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C. D. Miller — The Best at Last!

a friend

C. D. Miller is a fine, easy-going Southern gentleman with a heart of gold and personality to match, but most of all he is this year's Va. State Closed Champion in the Men's FSAA-UL division. C. D. has been in archery for many years and many times has come so close to winning the "big one". This year was his year; he set what is believed to be the state record on the new targets. On the field side he scored a blistering 547 and on the second day of 1/2 hunter-1/2 animal shot a fine 553 for a 1100 aggregate.

C. D. is to be more than just congratulated. He didn't win this championship because the states' other "good shots" weren't there or quit. He won because of sheer determination and desire to win the one championship he has wanted to win for so long and mainly, too, because he has been shooting well for years and proved to be the best shot at this year's event.

So, congratulations to a true champ. Congratulations to a fine archer and man who came back after the "big one" and won. He certainly put a big smile on a lot of his friends' faces. But his smile was the biggest of all when he was given the state championship trophy as our new Mens' FS-AA Winner.

Let's Put the "B" Back Into the VBA

Van Vanek

"The purpose of this association shall be to foster, expand, and perpetuate the use of the bow in hunting all legal game; . . ." So begins the Constitution of the VBA. From there, it goes on with similar words regarding the sport of Field Archery. That is, the VBA was constituted to serve both sports equally. Of all of the comments and conversations regarding VBA improvements I have heard, none is more common than our

organization's failure to keep bowhunting on a equal par with field archery. Lest I be misunderstood, I enjoy field archery and have no intentions of seeking to lessen its emphasis within VBA. What I am talking about is equality of emphasis and of image.

As all of you are aware, VBA officers have no vote in matters of VBA legislation. All of that is done by your (club) Directors. But we do have the responsibility for initiative and leadership — and I have chosen to exercise initiative.

I believe that there are some very pro-bowhunting aspects to the VBA today. Not the least among these is

Cline Captures NFAA and VBA Barebow Titles

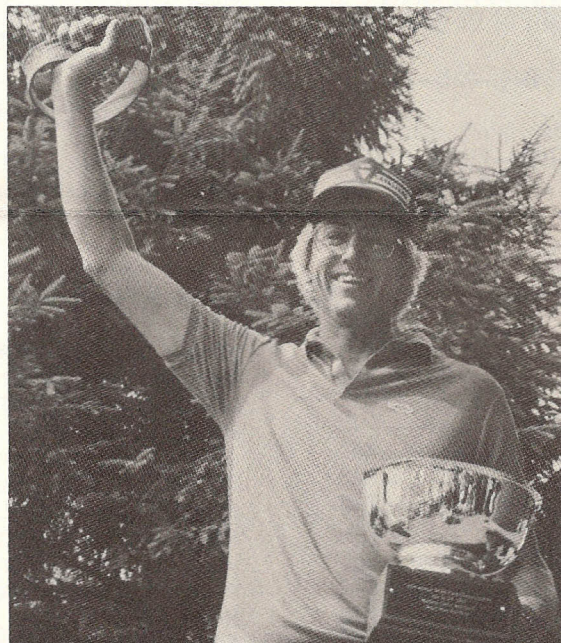
Ann Boyd

Dennis Cline, a member of Dixie Bowmen at Petersburg won both the NFAA & VBA Closed Championship this year in the Barebow division.

The friendly, likeable Cline, shot an impressive 521 field round and 528 on the second day of 1/2 hunter-1/2 animal to run away with the Barebow title.

At the NFAA Nationals in July at

Watkins Glen, N.Y. Cline set a new Field round record of 1031, surpassing the old record by 22 points. His hunters' round of 1028 was one point off the old record of 1029 shot by David Hughes in 1981. His total for the five days was 2603 which broke David Hughes' old record by 44 points.



the sponsorship of the Bowhunter Jamborees which can and should be used to attract local non-VBA bowhunters. Another item is the recent passage (3/83) of a Cub Run Archers motion that allows clubs to put non-sanctioned shoots (other than annuals) on the VBA schedule card as long as at least one sanctioned shoot has been scheduled. This legislation provides clubs the opportunity of holding scheduled bowhunter shoots prior to the State Closed Championships. Another VBA program that promotes the sport of Bowhunting is the Bill Bennett Big Game Award. And,

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State Champions

The State Closed Tournament was held on September 3rd and 4th at the Buggs Island Fish & Wildlife Club in Clarksville, Va. There were 162 archers participating in the tournament this year.

One of the highlights of the tournament was a new national record was established. Barebow shooter, Denny Cline, broke his own national record by shooting a 521 on the Field Round. Congratulations to Denny on such fine shooting.

Mens CFSBH—UL—AA

Lowell Hertzler	1049
Frank Emswiler	1044
Ralph Sheets	1043

Womens CFSBH—UL—AA

Brenda Byington	983
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Womens CFSBH—UL—A

Pat Sturgill	900
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Mens CFSBH—UL—A

Ike Hertzler	1024
Gary Lee	1010
Leo Weigand, Jr.	995

Womens CFSBH—L—A

Jannie Dillon	887
Ann Harper	829
Brenda Smith	823

Mens CFSBH—L—B

James Bowman	841
Charles Whetzel	828
Rick Bonci	805

Mens CFSBH—L—AA

Junius Sturgill	1027
John Boyd	1016
Steve Walker	1015

Mens CFSBH—L—A

Joe Knight	967
Robert Smithey	959
Teddy Ratcliff	957

Mens F/S—UL—AA

C. D. Miller	1100
Roger Wheaton	1086
Jerry Middleton	1084
Gary Hawks	1084

Mens F/S—UL—A

Richard Dunn	1046
Bob Sullivan	1037
Terry Evans	1035

Mens F/S—UL—B

Ralph Long	962
Benjamin Rinehart	INC

Womens F/S—UL—AA

Eula Hogge	1034
Nancy Thompson	1027
Marlene Vanek	1022

Womens F/S—US—A

Earlene Reeves	997
Ellen Madison	982
Judy Paulsen	980

Womens F/S—UL—B

Gail LeFever	884
Kathy Eaton	884
Judy Anthon	793

Womens F/S—UL—C

Esther Long	INC
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Womens F/S—L—B

Womens F/S—L—B

Barbara Gaskins	828
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Mens F/S—L—AA

Louis Mitchell	975
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Mens F/S—L—A

Michael Cerra	1027
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Mens F/S—L—B

Benny Villorenti	972
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Mens F/S—L—C

Gary Downey	846
Ellroy Russell	792
John Emerson	741

Mens Barebow—AA

Denny Cline	1049
Russel Poe	976

Mens Barebow—A

Bev Hunter	852
Charles Lucas	788

Mens Barebow—B

Mickey Baugh	777
Wayne Hopkins	750
Denny Fry	707

Womens Barebow—A

Mary Fry	642
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Mens Bowhunter—AA

James Griffin	930
Wilson Godfrey	911
Howard Faris	896

Mens Bowhunter—A

Randal Willis	847
John D. Lewis	822
Charles Hall	784

Mens Bowhunter—B

Douglas Click	584
Dewey Reynolds	494
W. H. Smiley	475

Womens Bowhunter—AA

Cay McManus	795
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Young Adult FS—UL—A

Tony Overfelt	1060
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Young Adult FS—UL—B

Matt Paulsen	INC
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Young Adult FS—L—B

Dallas Hoover	901
Andre Hertzler	823

Young Adult FS—L—C

Ron Estrada, Jr.	884
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Youth Male FS—L—AA

Randy Hoover	786
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Youth Male FS—A

Donnie Surber	988
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Youth Male FS—B

Ricky DeVall	894
Aubrey Self	769

Youth Female FS—B

Becky Dunn	788
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Youth Barebow—B

Bobby Rogers	778
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Cub Female FS—A

Lori Hertzler	991
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Cub Male FS—B

Lee Eaton	379
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Cub Male FS—L—A

Kurtis Russell	991
Chris Sturgill	912

Cub Male Barebow—A

Victor Riggleman, Jr.	897
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Club News

Mertie Shultz

The Bowhunter Jamboree, north, held by the Two Rivers Archery Club at Front Royal Sept. 17-18, 1983 was met with great enthusiasm by the participants and good hunting weather.

There were 55 who tried the set up of 28 foam back deer targets at unmarked distances in thick brush including a practical tree stand shot and a foam barrel target for broad-head points at 5 yard to 65 yard, that no one hit beyond 50 yards.

In a 28 shot deer target round on the regular field corner there were 65 archers.

But the greatest challenge came from the 125 yard shot across a pond at a foam buffalo with a 1 inch red dot. Yes, it was won by Mel Richards with the closest hit 1-1/16 inch from the dot.

Everyone agreed for a good time of fun in archery to come here next year.

"Bits from Buggs"

The Buggs Island Archers hosted the Virginia State Cloed on Sept. 3 & 4. This was our first attempt at hosting a state shoot and although everything in general went fairly smooth, we understand that there is room for improvement.

Since we will again host the State Closed in 1984, we would welcome any comments or suggestions to make the shoot the best it can be. Please direct your comments to Betty Trent, P.O. Box 644, Clarksville, Va.

Battletown Archery Club News

Kathy Cissel

We would like to apologize for the wrong route number to our club printed in the last issue of flight. It was our mistake. The route number should be 635, and not 659.

We would like to share with all our fellow archers this letter that we felt a great compliment to our new club "Battletown Archery Club" located at Berryville Moose 2139. Hope all of you will come out to our new range. We know you will enjoy it.

Good shooting, and good luck to all of you hunting season.

VBA Highlights

Agenda Items for January

Shawnee Bowmen proposed that the Va. Closed Championships be moved from Labor Day weekend to a date prior to the Mid-Atlantics.

Manahooc Bowmen asked that V.B.A. charge \$5.00 more at state shoots to buy better trophies; that separate shooting classes be made for non-compound shooters; that V.B.A. donate \$500. to help support the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America.

Sherwood Archers—The V.B.A. Treasurer be allowed to transfer funds between accounts that belong to the V.B.A. or accounts opened for the V.B.A. as the treasurer sees fit or as necessary.

Two Rivers motioned for President to appoint a committee to recommend to NFAA the feasibility of changing classification from present to 16 divisions with 3 awards in each division.

Starting in '84 one award will be

given for the largest gar and carp taken with a bow in the state.

There will be a I.B.E.P. instruction course presented at the Jan. meeting. It will be held Sat. Jan. 14, starting at 9:00 a.m.

All state patches in the future will have a chevron stating what type of championship was won, indoor, open, closed.

It was approved to use the conservation funds for such projects as approved by the board of directors, with a minimum balance of \$250.00.

For all clubs to remember, in the cub, youth and young adult division there are only 3 shooting styles: free-style, freestyle limited and barebow.

For all past state champions: If you want extra State Champion patches, send name, address, year, and what division winner you were, along with \$2.50 for each patch.

Thank you . . .

The VBA wishes to extend a hearty "well done" and thank you to the Buggs Island Archery Association and the volunteer workers from Seminole Archers who all put on an *out-standing* State Closed Championship Tournament.

Special thanks also goes to Wood-Kraft Products (P.O. Box 1682, Vernon, Texas 76384 817/552-7279) for their donation of two of the finest trophies we have ever seen (#801-8 in their catalog at a wholesale price of \$14.00 each). These trophies were awarded to Mr. and Ms. "Average Archer" whose scores came closest to the computed average of the shooters at State.

Also, the VBA very much appre-

ciates the donations of door prizes from:

P & E Archer
Bedford, VA

Jerry Surber of
Cochise Archers

J.R.'s Archery
Eden, N. C.

Double "D" Archery
Danville, VA

Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Nov.-Dec. issue of FLIGHT will be Nov. 1, 1983. 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.



Bill and Nina Enders receiving gift from Clinton from VBA for their many years of service to VBA and their fellow archers at Order of Golden Feather meeting in August. A lot of us already miss them.

VBA Bowhunting Committee Named

At the September meeting of the VBA, Van Vanek formed a bowhunting committee (see Van's article in this issue, "Let's Put The B Back in VBA") to establish equity between the VBA's support of Field Archery and Bowhunting. The following is the complete text of the committee charter. For those of you wishing to give the committee your ideas and suggestions, please write the committee chairman, Tom Kidwell at 77 S. Rogers St., Hamilton, Va., 22068.

VBA BOWHUNTING COMMITTEE September, 1983

GOAL:

To raise the sport of Bowhunting to the same level of VBA emphasis and image as the sport of Field Archery.

PURPOSE:

To create agenda items for action by the VBA Board of Directors which address bowhunting oriented VBA legislation. Such agenda items are not to negatively impact the level of VBA emphasis on the sport of field archery.

SCOPE:

The committee's charge includes examination of the VBA Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules and programs for any changes, additions, or deletions which would serve the stated purpose and best enable the achievement of the stated goal. The scope of committee operation includes all aspects of VBA activity, excluding the sport of field archery. Some examples of areas and topics that the committee could consider are (but not limited to):

- Should the Bill Bennett Big Game Award be extended to include game taken by VBA members outside of Virginia?
- What kinds of articles, notices, advertisements, photographs, etc., could be included in Flight to increase interest among bowhunters.
- Prepare a "Virginia Bowhunter Round" description package for each club based on the IBEP life size deer targets and using the NBEF equipment, scoring, and unmarked distance recommendations for such a round. The Virginia Bowhunter Round could be used by clubs as an optional, public invited, non-NFAA event for annuals, club shoots and scheduled invitationals (per



New VBA officers installed at June '83 VBA meeting.

Cub Run Archer's motion passed 3/27/83).

- Solicit other ideas from all VBA and non-VBA bowhunters.
- Create an advisory board to provide ideas and advice. Such a board could be made up of VBA and non-VBA bowhunters (e.g., representation by ISHI Bowhunters and other local bowhunting clubs).
- Publish ideas and suggestions via Flight or letters to clubs regarding ways that they might promote bowhunting and bowhunting aspects of VBA.
- What should be the VBA positions and/or recommendations to the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries regarding bowhunting seasons and related game laws.
- Should the VBA Bowhunter Jamborees be non-competitive?
- Distribute program ideas for the conduct of Bowhunter Jamborees which would serve to attract more local non-VBA bowhunters, such as:
 - Use of the "Virginia Bowhunter Round" or other 3d type targets.

OPERATIONS:

Because of the geographic location of the committee members and the voluntary nature of the work, committee operation will be awkward and some expenses will be involved (long distance calls, postage, copying, etc.). Initially, it is hoped that clubs with committee members will elect to support the effort with funds to defray costs. However, it is right and proper for the VBA to pay reasonable expenses for committee work. In order for this to occur, it will require a motion at a VBA meeting and passage by the Board of Directors (Club Directors).

It is intended that the committee's operations would include written re-

ports of its activities. Also, and most important, the committee would be expected to introduce agenda item motions for clubs to consider and instruct their Directors accordingly.

DURATION:

By virtue of its goal and purpose, the committee will operate until dissolved by the President or the Board of Directors.

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Another Point of View

Nancy Lee Western

"LET'S PUT THE 'B' BACK INTO THE VBA." This article by President Vanek gives food for thought in more than one area.

As the recipient of the NFAA Art Young Small Game Award and one who has spent many hours on deer stands, (not lucky or good enough to connect) I am all for hunting and the enjoyment it gives to many.

What can we do for the non-competitive bowhunter or the bowhunter who does not enjoy field archery? As Van stated, there are the Bowhunter Jamborees and I'm sure there are clubs other than our local club who hold seminars before hunting season. The Bill Bennett Big Game Award, Carp Award and (beginning 1984) the Gar Award — these are the "Joiners" and this is where the problem lies. The only competition a bowhunter who is strictly interested in hunting has, is with himself — for more and larger game. This is fine, some of these people will join us and some will not, no matter what we do.

For years, VBA has sent a representative to the Game Commission meetings to fight for and maintain the hunting privileges of ALL hunters, members and non-members alike. Our Hunting Vice President will tell you that it is much more effective to be able to state that you represent 1600 members rather than 500.

I disagree with the statement that our purpose as stated in our constitution is not to increase the membership of VBA. I guess it is like the question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" Without the ever present goal to increase membership and remain financially sound, we would not be able to "foster, expand, and perpetuate . . ." and to "promote and encourage . . ." both Bowhunting and Field Archery.

Having served for the past seventeen years as corresponding secretary of VBA, I have seen our membership slowly drop to almost 1000 and then slowly climb back up to over 1600. At the lowest point, we were not financially able to "foster, expand and perpetuate" anything! There is strength in numbers!! Since we are at our peak I believe it would be a grave mistake to consider changing our constitution for non-members.

Is it too much to ask that one join and help support that from which one reaps the benefits?

"Coors NOT Anti-hunting"

Dave Proctor

VBA Hunting Vice President

Recently a number of rumors concerning The Adolph Coors Co. supporting anti-hunting and gun legislation has been brought to my attention. Since The Coors Co. has become a part of the Virginia economy, especially Rockingham County; I felt it would be to our benefit as bowhunters to find out if these rumors were true. William E. Pauli, manager of Media and Financial Relations for Coors, was contacted concerning these issues. Mr. Pauli assured me that Coors does not support anti-hunting or gun legislative groups. Some of the hunter and sportsman related organizations that Coors does support are: Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, National Wildlife Federation and National Rifle Association.

Coors has also just recently hired Dick Gasaway as its outdoor ambassador. Gasaway has been a professional angler and hunter for 17 years and will promote Coors endorsement of outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing.

Hopefully, the Coors Company will continue to support hunter and sportsman related organizations. We as bowhunters should encourage them to do so. Coors support of hunting organizations may help us in the future if all hunting groups are forced to unite against the anti-hunting pressure.

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though the International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) is independent of VBA and NFAA, our organization's support and promotion of IBEP is another positive aspect.

However, there are certainly other things that the VBA can do for Bowhunting. I believe all VBA bowhunters should make a concerted effort to see that these things are done, even if they require basic changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. With this in mind, I have established a VBA Bowhunting Committee to be chaired by Tom Kidwell (PBS, FBSC, Bowhunters Who Care) — Blue Ridge Archers. Another article in this issue covers the charter of the committee. Initially, the members of this committee are: John Stockman — Northern Virginia Archers, Owen Shifflet — Bowhunters of Rockingham, Bill Reeves (IBEP State Chairman) — Princess Anne Bowmen, Dave Proctor (VBA Hunting Vice President) — Bowhunters of Rockingham, and myself (ex-officio) — Prince William Archers. Others will be named to this committee as needed.

In a broad view of VBA, our purpose is to "foster, expand, and perpetuate . . ." and to "promote and encourage . . ." both Bowhunting and Field Archery. If we all work to achieve this purpose then our membership will continue to grow.

Dates to remember:

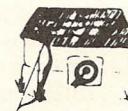
VBA meeting in 1984

January 14-15 June 23-24
March 24-25 September 22-23

Shoots—

Indoor Christiansburg: March 10-11
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Bowhunter Jamboree Sept. 15-16
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Is Bowhunting Safe?

Steve Capps

There exists today a growing anti-hunting sentiment in this country. This movement is being spurred by organizations like Defenders of Wildlife, Friends of Animals, and International Greenpeace. They have taken their crusade to urban masses via television and magazine articles depicting the "atrocities" hunters commit against wildlife. They publish brochures and organize marches to educate the nonhunting public in the techniques of destroying a hunt. But, most effectively they lobby congress and state legislatures daily to establish new gun control and anti-hunting laws.

For those of you who are thinking, "What does this have to do with bowhunting?" I would like to call to your attention a letter written to Bow and Arrow, April '83. The writer tells of the town of Evanston, Illinois which carried a handgun ban a few steps further to include "dagger, dirk, billy, dangerous knife, razor, stiletto, stungun, weighted gloves, bow, arrows and any other weapon or instrument

of like character." This ban was passed by the city council without a popular vote.

Fortunately we hunters now have a lobbying and legal force looking out for our interests. This group is called the WILDLIFE LEGISLATIVE FUND OF AMERICA. Richard Starnes in Outdoor Life calls them "... a new, hard-hitting organization of lobbying commandos." They are supported by such organizations as Ducks Unlimited, the Fred Bear Sports Club, and Olin-Winchester. Their purpose is to educate the public about wildlife facts and conservation, to defend the sportsmen's rights to hunt, fish, and trap, and to research the impact of new laws concerning wildlife.

The Manahoac Bowmen have proposed that the VBA make a contribution of \$500.00 in support of this organization. I urge you to ask yourself, "Is bowhunting really safe from the anti-hunters?" If your answer is anything but an unqualified yes, then please direct your VBA delegate to vote in favor of this motion when it comes on the floor at the January meeting.

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