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STATE SHOOT REPORT

By Your Flight Editor, Norman Sparks

Despite the fact that some of the familiar faces were missing from the 30th annual VBA State Championship Tournament, hosted by the Sherwood Archers over the Labor Day weekend at their range in Roanoke, a rather large turnout of 162 archers attended this the final championship for 1976. Undoubtedly, Sherwood can boast that they have two of the toughest ranges in the State as many of the scores indicated.

Tough ranges or not did not stop a fine shooting young archer, the youngest ever to become the Men's Freestyle Champion, from winning this year. Eighteen year old, Rodney Lawhorn, proved his ability by coming up from fourth place the first day, then taking the lead over some very tough competition. Shooting a 554 Field, and 560 hunter and animal, Rodney should truly one day soon be a National Champ.

Tom Ott of Loudoun Bowhunters and Curtis Coleman, a Christian-burg archer tied with total aggregate scores of 1672, only 2 points behind the leader. Ott placed second by 1 spot over the first day leader, thus putting Coleman in third slot.

Pansy Norton of NORVA, successfully defended her Women's FS title for the second year posting

scores of 524 Field, 540 Hunter and 552 Animal and beating her Northern Virginia counterpart and constant competitor, Ann Boyd of Winchester by 4 points. Ann shot a perfect animal round, the first ever by a woman in Virginia. Madeline Selby, a delightful newcomer to Women's FS, placed third, coming on strong with a 548 animal.

Leading the Men's Barebow division at the end of the first round was George Hamlin of Manassas, but Dennis Cline of Chester grabbed the lead at the end of the hunter round going on to win the championship, with Hamlin second and his fellow club member, Bobby Norris third.

Manassas archers also took the onetwo spot in Women's Barebow. Winning the championship was Diane Hottle; Jerri Norris second. Nina Enders of Princess Ann was third. In Men's Bowhunter, Kenneth Sorrels of Fredericksburg held onto his lead to win, shooting respectable rounds of 461 Field, 480 Hunter, 510 Animal.

Women's Bowhunter AA champ was Cay McManus, who posted rounds of 360 Field, 379 Hunter, and a terrific 468 animal.

The hot, new semi-restricted Bow-hunter division was won by Wallace Harris of Lynchburg who turned in impressive scores of 544 Field, 536 Hunter, 552 animal, to set the page of really tight competition in that division.

All other winners and their scores are listed elsewhere in Flight.

Our thanks to Sherwood Archers for a fine state shoot -1976.

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Reporters for "Flight" needed. Anyone having articles about club events, archery stories, or photos, submit them to your "Flight" editor, Norman Sparks before each deadline date. Interesting articles and photos submitted will be used whenever space permits.

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POINT OF AIM

by Your VBA President

It was a distinct pleasure to join once again with our many friends and fine archers who turned out for the State Championship. Sherwood Archers, in addition to their usual warm hospitality and excellent food, managed to serve up three days of almost unbeatable weather. By and large, we can say that a great time was had by all. Our many thanks to the members of Sherwood whose efficiency and hard work made the shoot a success.

The feeling of fall is unmistakably in the air, and the primeval urge to the hunt grows stronger each day. Bowhunters across the State are feverishly digging out the hunting gear, checking equipment and repairing tackle. As we take to the woods this season, it may be well that we pause to reflect on a few aspects of hunting that too often are overlooked.

We are all aware that there is more than enough controversy these days over the pros and cons of hunting. Those who oppose hunting frequently use the trick of oversimplifying matters. For example, they would have the gereral public believe that hunting boils down purely and simply to the act of killing. Further, they picture the hunter as a ignorant, bloodthirsty slob whose only interest is in slaughtering every poor, innocent little creature that comes into his view.

We know better. Suffice it to say there are as many noble, useful reasons for hunting as there are individuals who hunt. But, what do we do about it? On the theory that a picture is worth ten thousand words, we believe the image we reflect will do more to further our cause than anything else. Whereas we are pictured as uncouth jerks who use hunting only as an excuse for a rowdy time or a drinking spree, we need only to show that we know how to conduct ourselves properly in public. We also can gain nothing by getting suckered into any heated, public arguments over the hunting issue. Without doubt, our side of the story needs to be told, but let's reserve it for reasonable discussion under favorable conditions.

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Some have tried to show us as Joe Slobs, and they point out the appearance of the worst examples they can find. Well, we all know that hunting clothes (camouflage in particular) are not the most glamorous uniform around, and there are no bath houses in the woods. (After a few days in the woods together, our buddies do seem to get a little rank, don't they?) If we will give this a little thought, and plan ahead, we can find ways to combat the Joe Slob image others have painted of us.

Then there is the picture of the greedy, bloodthirsty poacher without regard for the future of our wildlife. To show the true picture of the hunter, each of us must bear in mind at all times, whether in view of the public or among the hunting fraternity, that we reflect the image of VBA and organized archery. As members, the record clearly shows we are pledged to oppose game violations; our aim is conservation; and, our goal is to perpetuate bowhunting and all forms of archery. We must conduct ourselves accordingly.

Each member may be proud that he belongs to the organization primarily responsible for obtaining every bowhunting privilege available in Virginia. VBA also offers the NFAA Bowhunter Education Program, with which we hope to gain much-deserved recognition of bowhunting as a valuable tool of wildlife management. If each of us in some small way can project the story of VBA and the ideals for which we stand, we may be assured that we have taken a step toward maintaining our bowhunting privileges for the future.

Keep your broadheads sharp, and GOOD HUNTING.



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Men	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total		Fie
FS/AA					вн/в	
1. Rodney Lawhorn	554	560	560	1674	1. Mason Ferris	324
2. Thomas Ott	556	556	560	1672	2. Noe Gutierrez	313
3. Curtis Coleman	560	552	560	1672	3. William Smiley	258
FS/A					BH/C	
1. Woody Atwood	550	543	548	1641	1.Elmer Kyle	204
2. Joseph McManus	541	543	548	1632	2.Tom Minton	184
3. Ismail Nuri	532	542	544	1618	CDDII	
FS/B					SRBH 1.Wallace Harris	544
1. Richard Gioielli	518	521	556	1595	2. "Webb" Babcock	534
2. Lloyd Overfelt	517	512	534	1563	3. Robert Lee	537
3. Marion Furrow	513	528	514	1555). Hopert hee	1)1
Jermiron Puriow)))	120	714	1)))	Amateur	
FS/C					1.Robert Esterline	511
1. Robert Massy	393	429	488	1310		
2.Gerald Deibert	381	377	470	1228	Young Adult FS/A	F 40
3. Walter Dillow, Sr.	387	394	444	1225	1.Dennis Gould	540
					FS/B	
BB/AA					1. Jeffery Carr	458
1. Dennis Cline	515	529	542	1586	2. Larry Gene Western	357
2.George Hamlin	520	521	514	1555		
3. Bobby Norris	480	491	546	1517	Cub	
BB/A					FS/A	
1.David Tate	440	453	522	1415	1.Keith Thompson	509
2. David Williams	440	447	482	1369		
3.Carl Rothlisberger	438	430	466	1334	Young Adult BB	
). Our no miliborgor	470	770	700	1004	DD /AA	
BB/B					BB/AA 1.Alan Guess	462
1. Ronald Lotts	477	442	494	1413	Alan Guess	402
2.William Saunders	385	420	418	1223	BB/A	
3. James Gregory	350	270	392	1012	1.Danny Hamlin	310
					Youth	
BB/C	050	704	406	1005		
1. William Perdue	278	321	426	1025	BB/A	
2. Joe Bowles	207	216	423	803	1.Richard Stark	526
3. John Dodson	143	203	318	663		
BH/AA					BB/B	
1.Kenneth Sorrels	461	480	510	1451	1. John Griffin, III	215
2. Charles Dowless	420	428	486	1334	DD /C	
3. Roger Firth	389	370	404	1163	BB/C 1.Michael Taylor	99
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BH/A	300	101	420	1211	Cub BB/A	
1. Lowell Dickens	390 314	401 434	420 448	1196	1. Timothy Overstreet	535
2.Ben Johnson 3.Harold Graves	353	399	434	1186	2.Kenneth Norris	376
J. Harord Graves	777	223	474		3. Thomas Minton	344

CHAMPIONS

	Hunter	Animal	Total	Women FS/AA	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
	346 320 286	450 438 456	1120 1071 1000	1. Pansey Norton 2. Ann Boyd 3. Madeline Selby	524 527 485	540 525 481	552 560 548	1616 1612 1514
				FS/A				
	236 163	336 256	776 603	1.Norma Douglas	345	390	488	1223
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				FS/B				
	536	552	1632	1. Reatha Atkinson	338	364	468	1170
	541	554	1629	2.Carole Sandi Slaughter	282	242	338	862
	533	548	1618	3.Virginia Arthur	210	221	374	805
				BB/AA				
	520	490	1521	1. Diane Hottle	380	412	486	1278
	720	470	1)=1	2. Jerri Norris	389	362	456	1207
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	543	540	1623					
				BB/A	7.57	750	450	11(0
	474	532	1464	1. Virginia Dillow	353	359	450	1162
	331	410	1098	2.Lucille Darnell 3.Mary Fry	337 283	316 250	436 340	1089 873
				Joinety Try	20)	2,0	740	01)
	160	470	1449	BB/B				
	468	472	1447	1.Myrtle Saunders	343	308	416	1067
				2. Imogene Hamlin	260	292	340	892
				3.Della Holdren	235	302	304	841
				BB/C				
	427	484	1373	1.Lillian Ferris	120	138	258	526
	353	484	1147	BH/AA				
		404	1,41	1. Cay L. McManus	360	379	468	1207
				Varian Adril +				
	507	522	1555	Young Adult				
				FS/B				
	229	366	810	1. Teresa Norris	286	229	410	925
				Youth				
	119	242	460	FS/B				
				1.Kathleen Darnell	205	238	443	747
	534	520	1589	, gardenizoon zonineza		2,0	עדד	171
	308	256	940	BB/B				
	319	272	935	1. Tammy Norris	174	148	310	632
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Curtis Coleman, Jim Ennis



Murray Selby



Madeline Selby, Ann Boyd, Pansey Norton



Curtis Coleman



Mertie Shultz



Cay L. McManus



Ann Boyd



Louis Carr



Dennis Cline



Rodney Lawhorn



Kathleen Darnell



Diane Hottle



Norman Sparks





Kenneth Sorrels

BIG BUCK CONTEST

For the past several years Stan Slivinski, a VBA member and manager of Annandale Sport and Hobby's archery department in Annandale, Virginia has sponsored a big buck contest. Every archer who registers for the contest and takes a deer in the eastern United States with bow and arrow under the rules of Fair Chase receives a prize. The lucky archer who bags the biggerst buck receives the grand prize.

Stan recorded the type and brand name of bow and broadhead used, distance of shot, distance animal traveled after hit, weight and sex of deer, and number of points if the deer was a buck.

Presented below are some summarized findings of Stan's 1975 contest

- Number of registered hunters 525
- Number of deer registered 49 (32 bucks and 17 does)
- Type of bow used: Compound 36, Recurve 13
- Brand name of compound: Bear 16, Jennings 9, Precision 9 Allen 1, and Astro 1.
- Broadhead by name brand: Bear 27, Missile Spike 11, Wasp 5, Black Diamond 3, Mark IV 2, Magnum II 1, Super S1, Pearson 1, Copperhead Slicer 1, Cat Claw 1, and Herter's 1.
- Longest shot 53 yards, shortest 7 yards, average 23 yards.
- Shortest distance traveled 0 (there were several spine shots).
- Longest distance traveled 700 yds. Average distance 101 yards

It would be dangerous to draw too many conclusions from such a small sample, however it appears safe to point out some of the most obvious.

Bear Archery seems to be the most popular supplier of both bows and broadheads in the Annandale area.

Compound bows outnumbered recurve bows by about 3 to 1.

About 1 out of 10 hunters got his deer. This is somewhat higher than the national average. Perhaps the high ratio of compounds with their superior performance helped. Of course the skill of the hunters involved had a bearing on the success ratio too. Probably the single most important factor involved in the relatively high hunter success ratio is Stan's urging to his customers to use razor sharp broadheads and heavy bows.

It was interesting to note that the longest distance at which any deer was taken was 53 yards while the average was 23 yards. These figures indicate that the bow is a short range weapon. Bowhunters should keep that in mind.

The statistics also indicated that some of the deer traveled considerable distances after being hit. Since the typical hunting terrain of the East is often brush-covered with

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little visibility from ground level, a deer that travels far can present a tough tracking problem. Consequently, bowhunters in this area must develop their tracking skills to a high level so that the number of lost deer is kept to an absolute minimum.

Who won the grand prize for the biggest buck? Carey Price, former VBA Executive Vice President. Carey dropped a beautiful 9 point buck with one clean shot. He used a 56 number Precision Compound. a 2016 Easton shaft, and a shaving sharp Copperhead Slicer broadhead. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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LITTLE BROWN JUG SHOOT

The Shawnee Bowmen held their Annual Little Brown Jug Shoot on August 22 with 108 shooters attending. The weather was very hot and so was the shooting. A few of the winners were:

Mens FS/AA	Tom Ott
Womens FS/AA	. Pansy Norton
Mens BB/AA	. James Sorrell
Womens BB/AA	Jerri Norris
BH/AA I	Kenneth Sorrels
SRBH	.Tom Hancock
	BH/AA I

The Shawnee Bowmen would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending and making this tournament very successful.



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