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SPECIAL NOTICE

The VA State Indoor Championship will be held on March 5 & 6.

Anyone that has pre-registered and cannot attend these new dates will have their money returned in full.

Triangle Bowhunters Host **STATE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP** at Christiansburg Armory **March 5 & 6, 1983**

	Rounds		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Sat.	8-11	11-2	2-5
Sun.	7-10	10-1	1-4

Registration Fee \$10.00 each
\$20.00 family.
Register Early - 192 Shooters only

Pre-registration accepted. Call to
verify if your round is full.
Registration Friday 3/4, 6 p.m. to
10 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
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Pre-registration form on pg. 5

Sherwood Hosts VA Open

State Open Championship — May 14th and 15th, 1983

Casual Registration — Friday, May 13th, 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

— Saturday, May 14th, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Announcements — 10:00 a.m.

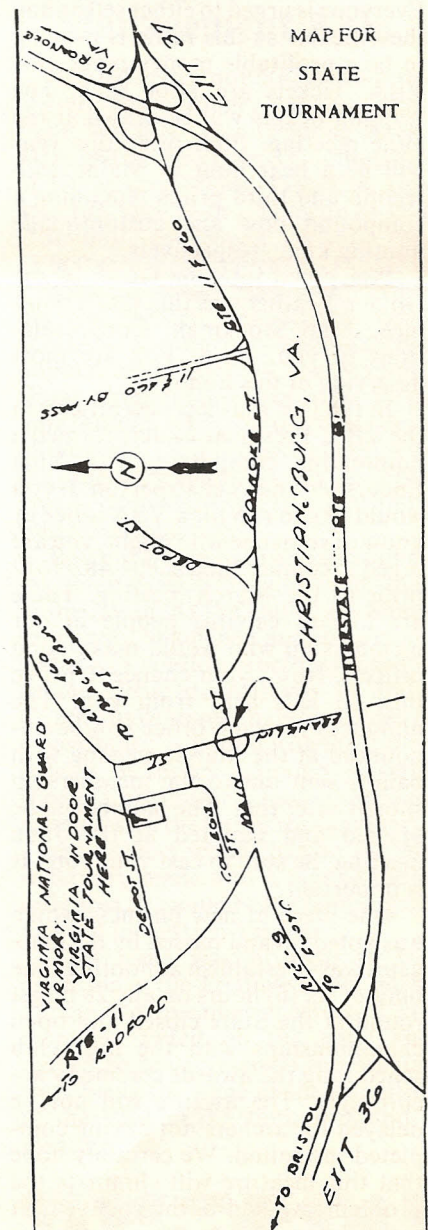
Shoot Starts — 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 14th

— 8:30 a.m., Sunday, May 15th

Awards — Sunday, May 15, 3:30 p.m.

For further information please call Sylvia Lemon at 703-389-5886 after 7:00 p.m.

— See map on pg. 5



VBA Meeting Highlights

by: Ann Boyd

The large turnout of clubs present at the January VBA meeting was wonderful. Directors and guests representing 24 clubs in our state were in attendance.

Bob Cissel, NFAA director, who will be attending the annual meeting in February, presented quite a lengthy list of agenda items for consideration. He was advised by your delegates on how we wished him to vote. Bob will make a report to our membership at the March meeting on the outcome of the NFAA meeting.

Clubs will shortly receive books of tickets for our annual VBA raffle. Everyone is urged to either sell or buy these tickets as this raffle is proving to be a profitable money maker for VBA. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The winning tickets will be drawn at the June meeting. First prize this year will be a bear hunt in Maine with second and third prizes remaining a compound bow and custom-made hunting knife, respectively.

Welcomed into the Order of the Golden Feather was this year's nominee, John Stockman. Congratulations to you, John. You are most deserving of this honor.

In 1983 we will elect new officers in the VBA. President Enders formed a nominating committee, with Nina Enders serving as chairperson. If you would like to run for a VBA office or know of someone who might, you are urged to contact Nina at 804-482-1612 prior to the March meeting. There are lots of capable people in our membership who would make good officers. Now's your chance to prove this, so let's hear from you! The nominees for each office will be announced at the March meeting with ballots sent out to the membership shortly after that. The ballots will be opened and counted at the June meeting. Be sure to cast your vote. It is important.

One piece of new business which was voted on and passed by the delegates was to establish a shooting time limit of six (6) hours on any 28 target round at the State closed and open championships with the host club scheduling the awards ceremony accordingly. The awards will not be delayed for archers not having completed the round. We certainly hope that this measure will eliminate the problems we had in the past year at these shoots.

Club News Warwick Bowmen Awards

By: Ron Estrada

At its annual awards banquet, the Warwick Bowmen of Newport News recognized its outstanding archers of 1982.

In ceremonies held January 15 at Williamsburg's George Washington Inn, out-going president Jim Walker made presentations to the winners. Richard Dunn of Norfolk came away a double winner as the club's "Male Champion" and with a big-game hunting award. Dunn's daughter, Becky, 13, won the "Female Champion" prize for the third consecutive year. Top bowhunting honors went to Ron Hatchett whose Charles City County eight-pointer earned him the "Big Buck" trophy. It was Hatchett's first bow-killed deer.

Williamsburg resident John Street was honored with the Bowmen's prestigious "Archer of the Year" award, presented to the member making the greatest contributions to the club and to archery as a sport. Runner-up plaques were given to Wilson Godfrey of Portsmouth and Hampton's Henry Watson.

Agenda items for the March meeting are as follows:

1. (Manahoc) In addition to the established time limit, a shoot-through rule will be imposed by which:

- a. if a delaying group has two (2) groups waiting to shoot the same target as the delaying group,
- b. if there is an open target in front of the target in question,
- c. if the target captains of the two (2) delayed groups request to be allowed to shoot through,
- d. if the delaying group refuses these two (2) groups the right to shoot through,

THEN, the target captains of the delayed groups will sign the scorecards of the delaying group and that group will be disqualified and will leave the range.

2. (Cub Run) Each club be allowed to schedule non-sanctioned events other than annuals, prior to the state closed as long as they have previously scheduled at least one sanctioned event.

3. (Walton Park) Proposes that the VBA initiate a program to provide a reward fund for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone found guilty of taking game illegally with bow and arrow or illegally under the pretext of being a legal bow and arrow kill.

Newly-elected president John Street concluded the evening's festivities with a review of the club's 1982 activities which included hosting of the Virginia Bowhunters Association Annual Outdoor Championships in addition to the Warwick Bowmen Annual Shoot among many other fine events. He reported that the year past brought new highs in club membership, success rates among its bowhunters, public interest and club spirit. Street promised his constituency an even better 1983 season peaking with the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships in June to be held at the club's facilities.

The Warwick Bowmen maintains three NFAA-certified 28-target ranges in cooperation with the City of Newport News Parks and Recreation. Club meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Newport News Park Activities Building near the campground entrance, 13564 Jefferson Ave. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Seminole Bowhunters Report

by: Wayne Hopkins

The Seminole Bowhunters Executive Committee held its first meeting Jan. 13, 1983 with 21 club members present. The club officials are as follows:

President	Bill Terry
Vice President	Steve Herndon
Corr. Sec.	Steve Walker
Treasurer	Don Devall
Range Captain	Dewey Reynolds
Publicity C.	Wayne Hopkins

The past year 1982 was a great year for the Seminole Bowhunters of Danville. The club membership grew to a grand total of 61 members before the fall hunting season began.

Many bowhunting classes were held for seasoned bowhunters as well as the novice that entered the club for the first time. Bill Terry, Don Devall, and Steve Walker were responsible for teaching these classes. To these fellows we say thanks for a job well done.

Congratulations to club members that bagged their deer in the 1982 season. They were: Harper Gray, Larry Gray, Wayne Hopkins, Donald Mustain, Bill Terry, Mike Barber, Clyde Alderman. Good shooting, fellows!

To everyone else have a great year in 1983.

Please note that this article is a re-print from the Virginia Division's Conservation Record, The Izaak Walton League of America Nov.-Dec. '82 issue written by Gladys L. Harris, 308 Kerfoot, Front Royal, Va. 22630, National Director from Virginia.

Center Deer Hunt Cancelled

There will be no controlled deer hunt at the Smithsonian Institution Conservation and Research Center near Front Royal. The cancellation followed a hearing before the House Appropriations subcommittee in November.

The reason for the controlled hunt was that native deer carry a brain worm to which they are immune, but which kill animals of the endangered species, being raised and bred at the Center. Moreover, growing numbers, now 1,000, of native deer were said to eat increasing amounts of lush conservation grasses, by jumping the six-foot fences.

A disgruntled hunter who did not

Sherwood Archers

Sherwood Archers would like to announce the following schedule for the Annual Dogwood Trophy Shoot:

Annual Dogwood Shoot —

May 1, 1983

Casual Registration —

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Announcements —

9:30 a.m.

Shoot Starts —

10:00 a.m.

Awards at Conclusion.

Sherwood Archers will again honor Virginia game wardens and national forest personnel with a wild game dinner on Saturday, April 30, 1983 p.m. This dinner is prior to the Dogwood Shoot and interested parties may make a weekend of the activities by utilizing our free primitive camp sites on our range. A horseshoe pit has been built for your enjoyment.

Shawnee Bowmen

The Shawnee Bowmen will hold club shoots on Saturday, April 2 and again on April 16. Shooting will begin at 10 AM and awards will be given. Join us on these dates and get in shape early for the upcoming outdoor archery season.

draw a number to be in the second year of a managed hunt is believed to have approached animal welfare groups who insisted that the deer be relocated. This was tried last winter in Florida's Everglades with minimal success and the loss of vast numbers of deer that die of starvation, which many of these deer will do if they are not thinned out now.

An alternative plan to erect higher fences costing over \$600,000 to keep the white-tailed deer off the preserve was turned down by the House subcommittee. Some say that the barrier would not have been effective.

The Warren County and National Izaak Walton League officials have appeared at the hearings in Front Royal and Washington supporting the humane method of thinning the herd as recommended by experience game management at the Conservation Center working with State and federal offices.

In the past, endangered species valued at \$36,000 have been lost due to the contact with white-tailed deer.



V.B.A. Hunting News

David Proctor, Hunting Vice-President, has been directed by the V.B.A. to petition the VA Game Commission for the following considerations at the March meeting:

1. Extension of the bow season through the week that is now closed prior to the opening of gun season.

2. Opening the Gathright Wildlife Sanctuary to bowhunting.

Gathright Wildlife Management Area

Nestled in the mountains of southwestern Bath County lies the Gathright Wildlife Management Area. Managed by the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, this area has long been a favorite of Old Dominion sportsmen. Within this 13,000 acre management area there is a state wildlife sanctuary where hunting is prohibited. Because this 3,000 acre sanctuary harbors a magnificent population of turkeys, the Virginia Game Commission uses it for trapping the wild birds to stock other area of the state. Deer are also plentiful in the sanctuary and every few years the area is opened during rifle season to thin the population.

Bowhunters in Bath and surrounding counties have "caught wind" that in the fall of '83 the Gathright Sanctuary may be opened and its present status as a wildlife sanctuary discontinued. Wildlife officials of Bath County have stated that this indeed is a possibility, depending on the future success of turkey trapping. Several Virginia bowhunters have expressed an interest in the fate of the sanctuary. These archers would like to see the sanctuary made into a bowhunting-only area. It would be the only area of its kind in western Virginia.

This issue was brought to the attention of the Triangle Bowhunters during a November meeting. Club members voted on the issue and agreed to have Triangle representatives bring the issue to the attention of the VBA at the January 8 and 9 meeting.



OFFICIAL VBA CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OUTDOOR AND INDOOR BREAKDOWNS

ATTENTION: These breakdowns have been published numerous times, but there still seems to be confusion. . .so here they are again! Clip out this page and save for future reference.

VBA OUTDOOR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Men Freestyle

AA	525-up
A	490-524
B	425-489
C	0-424

Men Barebow

AA	450-up
A	400-449
B	300-399
C	0-299

Men Bowhunter

AA	435-up
A	350-434
B	275-349
C	0-274

Men CFSBH-UL

AA	500-560
A	425-499
B	300-424
C	0-299

Men CFSBH-L

AA	475-560
A	400-474
B	275-399
C	0-274

Youth—Freestyle & Barebow

AA	490-560
A	430-489
B	350-429
C	0-349

Women Freestyle

AA	490-up
A	430-489
B	350-429
C	0-349

Women Barebow

AA	375-up
A	300-374
B	200-299
C	0-199

Women Bowhunter

AA	300-up
A	200-299
B	100-199
C	0-99

Women CFSBH-UL

AA	450-560
A	375-449
B	250-374
C	0-249

Women CFSBH-L

AA	425-560
A	350-424
B	225-349
C	0-224

Cubs—Freestyle & Barebow

A	400-up
B	200-399
C	0-199

YOUNG ADULT, BOTH FREESTYLE & BAREBOW — SAME AS ADULTS

INDOOR CLASS BREAKDOWN

Men Freestyle

A	290-300
B	270-289
C	0-269

Men Barebow

A	280-300
B	240-279
C	0-239

Men Bowhunter

A	260-300
B	210-259
C	0-209

Men CFSBH-UL & L

A	290-300
B	270-289
C	0-269

Women Freestyle

A	290-300
B	270-289
C	0-269

Women Barebow

A	260-300
B	225-259
C	0-224

Women Bowhunter

A	235-300
B	185-234
C	0-184

Women CFSBH-UL & L

A	270-300
B	225-269
C	0-224

Young Adult FS

A	280-300
B	250-279
C	0-249

Young Adult BB

A	270-300
B	230-269
C	0-229

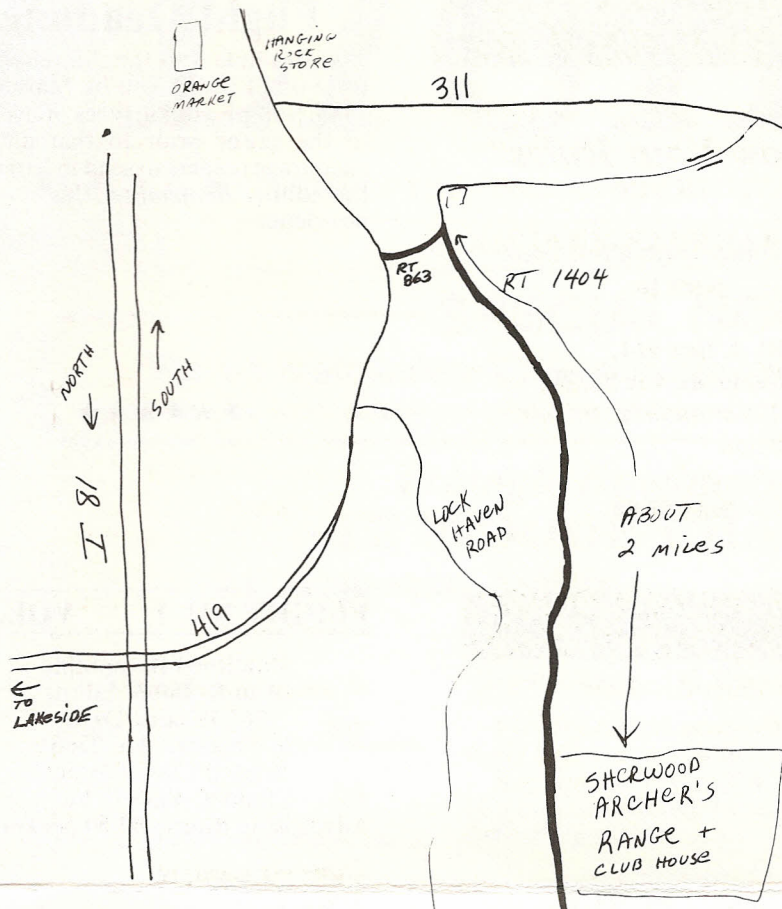
Youth FS

A	260-300
B	200-259
C	0-199

Youth BB

A	245-300
B	180-244
C	0-179

Cubs — Freestyle and Barebow — Boys and Girls: No class division
Awards in order of completion



1983 Indoor Schedule for Triangle & Wythe Bowhunters

- Feb. 12 Wythe Valentines Trophy
Feb. 19 Christiansburg
Feb. 26 Christiansburg
Mar. 5 Wythe
Mar. 5 & 6 State Indoor Championship, Christiansburg, Va.
Mar. 12 & 13 State Indoor Championship, Christiansburg, Va.

12 Noon till 11 p.m.
Awards, Trophies and Money

Northern Virginia Championship

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Winchester, VA

May 8, 1983
10 A.M.

14 - Field 14 - Hunter

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club_____

Birth Date_____
(Cub, Y & YA)

VBA-NO._____

Male-Female_____

Division

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The deadline for the March-April issue of FLIGHT will be March 27, 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.

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