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Report From Your VBA Hunting Vice President

JOHN STOCKMAN

Hunting Vice President, John Stockman wrote to the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries asking whether two does may be taken by a bowhunter in those counties with a two deer season bag limit. The answer from the commission was "yes". Furthermore, the commission said that if a bowhunter took a doe in bow season he could also take a doe in a two deer county during gun season when does were permitted to be taken by gun. One reason John wrote to the commission was that a state game warden told a group attending a Bowhunter Education Program that under no circumstances could a hunter take more than one doe a season in Virginia. In the Northern Virginia area, perhaps one reason this belief prevails is that Marine Base Quantico (a popular hunting area for Northern Virginians) allows two deer per season but only one can be a doe. Military reservations can make their regulations more restrictive than state laws. John asked the game warden at Quantico if he plans to change the one doe policy. The reply was "No". The game warden felt that the hunting pressure at Quantico justified permitting only one doe.

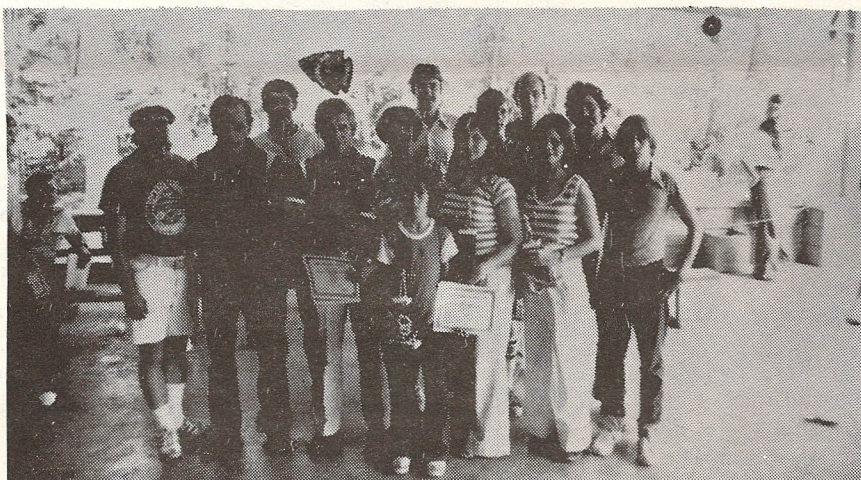
Further hunting news is that on July 28th at the invitation of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, VBA members C.D. Tarter (conser-

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Warwick Bowmen Host State Closed Championship

The 1977 State Closed Championship was held over Labor Day weekend at the Warwick Bowmen ranges in Newport News. 165 archers attended. Warwick Bowmen offer probably the best facilities within our state for holding such a tournament with their three beautiful and well-kept ranges and excellent camp-

ing within the city park. Dottie McQuire, chairman, and the rest of her tournament committee, put on a well run shoot, as usual, and will host the 1978 state shoot. Competition was tough as the scores listed elsewhere in Flight reflect. Again thanks to the Warwick Bowmen club for a most enjoyable shoot.



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Bits and Pieces

by: Ann Boyd

Flight has developed this column for griping. As a beginning to my sound-off, I attended the quarterly VBA meeting recently in Charlottesville. There are 27 chartered archery clubs which belong to the VBA; there were 13 represented at the VBA meeting. This is less than one-half of the clubs in our state that had someone there to find out what goes on and who makes the rules by which we must all abide. There was lots of enthusiasm at the meeting but look how much more could be created if each one of us would take it upon ourselves to insist that our club sends a delegate. (anyone from your club can attend as a guest). There are many items put on the agenda to be voted on at the next meeting. Does your club secretary or president (if you do not have a VBA delegate) report the VBA minutes to you, a copy of which he receives prior to the next VBA meeting? How did you find out about the "beer on the range" issue? From the minutes or by word of mouth? To be a strong association we all must become interested in what's happening. We all grip about what the VBA is doing to us, but the truth is - WE are the VBA and WE must not let half of our state organization speak for all of us.

Warwick Bowmen hosted the '77 state shoot. Because of their hard work and long hours, they deserved a huge attendance. Instead, they had 165 archers. This represents about

16% of the total VBA membership. What's wrong that our state championship can draw no more shooters than some clubs do at their annuals?

There was a conflict in one Women's Freestyle class - an uncalled for conflict, in my opinion. The rules were made at the last VBA meeting regarding class breakdowns and how the shooters would be classified after the first day. If each individual there did not know how they would be classed, then that's your fault for not getting this information prior to the state shoot. The classification break-downs should not have been any great surprise. Your VBA delegate was at the June meeting and voted on this issue, didn't he? And reported this information back to your club, didn't he? If the answer is no, then isn't it time you have a delegate attending?

My point is that we need more participation in our state association. EVERYONE, both officers and members, must become more active and take a greater interest in what's going on.

As assistant to Flight editor, Norman Sparks, it is very disgusting and disheartening to see the lack of interest among clubs for sending articles into us. No one has the right to complain about the articles or pictures published in Flight unless they are willing to contribute better. Ever since Norman became editor, he has asked each club for interesting stories or pictures from club events. Has your club responded to Norman's plea? Flight, like VBA, is only as good as you help to make it.

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State Tournament Scores

F/S Men AA	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Jack Lancaster	540	540	560	1640
2. William Kummer	538	542	556	1636
3. James Mitchell	537	534	560	1631

F/S Men A	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Lucian Butler	524	525	556	1605
2. Lewis Carr	510	529	552	1591
3. C. John Wirth	496	524	560	1580

F/S Men B	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Jimmy Martin	474	497	538	1509
2. Taylor Gibson, Jr.	468	475	560	1503
3. Bill Hagen	476	496	526	1498

F/S Men C	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. William Ott	407	451	482	1340
2. Gerald Deibert	337	403	464	1204
3. Robert Olague	312	359	352	1023

F/S Women AA	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Mary Lemay	515	534	552	1601
2. Ann Boyd	514	520	556	1590
3. Karen Firth	508	518	540	1566

F/S Women A	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Katherine Cissel	479	476	494	1449
2. Mary Griffith	465	473	498	1436
3. Ann Jenkins	438	466	516	1420

F/S Women B	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Reatha Atkinson	429	451	490	1370
2. Mertie Shultz	414	394	448	1256

F/S Women C	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Olive Quesenberry	309	348	364	1021

B/H Men AA	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Roger Firth	457	443	458	1358
2. Ben Johnson	438	461	456	1355
3. Joseph McManus	466	423	462	1351

B/H Men A	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. David Heishman	425	428	466	1319
2. Larry Kline	385	421	454	1260
3. Denver Kramer	423	422	350	1195

B/H Men B	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Steve Sherman	337	388	418	1143
2. William Smiley	347	339	438	1124
3. Tom Minton	306	319	402	1027

B/H Men C	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Daniel Dolly	228	215	304	747

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	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
CFSBH Unlimited Men				
1. Bill Hurley	497	493	526	1516
2. Wayne Loveless	488	486	516	1490(43 spt)
3. Thomas Hancock	490	488	512	1490(25 spt)

CFSBH Limited Men	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Webb Babcock	519	505	534	1558
2. Riley Puckett	482	468	522	1472
3. William Cook	453	468	512	1433

B/H Women AA	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Cay McManus	429	446	444	1319

CFSBH Limited Women	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Mildred Wooster	295	370	330	995

B/B Men AA	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Emo Moore	482	494	532	1508
2. George Hamlin	496	484	518	1498
3. Russel Poe	481	493	504	1478

B/B Men A	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. David Tate	423	443	470	1336
2. William Saunders	410	434	460	1304

B/B Men B	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. William Flack	372	387	464	1223
2. Denny Fry	346	363	386	1095
3. Elmer Carr	357	330	404	1091

B/B Men C	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. William Perdue	288	305	288	881(12spt)
2. Dale Kerns	289	314	278	881(8 spt)
3. Walden Harmon	263	243	288	794

B/B Women AA	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Jerrie Norris	378	384	452	1214
2. Ladonna Puffenburger	355	391	458	1204
3. Nina Enders	354	415	402	1171

B/B Women A	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Mary Fry	346	359	298	1003
2. Della Holdren	296	337	336	969
3. Myrtle Saunders	333	302	332	967

B/B Women B	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Ellen Tate	266	270	310	846

Amateur F/S Men AA	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. John LeGates	529	533	548	1610

Amateur F/S Men A	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
Clem LeGates	507	513	548	1568

Amateur F/S Men B	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Robert Esterline	488	492	496	1476
2. Michael Tierney	448	468	520	1436

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Amateur B/B Men C	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. George Scherer	188	210	138	536

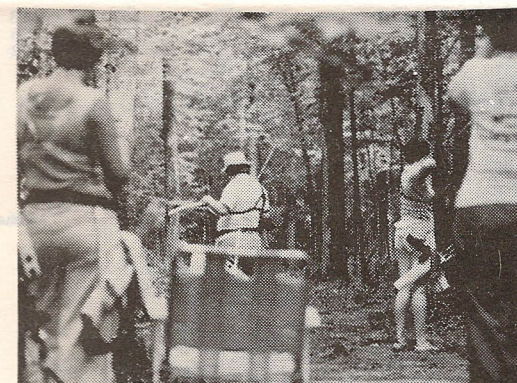
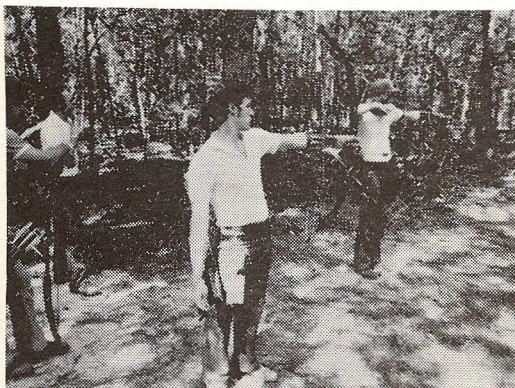
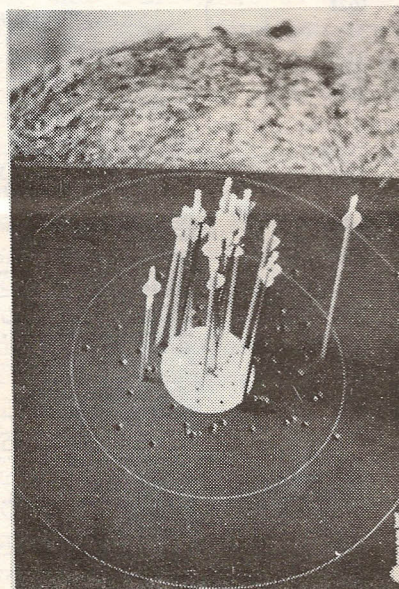
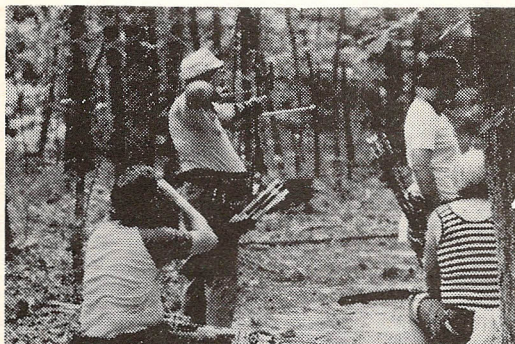
F/S Y/A Boys A	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Scott Mitchell	503	466	500	1469
2. Darrell Ward	485	484	492	1461

F/S Y/A Girls C	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Teresa Norris	238	252	330	820

B/B Y/A Boys A	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
1. Richard Stark	467	448	454	1369

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The Bowhunter

By John Locke and Gene Wensel

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Between the time a kid picks up his first bow and dies an old bowhunter, we find a most unusual kind of guy. They're found in camouflaged shirts and wool pants and all of them have the same idea-- to hunt everyday: to enjoy every minute of every hunt; to protest violently at the slowness of the approaching dawn and give up reluctantly when the sun sets.

Bowhunters are found most anywhere. . on mountain top ridges, in swamps, alder thickets, in sporting goods stores, archery shops, treestands, sneaking out back doors and telling lies at the office to get off work early. He is truth with freezing feet; beauty in camouflage paint; wisdom in a rainstorm and hope with nature as his god.

When you have work to be done, he's thinking of arrows, broadheads, bows, antlers or game trails. When you want him to make a good impression, he may talk of his best hunts, the season to come, taxidermy work or the biggest buck he's ever seen. He has the enthusiasm of a kid at Christmas, as he looks over a ridgetop for sign and when his big chance comes, he has the imagination to explain why the arrow fell off his bowstring.

He likes wool clothes, waterproof boots, dry feathers, razor sharp broadheads, camouflage of all sorts, crisp mornings, frequent holidays, hidden swamps and questionable characters who claim to be better bowhunters than himself. He is not much for dancing, posted land, fluores-

cent vests, shaving, certain card games, soap operas, weekend company, short seasons, dieting in camp or late sleepers. Without thought of background, position or economic status, he likes people who bowhunt four or more months a year and talk about it the rest of the time.

Nobody else in the world is so early to rise or so tired to get home. Nobody else can get so much enjoyment out of a thermos of hot coffee and cold peanut butter sandwich. No body else suffers so silently with chapped lips. Nobody else can cram into one pocket, two tubes of camouflage paint, a spare bowstring, extra smokes, three candy bars, gum, lifesavers, a container of insect repellent, a map, compass, a squashed sandwich, ball of string, spare wet matches and a busted bottle of deer musk. You can't help but like him. He can stretch a weekend into five days.

And although you may lose patience with him in the fall every year, there's something about the guy that rings as true as a shiny new aluminum arrow. He's an honest and kindly man who asks only of life that the bucks grow big racks, that he gave them a fair sporting chance, and that God will let him come back to the ridges again next year.

(John Locke is in charge of the Charlottesville Police Department's Crime Prevention Bureau and co-author Dr. Gene Wensel is a Chiropractor in Hamilton, Montana.)

F/S Youth Boys A				
1. Steven Thompson	519	519	540	1578
2. John Griffin, III	485	493	538	1516
3. Glenn Puckett	451	441	522	1414
B/B Youth Boys A				
1. Timothy Overstreet	393	397	386	1176
B/B Youth Boys B				
1. Michael Taylor	264	324	376	964
2. Thomas Minton, Jr.	234	211	248	693

F/S Cub Boys B				
1. Billy Athey, Jr.	355	350	362	1067
B/B Cub Boys A				
1. Kenneth Norris	459	472	468	1399
2. James Witt	347	344	366	1057
3. William Witt, Jr.	284	364	266	914

**REPORT FROM VBA HUNTING
VICE PRESIDENT From Page 1**

vation Vice President), John Stockman (Hunting Vice President) and Dave Watson (an energetic and active Bowhunter Education Program advocate) traveled to Bristol, Virginia to explain the NFAA Bowhunter Education Program to Commission personnel. The objective, goals, course content, teaching techniques, and instructional aids were discussed. The information was enthusiastically received by Commission personnel who requested that VBA Certified BEP instructors conduct the Bowhunting portion of the Hunter Safety Courses sponsored by the Commission. At present about one hour of the Hunter Safety course is reserved for Bowhunting. The feeling was that the VBA instructors would probably be better qualified to instruct the Bowhunting portion of the Hunter Safety course than anyone else. This would provide an excellent opportunity for the VBA instructor to invite attendees who were bowhunters to participate

in the NFAA BEP course at some future date. John Stockman has provided a list of certified BEP instructors to the Commission. Commission Safety Officer James Kerrick said he would contact instructors who lived in the areas in which he was conducting Hunter Safety Courses and ask them to assist him. Instructors may also be asked to conduct a course for State Game Wardens. Several wardens attended the seminar and were anxious to attend the course prior to hunting season.

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