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Warwick Bowmen Host Mid-Atlantic May 27, 28 & 29

The Warwick Bowmen are honored to again host the Mid-Atlantic Sectional. We are all working very hard in preparation for this event scheduled to be held on May 27th, 28th and 29th. We will be using our practice area as an additional range, therefore we have cut four new shooting lanes.

We are expecting a record breaking turn out of archers, therefore, be sure to make your reservations early. There are of course, the camping facilities at the ranges but there are only a limited number of sites available to be reserved (with a deposit); The hotel/motel accommodations are listed below.

We do hope that Virginia will support this tournament better than ever. We have put an order in for great weather and I'm sure that everyone will have a great time, so do try to come out. Hope to see you then.

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NEW CLUB IN STATE

There is a new club in the state. Located a few miles south of Clarksville on the beautiful Buggs Island Lake. We have a membership of seventeen. We officially started on our range last August. We are now sanctioned for four shoots this year.

We have a three star range with a nice club house and plenty of camping facilities. Including electrical hook-ups, running water, and bathrooms. Our range now con-

sists of fourteen targets and we hope to expand as our membership grows.

We would like to invite all of you to our first shoot on April 30.

The directions to the club are as follows:

After you reach Clarksville, get on route 15 south, which leads toward Oxford. Drive 2 miles on this road and turn left on route 804. Drive ½ mile on this road and turn left on route 846. This takes you directly to our club.

Va. State Open May 13 & 14

We at Augusta Archers are proud to host the Virginia State Open Archery Tournament again in 1978. We wish to extend an invitation to all archers in Virginia and surrounding states to attend the 1978 Open. We will be recognizing and honoring the Professional division as well as all the other classes.

Our club, which is located just off Route 250 3 miles East of Staunton, has 2 beautiful ranges which are a challenge to the best of archers. We have a large practice area with targets ranging from a bunny shot to 80 yards. We also have a large club house where refreshments and food will be available for those who wish to use. We do offer camping on our range for those who enjoy bringing their camping equipment.

We are busy making changes and improvements to our facilities to make your weekend a most enjoyable one. We have started construction on our new bathrooms and showers which should be completed in time for the Open for the pleasure and convenience of our guests.

Our schedule will be as follows:

Friday, May 12

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Registration

Saturday, May 13

7:00 - 9:30 a.m. Registration
11:00a.m. Welcome, invocation and grouping lunch
12 Noon Start of Tournament Supper

Sunday, May 14

7:00 - 9:00a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Grouping & Proceeding to targets
10:00a.m. Start of final round lunch
4:00p.m. Presentation of Awards

Motels and map on back page

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---CLUB NEWS---

Warwick Bowmen Annual April 22 & 23

By: Leslie G. Holmes

The Warwick Bowmen of Newport News would like to extend a warm invitation for you to attend our upcoming Annual scheduled to be held April 22 and 23 with a casual/multiple registration. Registration will open at 7:30 a.m. each morning. Registration fee will be \$5.00 per person for the first round and \$2.00 per person for each additional round. We will be utilizing two ranges and will be shooting a field round.

The Pros have not been forgotten. The registration will be \$15.00 per person with 80% of the fees going to the "POT".

Remember, we are hosting the Mid-Atlantic in May and this will be a great time to shoot our ranges. Hope to see you then.

Cub Run Archers Pin Shoot June 18

Our scheduled club shoot of June 18th was omitted from the 1978 VBA sanctioned tournament schedule. The Cub Run Archers will be holding a scheduled Pin Shoot June 18th 1978 starting at 9:00am with casual registry.

Registration will close at 1:30pm. Please notify all your Archers.

Lines From Loudoun

By: Kathy Cissel

Our thanks to everyone for attending our indoor shoots. Hope you enjoyed shooting as much as we enjoyed having you.

Congratulations to the following members of our club for placing at the State Indoor at Christiansburg.
Joanna Frye Girls youth Champion
Jack Payne 2nd in Youth FSA
Wayne Loveless . . Tied for 1st BHA
won 2nd

Frank Loveless BHB - 1st
Dennis Jenkins BHB - 2nd

We would like to invite everyone to our club shoots scheduled as follows:

May 6 Club Shoot 1:30
June 24 Club Shoot 1:30

Hope to see all of you at our first scheduled shoot April 2nd 1:30 p.m.

Sherwood Archers Dogwood Tournament April 15 & 16

Sherwood Archers of Roanoke are busy preparing their ranges for the annual Dogwood Tournament to be held April 15-16. An enthusiastic board of directors and the hundred-plus members are determined to have one of the finest clubs in the state. The three twenty eight target ranges and the numerous practice butts along with ample camping sites and picnic areas certainly are popular with anyone who has ever visited Sherwood. Several streams meandering along the paths bordered by Dogwood, Rhododendron, Mountain Laurel, Ferns and other wild flowers provide a tranquil approach to the targets.

The three different ranges laid out within a ninety acre area provide a complete variety of shooting conditions. Each range with its own characteristics will challenge the most proficient archer.

Plans are also being made to host the Bowhunter Jamboree Sept. 23 and 24. From preliminary reports this will be one of the best ever hosted. Bring those trophy heads along for judging.

Plan now to visit our club April 15 and 16 and shoot the hunter round. Casual and multiple registration. A special welcome to the pros. Who will be competing among themselves for a total purse of 80% of their total registration fees. One award will be made for each 3 shooter. 9 shooters - 3 awards, 12 shooters - 4 awards, etc.

For all other shooters, registration fee for adults will be \$5.00 for the first round and \$1.00 for each additional round. Be sure to register for the beautiful husband and wife trophy. Delicious food including homemade desserts will be available. Please note that alcoholic beverages will not be allowed on the shooting ranges.

We hope to see many of you as we get into the swing of the outdoor season.

Directions to Sherwood Archery Club are:

From exit 41, I-81, turn north onto rt. 419, turn right onto rt. 863, go fifty yards, turn right onto state rt. 1404. The range is located two miles on the left.

National Bowhunter Education Program

Highlights of N.F.A.A. Meeting

February 1-2-3-4-5, 1978

It is the policy of the Bowhunting and Conservation Division of the NFAA to continually review on an annual basis the National Bowhunter Education Program.

The first objective is to clear up any genuine misunderstandings which may have arisen from information we have released on the program to date.

The second objective is to review, at the request of the NFAA Board of Directors Council, the observations made by the representative of the Archery Manufacturers Organization regarding the program.

The principal points of possible misunderstanding seem to center around the inclusion in the course of the Field Competency Experience (Proficiency Test) whether the course should be voluntary or mandatory, and the requirement that the prospective bowhunter actually shoot under field conditions.

It is the recommendation of the Bowhunting and Conservation Division that the following facts be stated again and that certain changes be made in the requirements for qualification of bowhunters and certification of instructors in the NBEP:

No proficiency test has ever been required for qualifying a bowhunter in any state where the program has been or is now used.

A voluntary proficiency test has been available in Part III for use by federal refuges and military bases who insist on such a qualification. The bowhunter was allowed to participate on a voluntary basis at his own request.

The proficiency test was required of all potential instructors for certification.

The NBEP has been and is now offered to bowhunters, organizations and state environmental and conservation officials on a strictly voluntary basis.

The DNR or the DEC of the state has the complete authority regarding the administration of the Hunter Education and/or Safety programs of the state. Such programs can be made mandatory only by appropriate legislation of the state under this authority.

The NBEP does not promote any legislation which makes the BEP mandatory.

The NBEP has required participants to shoot at a target — the purpose being to give the bowhunter an opportunity to demonstrate his knowledge of the use of his equipment and to learn his own limitations.

CHANGES RECOMMENDED:

The requirements of the NBEP basic course for qualifying bowhunters are divided into "The Hows of Bowhunting" and "The Field Experience."

The first portion of the course will include "The 15 Points of Emphasis in Bowhunting."

Further special emphasis will be placed on the use of matched equipment.

Number 15 will be "Discussion of the available sources of proper equipment for bowhunting."

The second portion of the course, The Field Experience, provides the opportunity for the student to observe, or to participate if he desires, in the use of equipment in the field. The objective is to give him the opportunity of associating with a certified bowhunting instructor who will help him inspect equipment, understand its proper use, and determine how to set his own limitations as he enjoys the sport of bowhunting. The bowhunter should have an understanding of:

adequate legal equipment and familiarity with its proper use.

- how to sharpen broadheads and/or the proper use of pre-sharpened blades
- the importance of limiting the distances of his shots
- safety under field conditions

Setting — Where possible, the area selected should be in a typical environment including natural obstacles such as rocks, trees, bushes. It should be located where broadheads can be shot, if the bowhunter desires, at a proper target under completely safe conditions.

Instructor — The instructor should take every opportunity to assist the student in the use of equipment. He should also have a list of individuals or organizations such as clubs, schools, dealers or lane operators who can assist bowhunters.

The prospective bowhunter is not required to shoot his equipment (or even to have his own equipment to qualify in the course.)

The old Part III will be eliminated from the course.

(Prospective instructors will not be required to complete the proficiency test to become a certified instructor.)

The NBEP is administered by a volunteer committee of outstanding and qualified bowhunters and sportsmen. Recently, this committee has been expanded to include other outstanding members. We believe that the NBEP committee represents all who have an interest in the sport of bowhunting. The program and its administering committee is bigger than any one organization or one interest and is administered in the best interest of the bowhunter and the sport of bowhunting. Members of its committee serve as individuals, not as representatives of organizations or special interests, with the single goal of administering an NBEP for all bowhunters and for all concerned with bowhunting.

The Bowhunting and Conservation Division feels that these statements and changes will dispell any misunderstandings about the NBEP. We would expect that all facets of the bowhunting fraternity will not band together in support of this NBEP and its administration in the various states.

Any further requests for information or materials should be directed to The National Bowhunter Education Foundation, Route 2, Box 514, Redlands, CA 92373.

1. There were three nominations for Vice President of the NFAA. Paul Double from Maryland, Benny Morrer from Arkansas and Dr. J. Schneider from North Dakota. Dr. Schneider withdrew his name from the Ballot. Benny Morrer was elected by a vote of 22 to 21. We are now preparing a nomination for Paul Double for President next year and feel that he has a pretty fair chance of winning. This will bring the power back to the east coast.

2. There will be NO alcoholic beverages carried or consumed on any range or practice area during shooting hours at National or sectional tournaments.

3. Bowhunter membership dues have been increased to \$10.00 per year with \$3.00 going to the Bowhunter Defense Fund.

4. A new 500 patch will be designed for the metric target.

5. ***Removing the animal round from National and Sectional tournaments was defeated. The round will stay in.

6. Handicaps will be derived from scores shot within the last 12 months which previously has been 24 months.

7. Course approvals are still every two years and the charge is still \$5.00

8. When shooting butts require multiple faces, the first two shooters will shoot the bottom target. THIS IS NOW A HARD AND FAST RULE.

9. For clarification... Expert round. An arrow shaft cutting two rings, must cut completely through the line to count as the higher score.

10 Indoor round. The time limit per end is now officially 5 minutes.

11 Replacement item. Article 7 Section H Page 23 of the NFAA handbook. Delete paragraph 4 and the new paragraph is to read "off ground skids or glances into target shall not be counted. Arrows striking objects over the shooting lane may be reshot."

12 Target points verses Field points. Refer to page 20 Article 7 section D paragraph 3 sub paragraph M. This now reads "There shall be no restrictions placed on the bow weight in the Bowhunter division. Hunting arrows of any material may be used as long as they are equipped with commercially manufactured non modified points, and are a minimum of 125 grain for men and 100 grain for women, that can be replaced by broadheads, and in which at least one quarter inch of the length shall be a concave surface of revolution."

13(1) A dropped arrow is one which falls when being transferred from the quiver to be noched on the string or in preparation for the shot. A DROPPED ARROW MAY BE RESHOT.

(2) A shot arrow is one which becomes propelled from the bowstring. SUCH AN ARROW MAY NOT BE RESHOT.

14 Indoor Championship Round. The number of units shot on this round is recommended as 2, but is left to the discretion of the host. (Article 8 section I paragraph I Page 34, and to L after 20 yards.)

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Walter Dillow, Sr. Honored

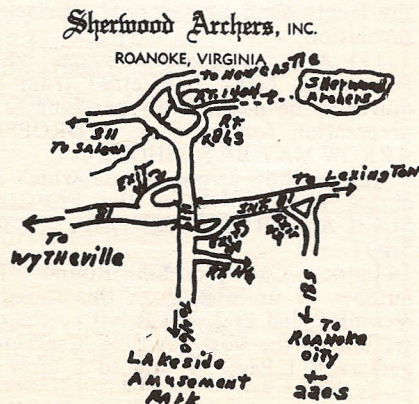
On February 18, 1978, Mr. Walter Dillow, Sr. was honored with a plaque at the annual Valentine Shoot held by the Wythe Bowhunters. This plaque read as follows:

"Presented to Mr. W.R. Dillow, Sr. for his distinguished service and dedication to the sport of archery from his fellow archers of Southwestern Virginia and Southern West Virginia"

Making the presentation is Johnny Akers of the Princeton Archery Club. Congratulations, Mr. Dillow!!



State Indoor Championship Winners.



Warwick Bowmen Honor Their Own

By: Leslie Holmes

The Annual Awards Banquet started off the New Year right for the Warwick Bowmen. Saturday, January 21st, many members and guests joined together at the Archer's Specialty Shop for a beautiful feast of a meal consisting of roast beef, beans, corn, many varieties of potatoes, and beautiful desserts.

Our 1978 President, Steve McGuire, presided over the awards presentations. He opened by announcing our 1977 Outdoor Champions to be Scott Jenkins and Karen Firth. Congratulations to you both for a fantastic year of shooting. This followed with presenting our Big Buck award to Woodie Hofman for his 9 point kill along with the

Big Doe award given to Buddy Holmes. Good hunting fellas. To conclude the awards, Roger Firth was honored as our 1977 Archer of the Year. This truly is an honor bestowed on one by his fellow club members. Congratulations Roger, you deserve it. I am sure that everyone joins with us to congratulate each of them on a job well done.

We closed the evening with much fun and brought the morning in by dancing to the music of Hal Jackson.

We all had fun and are now ready to start on 1978, so get practicing . . . we are.



Little Mt. Archers of Charlottesville Make Changes

Because of the conflict with the Mid-Atlantic Tournament, the Little Mt. Archers of Charlottesville, Va. will cancel their May 29 Pin Shoot.

We would also like to change the Dr. Hedges Annual Shoot scheduled for June 11, to be shot on July 16 as a cas. reg. 9:30 - 1:30.

Highlights of N.F.A.A. from pg. 3

15 We now have a Freestyle Bowhunter Limited. (We Won.)

16 Article 7 Section D paragraph 3D change the wording to read "No clicker or draw check will be allowed. The only addition - it makes it positive. No laminations, level, marks or blemishes may appear in the sight window, upper limb or in the field of vision at full draw.

17 Article 7 Section D Paragraph K. Change the last sentence to read "One straight stabilizer with coupling device included (if used) not exceeding 12 in. as measured from the back of the bow may be used in Competitive Bowhunter. No face or forked stabilizer or any counter balance will be legal."

18 At National and Sectional Tournaments a practice area shall be available from 10 to 80 yards in 10 yard increments.

19 1979 Pro dues to the NFAA will be \$75.00. Pros are now paying \$50.00.

20 The Killian shooting tab is not legal in Bowhunter.

SCHEDULED BOWHUNTER EDUCATION COURSES

To date, National Bowhunter Education Program courses have been scheduled as follows:

Ft. Myer, Arlington . (Tentative) June 18
Marine Base, Quantico July 23
Northern Va. Archers. Aug. 27
Northern Va. Archers. Sept. 30

All classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. For further information call the George Washington (Northern Virginia) District Chairman Jim Sorrell at (703) 791-3233 or John Stockman at (703) 524-3389. As additional courses are scheduled, they will be listed in FLIGHT.

These are the most important parts of the meeting. If you don't read it here it was minimal and will be reported in full at the April 1 meeting, or it was defeated and I did not include it in this report. The NFAA tournament will be held in Aurora, Illinois the last week in July 1978. At present there is no place to hold the 1979 tournament.

Results Of The 1978 State Indoor Championship

WOMEN FS/A				COMP. FREESTYLE BOWHUNTER (UN-LIMITED)			
1st	2nd	Total		1.			
1. ANN BOYD . . . . .	.292	293	585	1. WILLIAM HURLEY . . . . .	.295	292	587
2. BETTY PHARR . . . . .	.290	291	581	2. DINNIS McALLISTER . . . . .	.293	292	585
3. MARY LEMAY . . . . .	.293	286	579	3. LEON THOMPSON . . . . .	.289	295	584
FS/B				COMP. FREESTYLE BOWHUNTER (LIMITED)			
1. GERALDINE WATTS . . . . .	.267	277	544	1. RILEY PUCKETT . . . . .	.290	292	582
2. BRENDA LANDES . . . . .	.262	281	543	2. GENE LOCKE . . . . .	.294	287	581
3. CARROL HURLEY . . . . .	.267	268	535	3. WEBB BABCOCK . . . . .	.285	290	575
FS/C				YOUNG ADULT			
1. JOANNE VENABLE . . . . .	.222	239	461	1. WOMEN FS/B			
2. ESTER LONG . . . . .	.170	201	271	1. WANDA THOMPSON . . . . .	.259	264	523
MEN FS/A				1. MEN FS/A			
1. MURRY SELBY . . . . .	.300	299	599	1. RANDY FLINCHUM . . . . .	.280	286	566
2. BOB BRIGHT . . . . .	.299	298	597				
3. HANSEL LINKOUS . . . . .	.297	300	597	YOUTH			
FS/B				1. WOMEN FS/B			
1. FRANK VENABLE . . . . .	.283	296	579	1. JOANNA FRY . . . . .	.240	265	505
2. BEV HUNTER . . . . .	.289	288	577	2. SHARRON THARP . . . . .	.247	257	504
3. CLARENCE DOVE . . . . .	.283	293	576	3. SINDY LITTLE . . . . .	.251	241	492
FS/C				1. MEN FS/A			
1. THOMAS PASKO . . . . .	.269	285	554	1. STEVE THOMPSON . . . . .	.293	297	590
2. KENNETH ATKINSON . . . . .	.264	283	547	2. JACKIE PAYNE . . . . .	.265	265	530
3. REX VAUGHT . . . . .	.262	278	541	1. MEN BB/A			
WOMEN BB/A				1. TIMMY OVERSTREET . . . . .	.263	252	515
1. VIRGINIA DILLON . . . . .	.272	265	537	1. BB/C			
2. LADOWNA PUFFENBARGER . . . . .	.262	270	532	1. G.R. ANDERSON . . . . .	.229	222	451
MEN BB/A							
1. RUSSEL POE . . . . .	.281	279	560	CUB			
2. DON SMITH . . . . .	.286	271	557	1. BOYS FS			
3. DANNY HAMLIN . . . . .	.265	271	536	1. BRYON LESTER . . . . .	.143	105	248
BB/C							
1. WALTER DILLON . . . . .	.227	244	471	PRO FREESTYLE WOMEN			
WOMEN BH/A				1. KAREN FIRTH . . . . .	.200	198	398 \$30.50
1. CAY McMANUS . . . . .	.270	269	539				
BH/B				PRO FREESTYLE MEN			
1. BRENDA SMITH . . . . .	.228	223	451	1. JACK CANTWELL . . . . .	.233	232	465 \$151.60
MEN BH/A				2. JACK LANCASTER . . . . .	.234	222	456 113.70
1. LARRY THOMPSON . . . . .	.273	279	552	3. JAMES MITCHELL . . . . .	.227	226	453 75.80
2. WAYNE LOVELESS . . . . .	.276	276	552	4. BOB ESTERLINE . . . . .	.231	221	452 37.90
3. ROGER FIRTH . . . . .	.269	271	540				
BH/B				PRO BOWHUNTER MEN			
1. FRANK LOVELESS . . . . .	.257	258	515	1. KENNETH SORRELS . . . . .	.175	165	340 \$30.00
2. DENNIS JENKINS . . . . .	.249	241	490				
3. HENRY HARRISON . . . . .	.245	244	489				

EXERCISE IN IMAGINATION

G.A. Quesenberry

I would like to attempt to help you form a picture in your imagination. This picture is one that I experienced while camping in the woods in October of this year. Listen carefully to the words as I describe it and let your imagination form the picture for you.

This year we camped on a little ridge away from the road that winds through the Jefferson National Forest. We have camped here before and there is a special place I want to take you to in your imagination. So come with me. Pick up our folding chairs, tuck a book under your arm for reading, let us walk down this ridge, back into the woods.

We walk on a trail that goes out of the crest of the ridge, past large black gum trees, clumps of mountain laurel and fragile dogwood and service berry trees.

We walk back a short ways and come to the end of the ridge which drops off to the valley floor, is a trail made by animals or man in some time past that provides a level place for us to set our lawn chairs.

We sit down and make ourselves comfortable as we survey the scene before us. The ridge slopes off to our left to a level of the valley to join thick, dark green beds of mountain laurel. The ridge

rolls off to our right to a small hollow. The sides of the ridge to our right are covered with clumps of mountain laurel, dogwood, and white oak trees. The valley directly in front of us is approximately 100yds. wide and 200yds. long from left to right. The floor of the valley is carpeted with fallen leaves and yellow ferns that have started to change color from the autumn weather. Large white oak and a few crab apple trees cover the valley. These oak trees thrust upwards to a height of 100 to 125 feet, reaching for the sky.

From the hollow to our right a small stream, perhaps three foot wide, winds its way through the valley floor and disappears in the thick laurel beds to our left. Across the valley, directly in front of us, the mountain rises sharply to a point high above the valley to the sky above. The sunlight filters through the varied colored autumn leaves and reflects on the stream below that tumbles over stones and sticks that have fallen in its path. We glance up through the tops of the white oak trees and glimpse patches of clear blue sky. The wind has swept the clouds from the sky, leaving pure deep blue and you can see for endless miles, out and out, we know not where.

We settle comfortably in our chairs and the quietness settles around us. The breeze whispers in the trees overhead. We

hear a rustle in the leaves and glance to our right to see a chipmunk scurrying from the valley floor, up to a clump of laurel near the top of the ridge.

The peacefulness and quietness surround us and as our gaze sweeps the valley in a semi-circle, a picture forms in our imagination.

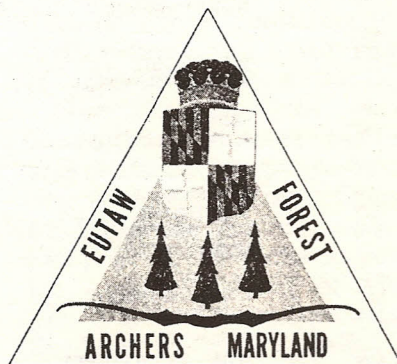
The mountain, across the valley that rise to a peak, becomes the choir loft and pulpit. The ridge where we sit becomes the balcony pews. The canopy of blue sky becomes the ceiling. The valley is the sanctuary where the worshipping oak trees stand uprightly. This surely is one of God's Cathedral. Yes, that is what we shall name our picture . . . God's Cathedral. The oak trees are dressed in their season's best colors, their limbs extended out and upward in worship and supplication to their creator. Peace and quiet enter into our very being and in a moment of worship, we lift our arms, as the oak trees lift their limbs, and say aloud what they must be saying, "Praise, ye the Lord." We are so fortunate to be able to slip away from the hurry and rush of civilized life to sit in this pew of one of God's Cathedral. Let us hope our children and grandchildren will be able to see a similar picture in their imagination, as they view God's great handiworks.

Bring the Whole Family to the . . .

13th ANNUAL GOLD CUP SHOOT

BENSVILLE, MD.

RAIN or SHINE



JUNE 2, 3, & 4

28 Field

Casual Registration

Multiple Registration Both Days

Sat. 8:00 to 5:00

Sun. 8:00 to 3:00

THE FUN SHOOT OF THE EAST COAST

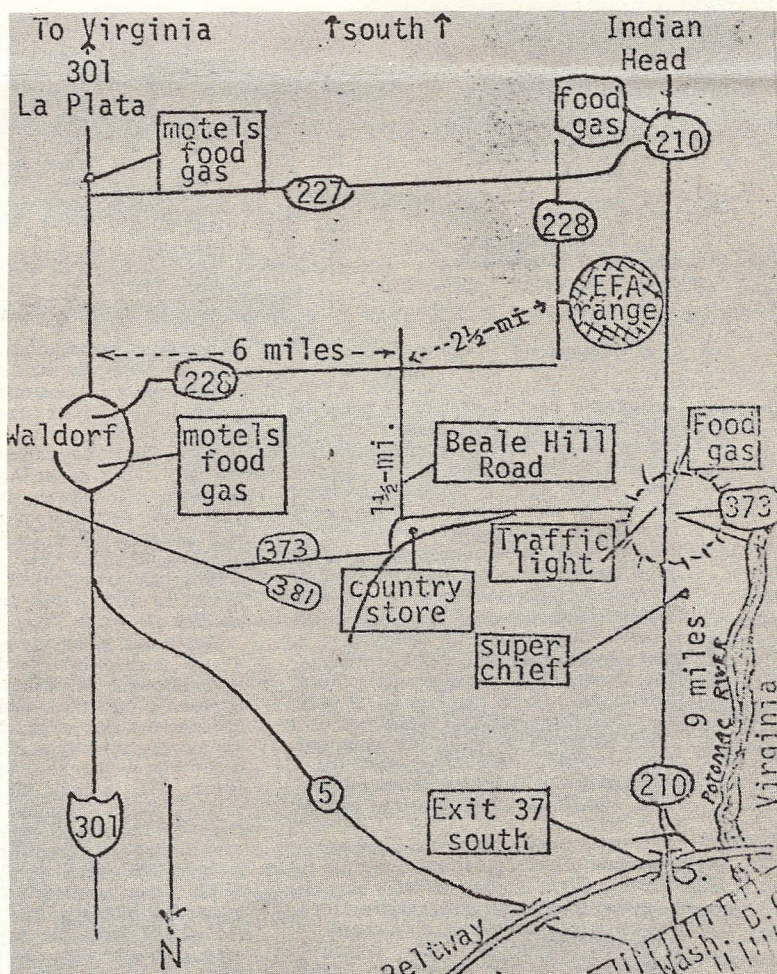
- ☆ Come on Friday and enjoy our FREE Hot Dog Roast; Listen to Live Bluegrass Music; Compliments of EFA
- ☆ Coon Shoot Friday Evening — 9:00 p.m.— F/S, B/B, B/H — 1 - 2 Cell Flashlight only
- ☆ Plenty of Games and contests for the Children & Ladies both days
- ☆ Saturday Evening—FREE Bull Roast (All you can eat) for all shooters and their immediate families — All others: \$3.50 adults, \$2.50 children.
- ☆ Dance the night away to the Country Music — FREE (Compliments of EFA).
- ☆ There will be a Horseshoe Tournament for those interested
- ☆ Money Shoot for all interested, \$50.00 each day in F/S, B/B, B/H
- ☆ Food and Beverage at Range
- ☆ Trophies for four man teams in each Division.
- ☆ All Targets are now 4 Staked — and will be shot 4 abreast To prevent backups (This will be enforced)
- ☆ Queen Contest — Open to all Ladies at the Range
- ☆ Many Campsites — Room for Tents, popups, trailers & motorhomes
- ☆ Many, many door prizes: Compound bows - Arrows - novelties, all given away free to tournament registrants
- ☆ EFA's Bowhunter Team challenges all comers to take the Team Trophy from us.
- ☆ For Information Call:

Bob Brown

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Burkey Boggs

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Virginia Bow Deer Harvest--1977

By: John Stockman, Hunting V.P.

Following are selected bow kill statistics provided by the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries for the 1977 season. No statistics are shown for counties with a harvest of less than 15 deer. Statistics are not available for Loudoun County.

Hopefully, the statistics will be useful in determining the most productive area to hunt. A word of caution — if you are after a trophy buck, you may not find him in a county with high harvest. Other factors to consider are that the number of deer taken will necessarily be influenced by the number of hunters afield and the size of the county, as well as the deer population of the county.

Of the total 986 deer taken statewide (including counties with a harvest of less than 15) 520 or 53% were taken west of the Blue

Ridge. There were 599 bucks harvested compared to 387 doe.

County	Number Harvested
Grayson.....	79
Rockingham.....	55
Stafford.....	50
Page.....	39
Augusta.....	39
Giles.....	34
Prince William.....	34
Shenandoah.....	33
Caroline.....	31
Hampton/Newport News.....	30
Wythe.....	29
Frederick.....	28
Fauquier.....	26
Warren.....	24
Patrick.....	24
Buckingham.....	21
Smyth.....	20
Bedford.....	18
Prince Edward.....	16
Cumberland.....	16
Botetourt.....	15
Amherst.....	15

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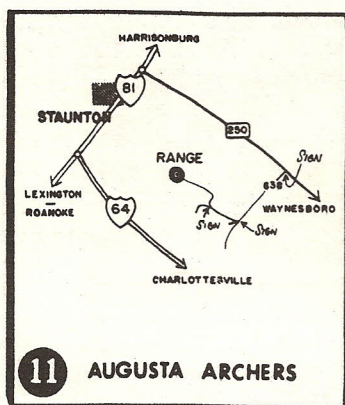
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