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AUGUSTA ARCHERS *hosts* 1985 Virginia State Open May 18-19

REGISTRATION

Friday, May 17 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 18 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.



— SATURDAY —

11:00 a.m. Announcements
11:30 a.m. begin NFAA FIELD ROUND
7:30-10 p.m. Entertainment-LAS VEGAS NIGHT
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— SUNDAY —

8:00 a.m. Announcements
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8:30 a.m. Begin NFAA HUNTER/ANIMAL Round
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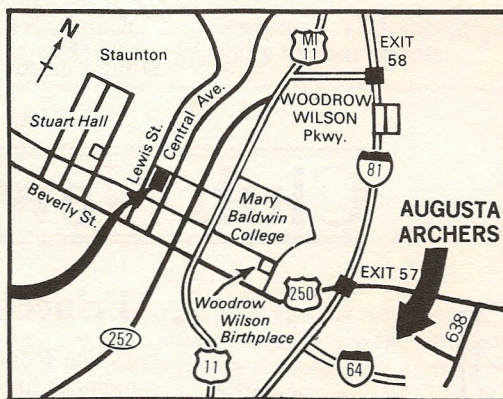
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Mr. Richard I. Hall, Editor
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6109 Oak Grove Drive
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

To VBA Members:

I recently had the misfortune of being one of seven individuals to witness blatant rules infractions at the VBA Indoor Championships at Christiansburg. After observing these infractions for ten ends, I, along with other witnesses, informed tournament officials of the infractions. Mr. Steve Hiner and Mr. Larry Lyons observed these infractions and told us that we would have to file a formal protest in order to have the situation resolved. We told these tournament officials that, if they could within the rules, we would rather the situation be handled by tournament officials. Mr. Hiner told us that he would have a ruling the next day on how the issue should be handled.

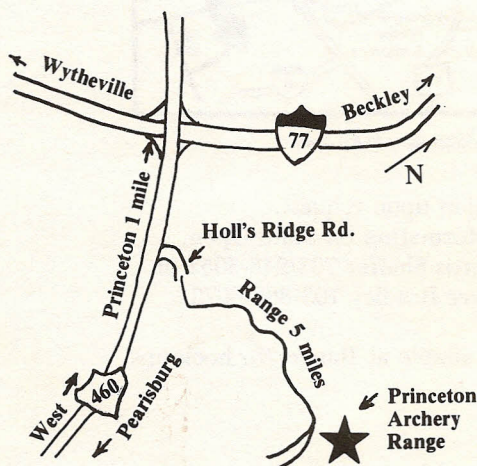
The following morning we were told that there would be a meeting of the tournament committee immediately following the first round. Upon completing shooting the first round, I approached Mr. Jim Overfelt and asked him when the meeting was to take place. Mr. Overfelt then informed me that no meeting was to take place and that the people involved with scoring the target butt in question "had no problem with the scoring". Upon hearing this, I told Mr. Overfelt that I would like to file a formal protest and that the other six witnesses were ready to sign it. Mr. Overfelt then informed me that we did not have grounds for a formal protest. Upon hearing this I left in disgust.

I have been in organized archery for five years now. I know what results when infractions of the rules are not handled properly. I was wrong in not pursuing the matter in question further. I have seen no less than two clubs torn apart by this very divisive issue. In the future, we, as participants, must insist upon strict adherence to rules in order to protect competitive archery and our competitors as individual participants. This should begin by electing a VBA Field Governor who will make every valid attempt to attend each state championship shoot and see to it that such situations are resolved. In addition, we should elect other officers who we know will protect the integrity of their office.

In closing I would like to encourage each VBA member to vote for VBA officers in the upcoming election. This voting should be done solely on the known merits of the person seeking the office. A sound organization must have sound leadership.

Thank you,
Doug Carico
Doug Carico

Club News



Princeton Archery Club

The Princeton Archery Club, a new member in The Virginia Bowhunter's Association, welcomes all VBA and NFSA members and guests to enjoy the sport of archery on their newly constructed range. The range is located five miles out on the Hall's Ridge Road, just off 460 at Princeton, West Virginia.

Our shooting dates this year are:
June 23rd—10 am (PIN)
July 21st—10 am (PIN)
August 11th—10 am (Annual Trophy Shoot)
October 6th—10 am (All Animal Trophy Shoot)

Princess Anne Bowmen

May 12, 1985

PAB will host its first invitational of the year on May 12, 1985. Registration ends at 9 o'clock. We're looking for a good turn-out in preparation for VBA State Open.

PAB is located on Oceana Blvd., across from the Naval Air Station Oceana, Va. Beach, VA. We have a 14 target practice butt area, a 28 target field range, and a separate broadhead practice area with tree stands.

June 1985

Princess Anne Bowmen Annual

PAB will hold its annual SILVER QUIVER tournament June 29th and 30th. June 29th, mult. cas. 8-12 registration; June 30th, mult. cas. 9-11 registration.

Tentative plans are for four meals to be served, horseshoe and dart competition, fun shoot and "coon" shoot on Saturday.

Primitive camping will be allowed at the range. Numerous hotel/motel accommodations are available at the nearby ocean front of Va. Beach.
THIS WILL BE A PEARSON "PAYS" SHOOT.

September 1985

Princess Anne Bowmen—Mark your calendar for September 14 and 15. PAB will host the region's VBA Broadhead Jamboree. Plans are in the works to make it an even bigger success this year and will be made available later.
THIS WILL BE A PEARSON "PAYS" SHOOT.

Dixie Bowmen

Dixie Bowmen will hold their annual Tomahawk Shoot May 25th and 26th Cas. 9:00-11:00 both days. We have a shoot in the tournament schedule for May 25. Our VBA rep. failed to make it known as our Annual. Also, thanks to all who participated in our annual turkey shoot March 31. Your help is appreciated.

Attention: Traditional Archers

A group of traditional archers around Fredericksburg, Va. would like to hear from other traditionalists across the state.

We hope, that if enough interest exists, to hold several traditional shoots per year.

Send responses to: James E. Lam, 405 Bunker Hill St., Fredericksburg, Va. 22401 (703) 786-2731.

V.B.A. Highlights

Candidates

VBA President

D. H. VANEK

Presently VBA President and President—Blue Ridge Archers, IBEP Master Instructor Trainer, member ISHI Bowhunters, associate member PBS, member NRA and Fred Bear Sports Club.

Past President and Vice President—Princess Ann Bowmen. Past VBA Director—Prince William Archers and IBEP District Supervisor 1981-1984.

If re-elected, I will continue to work to place VBA solidly behind both Field Archery and Bowhunting. To that end, I will actively lobby for the establishment of a Field Archery Standing Committee to serve as an organizational support arm of the Field Vice President. I will also continue to preside over the quarterly VBA meetings in the most competent and fair manner that my ability allows. Further, I will continue to represent the VBA and its activities. Whatever my personal opinions may be on a given issue, I will give 100 percent support to the positions taken by the VBA board of directors.

RICHARD (DICKY) HALL

Richard (Dicky) Hall got his start in archery in 1962 as a member of the Manahoac Bowmen. Dicky is a Past President of Manahoac Bowmen and since 1973 has served as either a delegate or an officer of VBA. He served as a delegate until 1978 when he was elected to the office of Field Vice-President in which he served for the next five years.

In 1983, Dicky was elected to the office of Executive Vice-President. As Editor of *Flight*, he instituted a personal classified ad section and a bowhunter spotlight section.

Although Dicky is known primarily as a tournament archer, he is nevertheless aware of and sympathetic to the needs and desires of bowhunters. He has gone through the growing pains with the VBA and both have benefited from it.

With his many years of experience as an officer, delegate, and member of the VBA, Dicky Hall is eminently qualified for the office of VBA President.

VBA Hunting Vice-President

DAVID PROCTOR

Presently VBA Hunting Vice-President, member and past president of Bowhunters of Rockingham, member ISHI Bowhunters, member of West Virginia Bowhunters Assoc., and Associate member of P.B.S.

I have been VBA Hunting Vice-President for the past 6 years and a member

of VBA for 13 years. During my terms as Hunting Vice-President I have regularly attended Va. Game Commission meetings representing the VBA.

If re-elected I will continue to attend Virginia Game Commission meetings and any other activities that might affect the sport of bowhunting. I will continue to represent and support the VBA and bowhunting to my best ability.

STEPHEN W. HINER

Stephen is a member of Triangle Archers. He has served as their president and advertisement agent for the past two years and as their director to the VBA for the past three years. A 1981 graduate of V.P.I. and S.U. in Fisheries and Wildlife, Stephen is presently employed at V.P.I. with the Department of Entomology. He is an active bowhunter, having grew up in the "deer-rich" Virginia county of Bath.

VBA Field Vice-President

JOHN STREET

John Street, 32 years old, FS-AA; member of Warwick Bowmen, VBA, and NFAA; offices held: Range Captain, President of Warwick Bowmen, VBA Representative.

Occupation—Plumber, married and has one child.

I feel it the duty of a VBA officer to attend all VBA state tournaments. If elected I intend to carry out all the duties of the Field Vice-President to the best of my ability, including attending all VBA State Tournaments.

STEVE CAPPS

Steve Capps moved to Virginia in February 1983. He joined the Manahoac Bowmen during that same month. Shortly after joining he was added to

represent the Manahoac Bowmen as a delegate to the VBA, a capacity in which he has served since.

Steve is a long-time NFAA member and has served as president of the Camp Lejune Archers of North Carolina Field Archery Association. He is currently the secretary of the Manahoac Bowmen.

Steve is primarily a bowhunter and believes that the VBA and the NFAA should work to educate game managers and the general public in the use of archery as a conservation tool. It was with this interest that he was instrumental in bringing the NFAA bowhunter jamboree to Virginia.

In his candidacy for Conservation Vice-President Steve Capps has set out to build on existing programs in order to make the VBA as well-known as a conservation oriented group as it is as a hunting and tournament archery organization.

1. Bear Creek motion that all extra appropriations outside of normal expenditures of VBA business exceeding \$350.00 become an agenda item. Passed.

2. The VBA scholarship fund for conservation in the amount of \$500.00. Passed.

3. Agenda items for June meeting: Purposed change in the "Bill Bennett Big Game Award". Due to the admission of Princeton, West Virginia to the VBA, we find a need to change "Bill Bennett" award to add that the VBA recognize game killed in the state of the VBA member.

Purposed VBA recognize traditional archery at state shoots.

Virginia Bowhunters Association
Attention: Nancy Lee Western
Corresponding Secretary
110 Dogwood Lane
Vinton, VA 24179

Dear Ms. Western:

This morning I was pleasantly surprised with a visit by our friends, Horace and Mertie Shultz. Needless to say, we are always happy to see the Shultzs' but this morning they delighted us with the presentation of bows and arrows by the Virginia Bowhunters Association!

On behalf of all of us at the Center, please accept our sincerest appreciation for the generosity of the Association so beautifully evidenced with the gift.

Please convey our appreciation to all your membership, along with our renewed vigor with our responsibility of teaching youth the values of responsible archery.

Cordially,

John E. Dooley
Director

Record Crowd at 1985 Indoor Championship

by Stephen Hiner

The 16th Annual State Indoor Championship was held at the Christiansburg National Guard Armory on March 9 and 10. A record crowd, numbering 204, participated in the tournament hosted by Triangle Archers. A 4th round had to be added to accommodate the additional number of shooters.

Barry McCarty of Roanoke won his first Indoor Championship by defeating six other Freestylers in a shoot-off. McCarty, Dennis Mills, Ricky Harper, Kendall Woody, Jim Overfelt, Mark Lawrence, and Gary Hawks all posted perfect 300 rounds.

Rick Williams also shot perfect 300 rounds in the FSBH-UL-"A" division.

Congratulations to all the winners!!

1985 Indoor Championship Winners

Cub FS UL		
1st	Dennis Mills, Jr.	546
2nd	Donnie Edgemon	519
3rd	Brian Alls	442

Cub FS L		
1st	Steven Quarles	468
2nd	Chris Schroeder	447
3rd	Brandon Sturgill	369

Youth FS UL Women		
1st	Lori Hertzler	526

Youth FS UL Men		
1st	Donnie Surber	597
2nd	Mike Lewis	596
3rd	Dennis Wilfong	576

Youth FS L Men		
1st	Dale Board	532

Youth BB Men		
1st	Jimmy Hoye	551

Young Adult FS UL Men		
1st	Andre Hertzler	599

Young Adult FS L Men		
1st	Robbie DeWilde	575
2nd	Dave McPheron	569

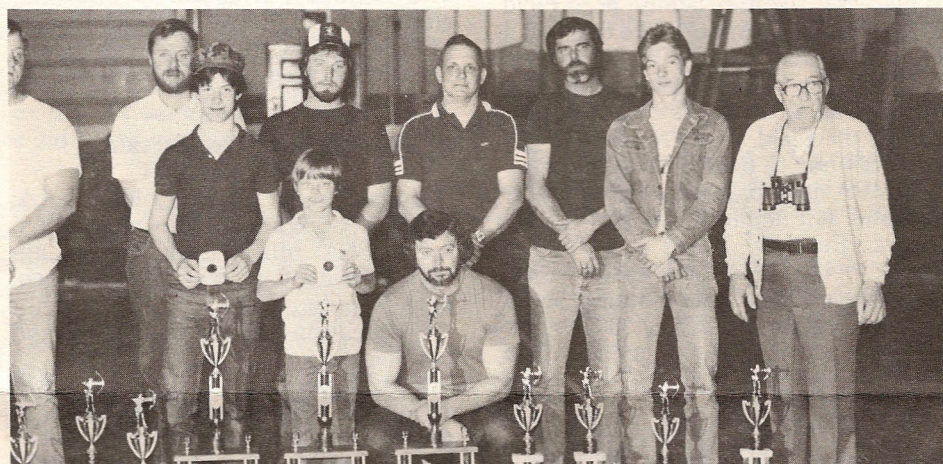
BH Men		
1st	Larry Thompson	561
2nd	James Griffin	558
3rd	Jeff Boyd	542

BB Women		
1st	Cay McManus	561

BB Men		
1st	Bob Hoye	563
2nd	Tom Schanbacher	562
3rd	Doug Bowling	532

FSBH UL Women		
1st	Geraldine Sparks	573

FSBH UL Men		
1st	Rick Williams	600



2nd	Willard Hertzler	599
3rd	Robert McCarter	599

FSBH L Women		
1st	Wanda Slusser	562
2nd	Velda Chamberlain	560
3rd	Ann Harper	510

FSBH L Men		
1st	Richard Rhodes	596
2nd	Bill Russell	591
3rd	Les Goss	585

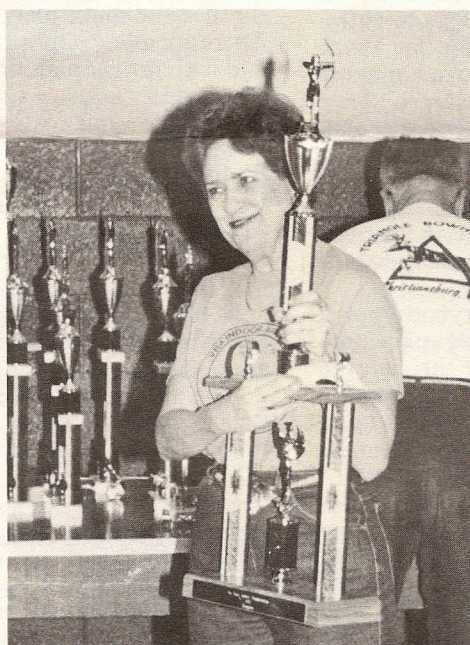
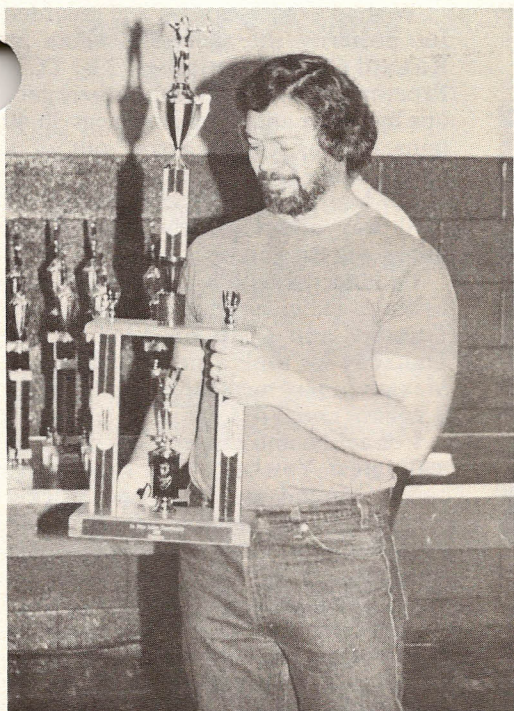
FS UL Women		
1st	Ellen Madison	593

2nd	Geraldine Sparks	585
3rd	Nancy Thompson	585

FS L Women		
1st	Deb Ryder	518
2nd	Julie Hodges	419

FS UL Men		
1st	Barry McCarty	600
2nd	Mark Lawrence	600
3rd	Gary Hawks	600

FS L Men		
1st	Ronnie Lewis	595
2nd	Don Brunk	587



Hunting Highlights



(Left to right) Chip Williams, Richard Grubbs, Owen Shifflett, and Dave Proctor.

Javelina Junting

I was glad for the opportunity to return to Texas with Dave Proctor and 2 friends from South Carolina for some Javelina Hunting.

The date had been set for Jan. 18th, but Mother Nature was acting up again. For the first time ever it was snowing in Southern Texas, down as far as San Antonio which was only 100-150 miles from our hunting area. After checking weather reports and with the ranch in Texas, we decided to proceed.

On Friday, Dave and I loaded up the van and left for Aikens, South Carolina to pick up Richard Grubbs and Chip Williams. We left Aikens at 9:30 Friday night and arrived in Beaumont, Texas about 2 p.m. Saturday, and stopped overnight outside Houston. Sunday we proceeded to Laredo, arriving about 3:30 p.m.

This ranch was raising some exotic game animals. We toured the ranch and observed Audad sheep, Black Buck, Elk and Antelope. No hunting was allowed: All we could do was look and drool.

We arrived at our final destination, a ranch about 70 miles from Laredo. The weather so far had been great; no snow, ice or real cold.

Monday morning was clear and cold (about 30°), but it warmed up to 45-50° by 9-10 o'clock. We saw our first javelina, a group of 10-12 pigs and we all put the sneak on them. Richard took a couple of shots and missed. They spooked off and we proceeded to hunt for more.

We spotted another group, stalked, and got within 15 yards. I took a kneeling shot at one and shot high. Now, we are in some fairly thick mesquite and prickly pear and believe me those mesquite trees (or bushes) are hard. That arrow hit a mesquite limb and bounced off. 1 bent arrow. I sneaked in a little

closer to another pig that was standing on the other side of the prickly pear. He spooked and came flying around that prickly pear and headed right between my legs.

A Javelina (known as collared Peccary—PEK-A-RI) averages 45-50 lbs. They have hair like wire on their back which stands up when spooked, making them seem considerably larger. They have tusks about 1½" long and they slap their jaws together making a popping sound.

Man, it is absolutely amazing how high and far to the right a 56 year old man can jump under these circumstances and all at full draw.

During this flurry everybody got a couple of shots and Richard connected. Dave decided to still hunt through the mesquite and when we got together later, he had a pig. That day we counted up 14 bent arrows and 2 pigs.

We had a video camera and recorded for posterity the successful shots by Richard Grubbs, the misses (3 by Dave Proctor—one right after the other) good ups by Owen and Chip (we spent 30-40 mins. fishing Chip's arrow out of a pond), and a fine time by all.

My hunting buddies let me learn the hard way about prickly pear. Those things will eat you up.

I connected with a pig on Wed. and Friday, Dave collected another on Tuesday and Chip on Wednesday. Thursday we took a side trip down to Mexico to buy mementos and blankets (I believe about 43).

For action and bowhunting, this was really great. You had to take shots, over, under, around mesquite and prickly pear. Kneeling, standing, bent over and every position. You had to shoot quickly and stalking these critters was fantastic. Their noses were very keen and their eyesight was not the greatest, but once they spotted your movement, you had a job getting close enough for an open shot.

I would like to suggest to all you bowhunters to start looking for opportunities and make plans to go on hunts. There are many opportunities available, and with proper planning will fit almost any budget.

4 people—our costs each were:	
Lodging—Motel (2 nights)	\$ 50.00
Food	50.00
Gas	100.00
Misc.	25.00
License	100.00
	\$325.00

We were fortunate to have a private ranch to hunt on with a Lodge available at no cost.

You are passing up many great experiences and a lot of fun. Don't keep putting it off until it is too late.



Cecil Rowe, bear and deer taken in Augusta County, 1984 Bow Season.

Shooting Schedule April-June

April 7

Warwick Bowmen Cas. 9:00-1:00
Central Virginia Archers 10:00
Manahoac Bowmen Cas. 9:00-1:00

April 14

Kingboro Bowmen Cas. 9:00-1:00
Walton Park Archers 10:00
Prince William Archers 10:00
Shenandoah Co. Archer Cas. 9:00-1:00

April 20

Dixie Bowmen Cas. 8:00-11:00
Buggs Island Archers Annual Carp & Gar Shoot 8:00

April 21

Buggs Island Archers 10:00
Cub Run Archers Cas. 9:00-1:00

April 27 & 28

Warwick Bowmen Annual Silver Bow Cas. & Mult. 9:00-1:00 Sat./9:00-12:00 Sun.

April 28

Blackwater Bowhunters 10:00
Battletown Archers Cas. 9:00-12:00
Augusta Archers Cas. 11:00-1:30

May 4 & 5

Kingsboro Bowmen Peanut City Annual Cas. & Mult. 9:00-1:00 Sat./9:00-12:00 Sun.

May 5

Sherwood Archers Annual Dogwood Festival 10:00
Two Rivers Archers Cas. 10:00-2:00

May 11 & 12

Triangle Bowhunters Annual William Tell Shoot Cas. & Mult. 10:00

May 12

Northern Virginia Championship Shenandoah Co. Archers 9:00
Bearcreek Bowmen 10:00
Princess Anne Bowmen 9:00

May 18 & 19

V.B.A. Open State Championship Augusta Archers

May 25

Dixie Bowmen Cas. 9:00-11:00

May 26

Bowhunters of Rockingham Cas. 10:00-1:00
Shawnee Bowhunters Cas. 9:00-12:00
Central Virginia Archers 10:00
Wythe Bowhunters 10:00

June 1 & 2

Battletown Archers Annual Moose Shoot Cas. & Mult. 9:00-12:00

June 2

Smyth Co. Archers 10:00
Walton Park Archers 10:00
Augusta Archers Silhouette Shoot 10:00

June 8 & 9

Two Rivers Archers Annual North American Game & Animal Shoot Cas. & Mult. 9:00-2:00

June 9

Caney Ridge Archery Club Cas. 9:00-10:00
Manahoac Bowmen Cas. 9:00-1:00
Kingsboro Bowmen Cas. 9:00-1:00

June 15 & 16

Mid-Atlantic-New Jersey

June 16

Cochise Archers 10:00
Bowhunters of Rockingham Cas. 10:00-1:00
Seminole Archers Safari Shoot 10:00
Northern Virginia Archers 10:00
Bearcreek Archers 10:00

June 22 & 23

V.B.A. Meeting

June 23

Sherwood Archers 10:00
Princeton Archers WV 10:00
Prince William Archers 10:00
Shenandoah Co. Archers Cas. 9:00-1:00

June 29 & 30

Princess Anne Bowmen Annual Cas. & Mult. 8:00-12:00 Sat./9:00-11:00 Sun.

June 30

Wythe Bowhunters 10:00
Augusta Archers Cas. 9:00-1:30
Blackwater Bowhunters 10:00
Shawnee Bowmen Cas. 9:00-12:00

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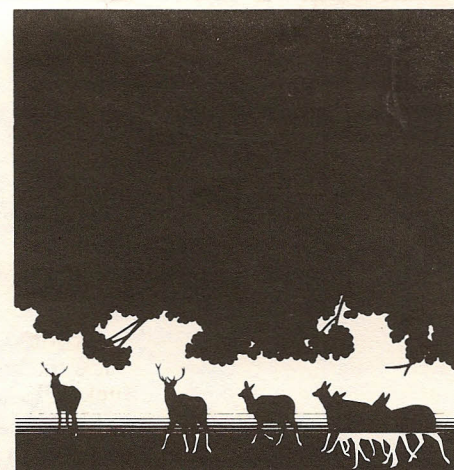
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Flight Deadline

The deadline for the May-June issue of FLIGHT will be June 1, 1985. 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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Schedule Change

Walton Park Archers
Annual Trophy Shoot
August 4: starting time is 10:00 a.m.
28 field targets and 14 animal targets.

Wythe Bowhunters: Change shoot scheduled for May 26 to June 9 10 a.m.

Add to schedule: Wythe Bowhunter Annual Trophy shoot 10 a.m. August 18.

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