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V.B.A. OFFICE CANDIDATES

By: Ann Boyd

At last the long and extremely difficult task of interviewing and selecting nominees for the VBA elections in June is completed. The nominating committee is proud to submit the following people as candidates for VBA offices. At the March VBA meeting, nominations will be open from club delegates and those names will be added to the official ballot. All voting for candidates will be done by mail ballots which will be sent to all VBA members within 30 days after the March meeting and the ballots will be opened and counted at the June VBA meeting.

This year you will have a choice of more than one nominee to some offices. I cannot urge you enough to first become familiar with each candidate, but important, PLEASE VOTE. In the past elections, only a small percentage of the ballots have been returned. This year let's everyone vote and support 100% those people who are willing to devote their time and energy to run for VBA officer.

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WARWICK BOWMEN PREPARE FOR ANNUAL

By: Leslie Holmes

The members of the Warwick Bowmen would like to extend a warm invitation to each of you to come join in the fun and competition of our Annual Silver Bow Tournament which will be held on the weekend of May 5th and 6th. We are all hard at work preparing the ranges for the big event as well as the social activities. We will be shooting two at the field face with a casual/multiple registration. The registration for Open shooters will be \$6.00 for the first round and \$2.00 for each additional rounds beginning at 9:00 each morning.

All you Pro's don't worry, we haven't forgotten you either. We are holding a sanctioned "Pro Shoot" on Sunday, May 6th with the money split being 80% of the pot with a guaranteed pot of \$100.00, plus any additional donations from local businesses. We already have an additional \$25.00 donated by S&L Archery Supplies and another \$25.00 donated by Tom's toasted Peanuts, so be sure to come test your skills and, hopefully, you will go home a little richer. Registration fee will be \$15.00 per archer.

We are also planning an exciting Saturday night with a FREE Fish Fry and Dance, so bring along your appetite and dancing shoes. We will also offer a "money bunny" shoot during the day to those who wish to participate. We will hold a Team Shoot on Saturday at 5:00 shooting three ends, 4 arrows at 50 yards at an 18" face. We will have a nice trophy for the winning club. Also, we will hold a 50/50 raffle along with raffling a beautiful archery oriented wall hanging. Now remember, we have many neighboring activities for the non-shooters as well, so be sure to mark this date on your calender as a "MUST DO" weekend.

We have put in our order for warm, sunny days, so we look forward to a great turnout. See you all then.

ON TARGET

By Mr. Jim Shubert

After reading your "WORK OF THE NATIONALS" I can not help but wonder why the powers to be (in this case N.F.A.A.) have not taken a tip from most of the other sports and based our NATIONAL CHAMPION on the results of a years competition instead of only one week.

By setting up a closed championship shoot to be attended only by STATE CHAMPIONS at the end of the year, we could attach NATIONAL IMPORTANCE to the NATIONAL TITLE which would carry the coveted (#one Patch) infact up to 10 Places.

This would assure getting top quality archers who have given of their time and talents to further the sport and add more value and esteem to the nationals.

Like you said, as it is now, the Nationals are just another weekly shoot, only bigger and you can get lost in the division maze.

As everyone has noticed, the number of unregistered Bowhunters far out numbers any of our Divisions, why not, who in his right mind would go on a championship rifle range and try to show his stuff by using a shot gun.

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PRINCESS ANNE BOWMEN

Hold Annual Awards Banquet

By: Cindy Anderson

On February 3rd the P.A. Bowmen held their annual awards banquet at the Pythian Hall in Virginia Beach. We had twenty-two couples and several singles attend the festivities.

The banquet began with cocktails before dinner and general conversation. After dinner the awards were presented by our club President Don Walker to the handicap champions of the year and the club champions in each division. Our Big Game Awards were also presented. Congratulations to each of our winners.

Following the presentation of awards, dancing became the focal point of the evening. The music was provided by "Buffalo Bill and the Underground".

We would like to extend our thanks to our club secretary Mary Fry for all the time and effort she put in to make the night a big success. All the archers had a great time and I'm sure we all look forward to next years banquet.

Pass the Alka Seltzer Please!

Princess Anne Bowmen AWARD WINNERS

B.B. Champ - Bill Enders
B.B.-A - Don Walker
B.B.-B - Bob Covert
B.B. - C - James Morris

B.H. Champ - Buzz Graves
B.H. - B - Werner Anderson
B.H. - C - John Mason

C.F.B.H./Limited Champ - Andy Anderson
C.F.B.H./Unlimited Champ - Don Frazier

F/S Champ - John Wirth
F/S - A - Harry Benton
F/S - B - Lindsay Harwood
F/S - C - Ellroy Russell

B.B. Champ - Nina Enders
F/S Champ - Pat Walker
Cub Champ - Carol Ann Harwood

Men's Handicap - Werner Anderson
Women's Handicap - Pat Walker

Big Game (Buck) - Buzz Graves
Big Game (Doe) - Ken Albinder

Update with Warwick Bowmen

By Leslie Holmes

Members of the Warwick Bowmen congregated on February 17th for their 1978 Annual Awards Banquet with a delightful and fulfilling cover-dish supper and dance.

Our 1979 President, Don Smith, presided over the presentations beginning with our 1978 outdoor champions, Dot Dunn and Tom Carpenter, both being relatively newcomers to the sport. This followed by the announcement of the Big Buck award which was presented to Emo Moore and the Big Doe Award which was presented to Rick Williams. To complete the festivities, the honored award of Archer of the Year was presented to a very surprised Leslie Holmes. I am sure you join with all of us in congratulating each of them. The evening was filled with good food good friends and good times.

The following weekend, many of the same people congregated in Christiansburg for our State Indoor Championships. We are proud to see that Karen Firth (Pro F/S) and Roger Firth (Pro B/H) took first place in their division and Jack Lancaster (Pro F/S) and Don Smith (Open B/B) took second in their division. The targets were rough and the drive was long, but the enjoyable weekend made it all worthwhile. We are all

SHERWOOD ARCHERS PREPARE FOR TWO SPRING SHOOT

Sherwood archers are busy repairing damage from a severe ice storm and preparing the ranges for two important Spring tournaments. The first is their Annual Dogwood Shoot scheduled for April 28 and 29. Registration will be multiple and casual. The second is the State Open, the weekend of May 12 and 13. Hot food will be available at both shoots, and good crowds are expected.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The Deadline date for the May-June issue of "FLIGHT" is April 10. This issue should be in the hands of the members by the last week in May.

**News form Zone #3
Bowhunters of Rockingham**

The BOWHUNTERS OF ROCKINGHAM elected new officers for 1979 and are as follows:

- President - Jason Hottinger
- Vice Pres. - Rudy Propst
- Sect. - Lenny Pannell
- Treas. - Irvin Bodkin
- VBA Delegate - Dave Proctor

Also plans have been set to build a new storage building to go along with our club house. Construction will be under way in about a week. The club members would also like to congratulate Phil Lam, one of our newer members for his fine shooting at the recent STATE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS held in Christiansburg, Va. He shot in the CF/BH-UL class and won the class. He shot a 377 for the two days and took the field except for the Pro's. He has been a member for one year. President Hottinger would like to invite all VBA members to our first pin shoot on April 22nd.

Wythe Bowhunters News

WYTHE BOWHUNTERS will hold their annual Banquet pot luck at the clubhouse, March 24, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

We have just ended our indoor shoots February 10, 1979, with low attendance due to weather conditions and the four face targets, which discouraged new beginners, and bowhunters

Walter Dillow, sr.
Wythe Bowhunters

**Walton Park Bowhunters
Elect Officers**

Congratulations to the new officers of Lynchburg's bowmen of 1979.

- Pres.- Webb Babcock
- V.Pres.- Joe McManus
- Sec.- Bill Hurley
- Treas.- Carol Hurley
- Correspondent Sec.- Vivian Harris
- Range Capt.- Wallace Harris
- Publicity- Cay McManus

ON TARGET (con't from page 1)

But there is a way we can get the best from both camps for example; Everyone is crying about the large number and different types of divisions, (f/s, b/b, b/h, etc.) well, Lets do away with all of the divisions. We can have score class, as we have now, but no divisions. Everyone shoots the bow the best way he can, the way he wants to, but with a POINT HANDI—CAP, not based on scores, but on each piece of EQUIPMENT used. This way, we are all shooting the same no matter how we do it. I know how it sounds, but just wait one minute and see how it might work, and work for everyones good, not just a few top dogs.

I know this system will not be liked by those archers who feel they have to have, or need an advantage over their fellow archers and thats the very reason that its needed to start off with.

First off, we can keep the same target and score system, as we now have, as none other will be needed. I do not think any one will shoot a 560 with a straight limb bow. I do not think Mr. Hill could even do that.

Now;

To reach your point handicap, deduct from your score, the number of points marked for each piece of equipment used;

	points
1. Any sight	60
2. Walking the string	50
3. Walking the face/multi-anchors	40
4. Any release other than fingers	40
5. Three fingers under the nock	30
6. Clickers (any type draw check)	20
7. Compound bow	20
8. String peep (any type or mark)	20
9. Recurve Bow	10
10. Stabilizer (any type - frt. or back)	5

For full score, you must use a straight limb bow and shoot with a split finger, with top finger at corner of mouth, one finger on top of arrow and two fingers under the arrow, After all that's how archery got started maybe we need to start there now.

Because some people think rules are made to be broken, we must insist that any infraction of these rules would bring a disqualification.

To help to speed up the game, a time limit should be set or invoked; A max. of one minute per arrow per archer per target, shooting in groups of two, four shooters per target, 8 minutes per group.

Next;

At each pin shoot, first 10 places in each class will receive points from your score, to be added together to form an aggregate score, to be taken to your state shoot and added to your state shoot score. Points will be governed by the first two numbers of your score, splitting at 5 on the third number;

- 534--would be 53 points
- 537-- would be - 54 points

These points the archer would keep with him, so the more he shoots the more points he would have to add to form his aggregate score (up to 10 of his highest scores). That way the people that support archery would have the best chance to win. With this system our State Championship would not be won or lost on a three round shoot. This system should also eliminate sand baggers. Our State Champions would be the two top archers in each class. These archers would be sent to the Nationals, to represent our State, and have a shot at the National Title. This would make the National Championship mean something. We may be able to get T/V Coverage, have a two week vacation trip or something as a prize, make it worthwhile.

Give the 10 top shooters arm patches, from 1 to 10, so everyone knows (whose, who) for the rest of the year. This would be for the top (A class) only. There would be no need to change the Sectionals, as this would add a dark horse to the National shoot.

This system would also eliminate the big problem of 1,000 archers, and what to do with them at the National Shoots.

It's time for a change, something must change, or we will lose our lifes blood, the week/end archer or bow hunter. We will never know if we could make it work, if we do not try, it may be a better way?

James R. Stone, Jr.
(Cub Run Archers)

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Look what will be coming
your way.....

Indoor State Shoot results
(hopefully with pictures!!)

Profiles of the Candidates; an in-
depth look at each VBA office can-
didate.

MEETING SITE CHANGED

A reminder to all club delegates that
the next VBA meeting, March 24-25
will be held at the Mount Vernon Mo-
tel in Charlottesville.

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