and support of bowhunters across the country to keep and protect the sport they enjoy. In the March meeting of the

V.B.A., a motion was passed that the V.B.A. would send a \$100.00 donation to the United Bowhunters of N.J. Legal Defense Fund. This money will be used for battling bowhunting problems only. Support can also be given to the U.B.N.J. with an individual membership of \$13.00 per/year. Individual donations and/or club donations can be sent to:

U.B.N.J.
Legal Defense Fund
P.O. Box 415
Dumont, N.J. 07628-0415

Membership can also be sent to this address.

Remember, a victory over the anti-hunter in New Jersey is a victory for bowhunting everywhere. All hunters need to support each other to protect the sport of bowhunting.

Dave Proctor
Hunting Vice-President

Changes to NFAA Constitution and Bylaws

Page 24, Article II, Section A, Add new paragraph 5 as follows: (This Section deals with shooting equipment rules). All overdraws shall be designed in such a fashion as to prevent arrows from falling off the rest, and endangering competitors.

Page 24, Article II, Section B. (This section pertains to shooting equipment rules for Barebow). Add the following sentence to paragraph 5. Mechanical type arrow rests and cushion plungers are legal.

Page 25, Article II, Section E (This section pertains to shooting equipment rules for Competitive Bowhunter). It would add the following words to paragraph 3. "and or cushion plungers." The complete sentence would now read: "There shall be no device, mechanical or otherwise, in the sight window except the arrow rest and or cushion plunger."

Page 25, Article II, Section E. This change would delete the following two paragraphs from Competitive Bowhunter shooting equipment rules:

4. Any part of the arrow rest extending more than 1/4 inch above the arrow is deemed illegal in the Competitive Bowhunter style.

5. An arrow plate extending more than 1/4 inch above the arrow is deemed illegal in the Competitive Bowhunter style.

A new paragraph would be added as follows: "Nocking point locators shall not extend more than 1/2 inch above or below the arrow nock at full draw."

Page 25, Article II, Section E, Paragraph 7. Paragraph 7 which reads as follows would be deleted: "A sight window may be altered from standard configuration providing that no lamination, blemish, protrusion, or any identifiable mark could be used for an aiming reference is visible." Note: Deletion of paragraph 7 would allow bows with technical innovations such as the PSE Centerflite riser to be legal in all styles of shooting.

Page 26, Article II, Section E, Paragraph 16. Paragraph 16 pertains to shooting equipment rules for Competitive Bowhunter. The paragraph would be changed to read: "There shall be no restrictions on the bow draw weight. Arrows must be equipped with a minimum of 125 grain point for men and a minimum of 100 grain point for women." Note: Deleted is the requirement that arrows be equipped with commercially manufactured, non-modified points that can be replaced by broadheads.

Page 3, Article IV, Section K, Add new paragraph 3a as follows: "20 cm targets will be shot vertically. The shooter may elect to shoot top to bottom or bottom to top."

Page 57, Article VI, Section J, add new paragraph 4c as follows: "A penalty of one point will be assessed for each arrow shot over the prescribed number." Note: This change will bring scoring for the Championship round into line with the NFAA Indoor Round.



Mary Fry receiving the order of the Golden Feather from Clinton Western.

Flight Deadline

The deadline for the May-June issue of FLIGHT will be June 1, 1987. Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is your newsletter.

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Club News

Computer Committee Next VBA Meeting

VBA is investigating the possibility of computerizing the records and other functions of the Club.

Request inputs for requirements.

Meeting—Sat. after the "Bull Session" 8:30.

Bowhunt To Be Raffled

The Bowhunting Committee has organized an interesting raffle to raise money for future projects of the committee. Tickets are currently available from club VBA representatives.

The first prize will have his or her choice of either a one week bearhunt in Madison County or a one week deer hunt in Highland County. Both hunts will be guided with food and camp facilities provided. After the winner has selected which hunt he wants to go on, the person who sold the winning ticket will receive the other hunt!

Second Prize is a custom knife made by Charlie Hitt. Charlie makes knives that any bowhunter would be proud to own. Third prize is a dozen XX75 Camo arrows donated by SL Bow Shop of Fredericksburg.

Tickets cost a dollar each and if you are unable to get one through your club, or if you would like some to sell, you can get them through the bowhunting committee by writing Steve Capps. Steve's address is 2 Thomas Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Drawing date is September 4th at the State Closed. Be sure to have all tickets in by that time.

Warwick Bowmen News

The Tidewater Regional Indoor Tournament held on Feb. 22 was hosted by the Warwick Bowmen. The shoot attracted 43 shooters, with three (3) of our own members placing as division winners:

Free Style Men: 1st—John Street, 2nd—Steve McGuire.

Bare Bow Men: 1st—Dennis Lefever.

The shoot was a big success, thanks to all who volunteered their time.

We also would like to congratulate two of our club members, Dennis Lefever and Gary Watts for placing in their divisions in State Indoor Tournament hosted by Kingsboro Bowmen. Congratulations!

Battletown Archers

Battletown Archers have cancelled ALL shoots for 1987.

Blue Ridge Archers

"Blue Archers of Warrenton" designed a permission card that can be used as a pattern for other clubs.

We feel that this two part card will help new hunters obtain permission to hunt private property.

Dan Gregory

Huntmaster,
Blue Ridge Archers

Shenandoah County Archers

Reschedule of Ground Hog Shoot will be Saturday, July 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cas. and Mult. Reg.

Coon Shoot will be Saturday, July 18 from Dark until —. 2 cell flash light only.

July 19th — Pin Shoot as scheduled.

May 10th — Pin Shoot as scheduled.

Augusta Archers

Schedule Change

Augusta Archers changes May 3 Pin Shoot to April 12. Contact Earl Berry at (703) 337-7026 if more information is needed.

Massanutten Archery Club Hosts The 1st Annual Blueridge Championship For 1987

The first annual Blueridge Championship will be held at the Massanutten Archery Club range on April 26, 1987. This championship is a Zone 7 tournament and all V.B.A. members are invited to attend.

The round will consist of: .14 field targets, .14 hunter targets.

Cost: \$8.00.

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Start Time: 9:30 a.m. (Shotgun start)

Ending Time: 3:30 p.m.

Awards Presentation: 4:30 p.m.

Trophy for highest score

Trophy for highest husband & wife

Trophy 1st/2nd/3rd for all classes

Novelty Shoot: 3:45-4:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Contest

Food & Drink available at the club house.

Come on out and spend the day and have a good time at the Massanutten Archery Club.

Massanutten Archery Club would like to remind all V.B.A. members that with the upcoming election that our organization is only as strong as our officers. Please mark your ballots and return it with your vote.

Outdoor League will be starting in May. Two (2) person teams. Eddie Hartsel will be chair person. If interested in participating, or for more information, contact Eddie Hartsel, Route 1, Box 2149, Middletown, VA 22645.

The annual banquet was held in the month of February and a good time was had by all. Special guests Van and Marlene Vanck were present. Special thanks to April Atkins for all her extra work in pulling off a good time for all.

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Field Archery Committee Chairman—Steve White, Box 18, Shadowwood Park, Princeton, W. VA 24740. (304) 425-5288.

Results of the 1987 VBA Indoor Championship

by Kitty Bowmen

On behalf of Kingsboro Bowmen I would like to thank the 186 archers and their families, from all across the state, for coming to Tidewater for the 18th Annual State Indoor Championship.

Some first time tournament participants took home trophies and sorrowfully there were some champs dethroned but it was a very good tournament.

Since the X rings counted this year, there was only one shoot-off. It was for first and second in MFS-L "B" class between Phil Kemble and Danny Wells. They both had 573 with 40 X's. Danny won the shoot-off.

There were 2 robin hoods shot this year, one by a female and one by a male.

Congratulations to all the winners and we hope everyone had a good time.

MFS

"A"

- S.C. 1. Johnny Grace
300(52) 300(52) 600(104)
2. Dan Book
300(46) 300(50) 600(96)
3. Mark Lawrence
300(49) 300(47) 600(96)

MFS

"B"

1. Sam Day
284(21) 297(34) 581(55)
2. Harold Faust
287(27) 292(31) 579(58)
3. Pete King
287(27) 292(30) 579(57)

MFS

"C"

1. Larry Fisher
254(7) 273(11) 527(18)
2. Danny Kline
257(7) 261(16) 518(23)
3. Michael Bauswell
249(8) 261(9) 510(17)

WFS

"A"

- S.C. 1. Ellen Madison
293(31) 292(23) 585(54)
2. Joyce Johnson
291(32) 285(20) 576(39)
3. Geraldine Sparbs
287(22) 280(17) 567(39)

WFS

"B"

1. Leila Villoriente
284(23) 288(27) 572(50)

2. Kim Green
284(18) 288(16) 572(34)
3. Tina Grace
280(19) 278(21) 558(40)

WFS

"C"

1. Debbie Landes
267(10) 281(13) 548(23)
2. Judith Lee
269(12) 265(12) 534(24)
3. Dot Mitchell
258(9) 266(8) 524(17)

MFS-L

"A"

- S.C. 1. Ronnie Lewis
298(45) 300(45) 598(90)
2. Rick Grogg
395(27)

MFS-L

"B"

1. Danny Wells
287(21) 286(19) 573(40)
2. Philip Kemble
288(21) 285(19) 573(40)
3. Charles Waybright
288(28) 282(14) 570(42)

MFS-L

"C"

1. Steve Graham
268(13) 272(16) 540(29)
2. Mitch Smith
267(8) 272(15) 539(23)
3. Gary DeWinter
264(17) 271(15) 535(32)

WFS-L

"C"

- S.C. 1. Marianne Kemble
249(10) 256(5) 505(15)
2. Linda Zirkle
215(5) 260(6) 475(11)
3. Sissy Washington
190(3) 201(3) 391(6)

MBB

"A"

- S.C. 1. Rick Starb
281(19) 293(28) 574(47)
2. Howard Johnson
272(13) 286(17) 558(30)
3. Tom Schanbacher
271(11) 277(15) 548(26)

MBB

"B"

1. Jim Bacher
271(12) 266(11) 537(23)
2. Dennis LeFever
259(9) 270(13) 529(22)
3. Tom Hornby
247(9) 257(12) 504(12)

MBB

"C"

1. Gary Jenks
236(2) 244(5) 480(7)
2. Don DeVail
217(2) 219(7) 436(9)

3. Jeff Fisher	210(2)	212(2)	422(4)
MBH			
"A"			
S.C. 1. James Lom	264(9)	267(9)	531(18)
2. Kenneth Sorrels	257(6)	244(9)	501(15)
MBH			
"B"			
1. Bo Cherry	230(4)	252(10)	482(14)
2. Robert Eosm	234(3)	238(1)	472(4)
MBHFS			
"A"			
S.C. 1. Ronald Layman	300(48)	300(55)	600(103)
2. Phil Landes	300(51)	300(51)	600(102)
3. Robbie Taylor	299(41)	300(36)	599(97)
MBHFS			
"B"			
1. Dennis Simmons	287(27)	294(28)	581(55)
2. Richard Richardson	285(22)	295(31)	580(53)
3. Danny Thorn	286(20)	292(31)	578(51)
MBHFS			
"C"			
1. Thomas Smallwood	269(11)	277(16)	546(27)
2. Kevin Wood	264(12)	280(19)	544(31)
3. Rick Linderose	174(3)	222(8)	396(11)
WBHFS			
"A"			
S.C. 1. Gloria Jenkins	287(18)	276(13)	563(31)
2. Shelia Meadows	276(16)	285(17)	561(33)
3. Phyllis Adrian	275(14)	285(17)	560(31)
WBHFS			
"B"			
1. Cathi Williams	258(10)	267(12)	525(22)
2. Beth Meadows	248(10)	265(16)	513(26)
MBHFS-L			
"A"			
S.C. 1. Less Goss	297(35)	295(38)	592(73)
2. Doug Carico	294(32)	295(34)	589(66)
3. Alan Lownsbury	293(26)	294(28)	587(54)

MBHFS-L			
"B"			
1. Michael Smith	289(24)	295(32)	584(56)
2. Vernon Reeves	287(22)	296(31)	583(53)
3. Richard Rhodes	289(26)	290(34)	579(60)
MBHFS-L			
"C"			
1. Donald Boyd	261(13)	283(18)	544(31)
2. Gary Watts	261(14)	274(17)	535(31)
3. Tom Knox	262(11)	271(16)	533(27)
WBHFS-L			
"A"			
S.C. 1. Debi Bacher	275(12)	270(13)	545(25)
2. Anita Webb	275(13)	267(14)	542(27)
WBHFS-L			
"B"			
1. Darlene Robinson	244(8)	238(3)	482(11)
2. Sharon Guillen	248(5)	232(5)	480(10)
YAFS			
"A"			
S.C. 1. Norman Mullins	298(41)	299(34)	597(75)
2. Eddie Fletcher	296(37)	298(37)	594(74)
3. John Christion II	289(28)	292(29)	581(57)
YAFS			
"B"			
1. William Thomas	271(17)	252(9)	523(26)
YAFS-L			
"A"			
S.C. 1. David McPherson	285(27)	287(23)	572(50)
YAFS-L			
"B"			
1. Dale Board	275(19)	279(13)	554(32)
2. Joe Brown	278(21)	273(10)	551(31)
3. Tray Robertson	272(16)	269(16)	541(32)
YAFS-L			
"C"			
1. Rudy Guillen	232(8)	227(5)	459(13)
YFS			
"A"			
S.C. 1. Randy Sparbs	288(20)	290(22)	578(42)

YFS			
"B"			
1. Robert Harwood	243(10)	258(10)	501(20)
2. Joe Christion	207(4)	216(0)	423(4)
YFS-L			
"A"			
S.C. 1. Stacy Knighton	270(13)	265(13)	535(26)
2. Jimmy Mizille	261(8)	263(14)	524(22)
YFS-L			
"B"			
1. Chris Cofer	242(4)	218(7)	460(11)
2. Tray Grizzard	225(7)	226(4)	251(11)
3. Frank James	219(6)	216(4)	435(10)
CFS			
S.C. 1. Kirk Landes	273(11)	271(11)	544(22)
2. Bobby Norris	230(5)	239(12)	469(17)
3. Chad Waybright	198(5)	184(2)	382(7)
CBB			
S.C. 1. Chris Hornby	117(2)	143(0)	260(2)
2. Justin Mocoles	119(1)	114(0)	233(1)

(S.C. denotes State Champion)



For You The Archer

by Tom Schanbacher

Again I reiterate I need your help to make this column work, so if you have questions, comments, or tid-bits please drop me a line at the address at the end of this article.

Tuning Tips:

For this writing we are going to look at a few commonly used terms in tuning, and look at their definitions, causes, and effects. We are not going into bare shaft tuning, paper tuning or some of the other tuning methods. I feel some of those methods can get complicated, and unless there is an interest in getting that technical I plan to keep this column as simple as possible.

The first one we will study is porpoising. This condition is when there is a vertical up/down movement of the arrow when it leaves the bow. This condition is brought about by an incorrect nocking point. The simplest way to correct this problem is to shoot an arrow into a butt on a horizontal plane at about 20 feet. Look how the nock end of the arrow is pointing, it should be pointing straight back at you. If the arrow is pointed

down, your nocking point is too low; if it is pointing up, your nocking point is too high. After noting which way your arrow is pointing, you simply adjust the nock locator up and down the string until you get the arrow nock looking back at you from the bale.

The next condition we will look at is Fishtailing. This is when the arrow has side to side movement on the horizontal plane when it leaves the bow. This condition is sometimes harder to correct than porpoising but must be corrected if you are going to shoot consistant groups. Again this testing should be done at close range. The most probable cause is rest alignment or incorrect pressure on a pressure button. Again we shoot into a bale and pay attention which way the arrow points. It will either point straight back at us or it will be kicked to the right or left. By adding or subtracting spring tension on the button or moving the rest in or out we can alter how the arrow enters the bale. Don't be afraid to play to find out what happens if you change things, that is the only way we learn what works best for us. Sometimes the wrong arrow spine can cause fishtailing, if this is the case please refer to the article in the last *Flight* to find the right spine for your needs.

The last condition we are going to

look at for this writing is clearance: This condition is when the arrow strikes the bow and does not clear. This condition is usually caused by an improperly set pressure button, the rest too close to the riser, or you are shooting an improperly spined arrow, all of these conditions have been examined earlier and you should refer back to earlier mentioned tuning tips.

For the bowhunter:

When turkey hunting, I like duller broadheads than I use for deer hunting. The reason being I feel I want a little more shocking power than penetration for bird hunting. I like using the MA3, Bodkin, or HI Standard Fixed 3 blade broadhead for turkeys. I find they fly well and are quite effective. Again, I remind you to be safety conscious when turkey hunting.

Safety Tip:

When you are looking for arrows that have missed the butt, always put the red flag on the butt or have someone stand in front of the butt while you look for your arrow. If you are alone, remove the target from the butt and place your bow in front of the butt. These simple tips can keep someone from getting injured or killed.

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