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Thirtieth Annual V.B.A. State Championship *Sherwood Archers Host* ➡ September 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1976

For the second year in a row, Sherwood Archers will again be host to the VBA Annual State Closed Championship Tournament. We at Sherwood feel we had a most successful state event last year, and this year during our bicentennial, we have even more reason for celebrating our nation's 200th birthday. What better way to celebrate our freedom than to join together with our statewide friends who share in our enthusiasm for the sport of archery.

Let me once again remind you of our beautiful three 28 target ranges. Why, you even find yourself singing "America" as you stroll across our green hillsides and bubbling brooks. We also have camp grounds with well water on the premises, although we do not have water and electricity hook-ups. What's more, the hospitality is great and the food is even better. So plan now to join us and help Sherwood celebrate the 30th Annual VBA State Closed Championship during America's bicentennial.
Della Holdren, Secy.

Registration Fees

\$8.00 Adults

\$6.00 Cub / Youth

\$18.00 Family maximum

NOTE: The 90 day rule will be in effect.

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Location

The location of the Sherwood Archery Range is as follows:
Exit 41, Interstate 81, turn north onto route 419, turn right onto route 863, go fifty yds., turn right onto state route 1404. Range is located two miles on the left.

SEE MAP ON BACK PAGE

Tournament Schedule

FRIDAY, Sept. 3

7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Registration

SATURDAY, Sept. 4

7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
Breakfast
8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
Registration
11:00 A.M.

Lunch
12:00 Noon
Welcome, Invocation & Grouping
1:00 P.M.
Start of Tournament
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Supper

SUNDAY, Sept. 5

7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
Breakfast
9:30 A.M.
Grouping & Proceeding to Targets
10:00 A.M.
Start of Second Round
2:30 P.M.
Lunch
7:30 P.M.
Entertainment

MONDAY, Sept. 6

7:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.
Breakfast
8:30 A.M.
Grouping & Proceeding to targets
9:00 A.M.
Start of Final Round
12:30 P.M.
Lunch
2:00 P.M.
Presentation of Awards

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V. B. A. NOTES

The V. B. A. Tournament Scheduling Session will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, 1976 at the Mount Vernon Motel in Charlottesville.

Each club SHOULD have a representative there to schedule their shoots for 1977.

The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26, 1976.

1. The sites for the 1977 Championship Tournaments will be voted on.
2. The Semi-restricted Bowhunter proposals will be voted on.
3. Discussion on V.B.A. pins.

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Results of the Voting on keeping Animal Round in the State Shoot

Freestyle	Yes	No
AA	16	17
A	15	13
B	19	4
C	14	5

Barebow

AA	11	5
A	11	3
B	14	5
C	23	1

Bowhunter

AA	3	3
A	15	1
B	9	0
C	14	0

Semi-Restricted Bowhunter

18 yes votes

Total: 220 Yes 73 No

Note: 29 yes and 6 no votes were not counted due to improper marking on the ballots.

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Tournament Change

The Loudoun Bowhunters of Hamilton will hold a pin shoot on August 29, 1976. This shoot will take the place of the Annual Robin Hood Shoot.

NOTICE

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POINT OF AIM

By Your V. B. A. President

On behalf of all our fellow V.B.A. members who were in attendance, we extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to the Warwick Bowmen for their outstanding efforts in conducting the Mid-Atlantic Championship Tournament. Although handicapped with a smaller club membership this year, the club conducted the shoot in a most professional manner. The many archers we contacted from out-of-state had only the highest praise for the warmth and hospitality extended them by Warrick Bowmen.

As reported before, our membership is still down. At the June V.B.A. meeting, however, Nancy Lee Western reported we have made some progress in renewing memberships of previous members. Our failure still is in getting the all-important new members. Have YOU taken the opportunity lately to tell a friend or acquaintance about all the finer aspects of archery and bow-hunting?

Our congratulations to the 328 members who took advantage of their constitutional rights and sent in their ballots for officer elections and the question of having the Animal round at the State Shoot. This is, we believe, a record response. As you will see in the listing of officers, you elected Norman Sparks your new Executive Vice-President

Jimmy Miller to remain as Field Vice-President; John Stockman, new Hunting Vice-President; and C. D. Tartar, new Conservation Vice-President. We regret that, due to job pressures, Murray Selby found it necessary to resign his job as V.B.A. Field Governor. He was replaced by Denny Fry. We welcome these officers and ask that you give them your full support.

A great amount of interest was generated at the meeting with regard to the agenda items on Class breakdown and rules for Semi-restricted Bowhunter division. Due to anticipated changes in targets and scoring next year, it was decided to postpone any changes in Class breakdown at this time. The proposed new shooting requirements for SRBH are shown elsewhere in this issue. As always, you should let your club's V.B.A. director know your feelings on these issues.

With regard to the change to metric distances voted at the NFAA meeting, Bill Enders reported that N. F. A. A. has advised us not to make this change until January, 1978. The NFAA President advised that this move is necessitated by unforeseen technical difficulties in a couple of areas affecting NFAA administration.

Since the meeting, your President has been furnished a copy of the newly revised "NFAA Constitution, By-Laws and Policy". It is bound in an attractively embossed vinyl, loose-leaf notebook that will fit your pocket or quiver. Copies are available from NFAA at a cost of \$2.00 to individuals or \$1.75 for 10 or more copies. NFAA will pay postage if payment accompanies the order. Nancy Lee Western has the order blanks.

As a final note, your club officers were notified that each member is entitled to receive publications of the Virginia Wildlife Federation. If you are interested in receiving this most interesting and worthwhile conservation information, ask your club secretary to send your names and addresses to Peter W. Rowe, President, Virginia Wildlife Federation, 501 Kemp Lane Chesapeake, Va. 23325

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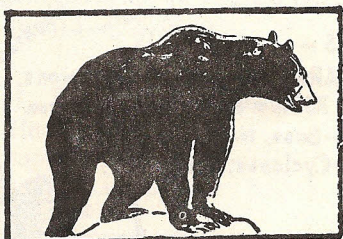
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Bill Izon Bags Black Bear



Bill Izon, member of the Flat Top Archers, Bedford, Virginia bagged this black bear while on a hunting trip to Colorado in June, 1976. The bear was taken with one arrow from a Wing Compound Bow. The Pope and Young green skull measurement was 20 8/16. The hide squared out to be 8 feet 2 inch. Congratulations to Bill on a beautiful trophy.



DEADLINE DATES

The Deadline Date for the September-October issue of "Flight" is September 10. This issue should be in the hands of the members by the last week in August.

Attention All Clubs

Have your V. B. A. Delegate ready to vote on one of the following proposals concerning the Semi-Restricted Bowhunter Class. These proposals will be voted on at the September 25 and 26 V.B.A. meeting.

PROPOSAL 1

2 Divisions
Limited - Fingers
Unlimited - Releases
There would be a maximum of 3 places for winners in each division
The maximum amount of pins or trophies would be only 6.

Equipment Changes

Maximum stabilizer length, measured from the back of the bow to the end of the weight, shall be 12"
No level.
One - 1 holepeep and/or 1 kissers button.
minimum 125 grain field points - excluding the weight of the insert.
Five fixed pins.

Note: Virginia Open had 8 release shooters and 7 finger shooters.
Average release aid score was 990 points.
Average finger shooter score was 920 points.

PROPOSAL 2

Use the rules which are in force now. (Finger and release shooters competing against each other.)

Equipment Changes

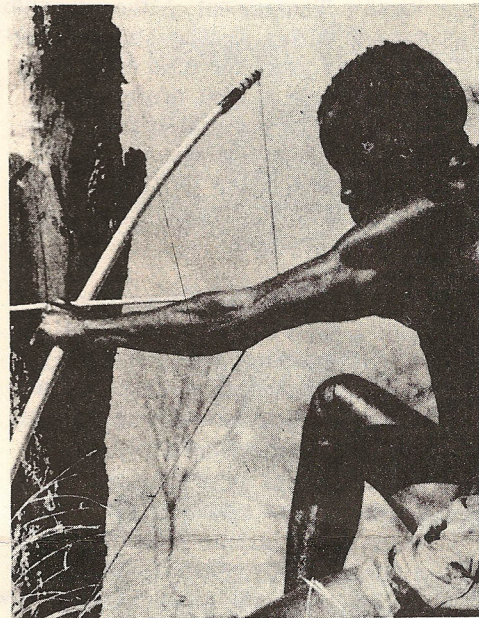
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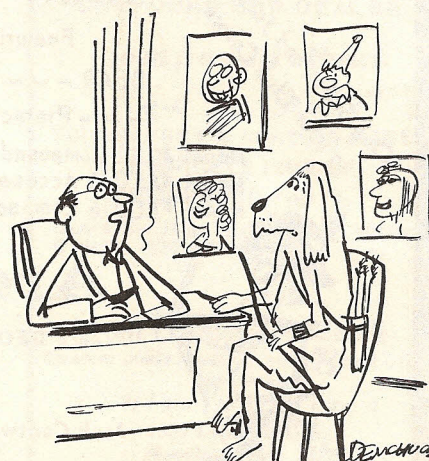
Stone Age Bowhunter

The African Archer Can Shoot His Game Or Start A Fire With His Tackle!



Since independence has come to most of the nations in Africa more natives are using guns for hunting than was allowed under colonial rule. Nevertheless, many still hunt with bow and arrow, sometimes using poisoned heads. After the meat has been boiled or cooked, the poison does not affect the eater.

These bows are usually about five feet in length, made of several varieties of wood and are strung with lengths of tendon taken from game animals. A hunter is not successful on every excursion with his bow and arrows, but the one shown here did well. V. Eugene Johnson. •



"It's just that there are so many good archery people in show business already!"

Archery Nationals Report - 1976

The 31st Annual National Field Archery Championships were held in Aurora, Illinois July 26 - 30, 1976. Virginia was well represented with archers throughout the state attending, approximately 35 strong. This truly was the largest Nationals ever held with more than 1400 archers from 48 states and Canada and many National records broken. A total of 9 ranges was a real challenge to all, especially the first day of the tournament and winds of 20 m.p.h. and lots of open fields where the ranges were located.

The Auroraland Archers, host of the Nationals, once again put on an excellent shoot beginning on Sunday with a 3-D Animal shoot and climaxing on Friday evening with an awards banquet held at the Holiday Inn, tournament headquarters.

Virginia should be proud of the many V.B.A. members who placed well in the Nationals, both Open and Professional divisions. A few of the known winners are:
Ann Boyd of Winchester, 2nd place in Womens Freestyle Championship Flight.
Dennis Cline of Petersburg, 3rd place in Mens Barebow Championship Flight.
Hugh McConnell of Southwest Va. won 1st place in Mens Bowhunter Championship Flight.
Due to the large number of participants, it was impossible to obtain the placement of all the V.B.A. members in the tournament.

A great archer and friend of many V.B.A. members, Ron LaHahn of Huntington, West Virginia placed 1st in the Pro Division, taking home a well earned \$1,500.00 first place money.



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Gary Wayne Tutwiler, Weyers Cave
Jim Caywood, Danville
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Roger Firth, Hampton
Henry Golden, Palmyra
Don Walker, Virginia Beach
Ronald Thomas, Chester
C. W. Richardson, Waynesboro
Bob Lemon, Salem
Linda Hall, Spotsylvania
Jack Payne, Kearneysville, W. Va.

Junior - Robin Hood Pin

Michael Taylor, Charlottesville
Jeff Jordan, Staunton

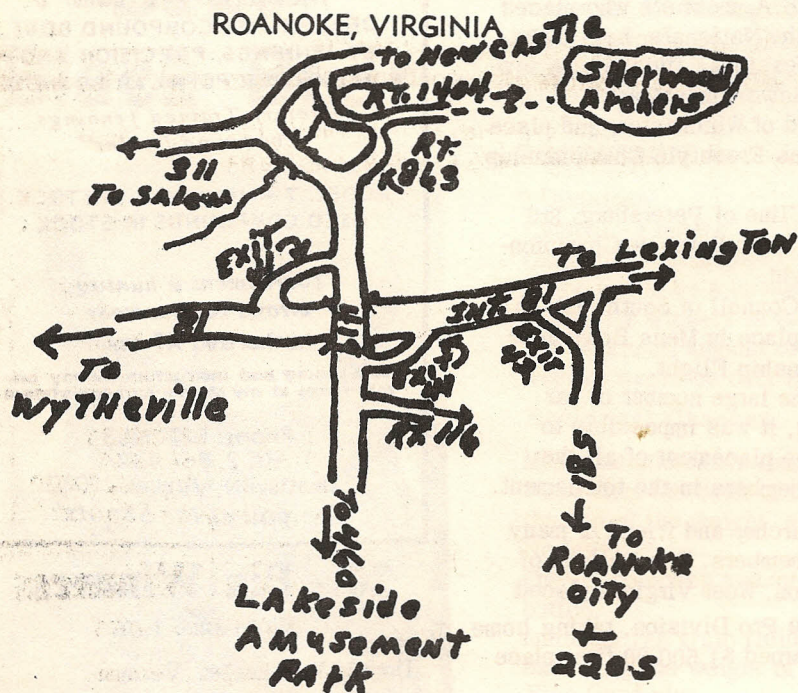
"Perfect Pin" - Field

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