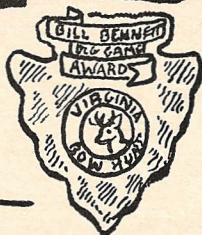




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NFAA Field Governors To Vote On Reorganization

In September all NFAA members were informed by letter of anticipated legislation that intends to continue the theory of the reorganization of the NFAA into a Federation of State Associations.

The proposal will be submitted to the NFAA Board of Field Governors for a vote in January.

Basically the amendments to the NFAA Constitution and By-Laws would be:

1. Membership in the NFAA, State and Territorial Associations as a condition to receiving a classification card.
2. Administration of all classification by the State and Territorial Associations.
3. A universal membership and classification card supplied through the NFAA.
4. Specific requirements for chartering and recognition of the State and Territorial Associations, with automatic suspension and/or expulsions for non-compliance with NFAA rules and policies.
5. Elimination of the NFAA Field Governors with representation to be through a Board Member selected by the State Association in a manner acceptable to archers within the state.
6. An annual meeting of the Board of Directors to consider and adopt rules and policies of the NFAA.

BIG CARP CONTEST TO BE HELD

There will be a Big Carp Contest for those Carp taken with bow and arrow during the past year. If anyone has taken such a trophy, send a note to Harold Street R. F. D. No. 4, Box 133, Wytheville, Va., stating the weight, place taken and witnessed by a fellow archer. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded.

QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA LISTED

The following items will come before the VBA Board of Directors at the next quarterly meeting, January 9, 1966.

1. Officer Reports.
2. Nominating Committee.
3. Bid for State Shoot.
4. Order of the Golden Feather.
5. NFAA Reorganization.
6. Individual item requests:
 - a) Discussion of National Champions Travel Fund.
 - b) Discussion of possibility of 3-day State shoot.
 - c) Discussion on the following suggestion: Any archer participating in a VBA State Championship Tournament who shoots a Field or Hunter round score exceeding the maximum for his class by the following percentage shall be reclassified automatically into his next higher class for the entire tournament D Class exceeding by 25%, C Class by 15%, B Class by 10%.
7. New Business.

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Clyde Hill
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C. L. Barley
Jerry W. Rodes
Thomas W. Akins

Doe
John E. Sayers
McKilder Smith
Ted Grefe
Jerry F. Widner
Irvin L. Bodkin
A. Owen Shifflett

Mid-Atlantic Indoor Shoot Announced For January

The Second Annual Mid-Atlantic Indoor Open archery tournament has been announced for January 15 in Baltimore, Md.

The tournament will again this year be held at the Sports, Travel and Auto Show in the Baltimore Civic Center. The Sports Show will be held January 12 thru January 16.

Sanctioned by the Professional Archers Association and sponsored by the F & M Schaefer Brewing Company, the tournament will award \$1,000 in cash prizes. Prizes will run from \$300 to \$15 through 10 places for the men and \$90 to \$10 through 5 places for women.

Advance registration fee is \$10 (including admission to the Sports, Travel and Auto Show) and this registration fee will be refunded if you do not appear to shoot.

Doors will open at 11:00 A. M. and the archery tournament will begin at 1:00 P. M. A P.A.A. Indoor Round will be shot.

For further information write to: Tournament Committee, c/o Donald Hughes, 2603 Lynbrook Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21222, Tel. area code 301—285-1306 or 282-0992.

BIG GAME TROPHIES TO BE JUDGED

The V.B.A. Big Game contest will be judged in January. The contest is for mounted heads or antlers killed with the bow. Anyone wishing to enter should send them by way of your delegate to the V.B.A. quarterly meeting January 9th.

The contest is not only for V.B.A. members but is open to anyone who has an archery kill within the state.

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News and Views of the Virginia
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"20" PIN WINNERS

October - November, 1965

35 Yards

James K. Blankenship, Radford
Calvin Campbell, Lynchburg
George Crissman, Strasburg
Virginia Dillow, Bland
Jim Holdren, Richmond
Elmer Ile, Strasburg
Thomas G. James, Newport News
C. C. Livingston, Hopewell
Terry McCraw, Radford
Richard Thomasson, Newport News
Doris Woods, Waynesboro

40 Yards

James Baugh, Woodbridge
Lacie Foltz, McGaheysville
Robert Odum, Bristol
Donald B. Ogburn, Newport News
James Quarles, Woodbridge
Robert Taylor, Norfolk
Wilbert Cales, Staunton

45 Yards

James Baugh, Woodbridge
William Betterton, Rocky Mount
Sarah Crissman, Strasburg
Benny Cupp, Elkton
Bud Fultz, Front Royal
Virgil Griffin, Stuart Draft
William Havens, Wytheville
Eugene Henderson, Norfolk

Richard Hogge, Yorktown
Walter Inman, Groton, Conn.
Richard Magalis, McGaheysville
Bob Payne, Herndon
Clate Phipps, Fredericksburg
Clayton Pilchard, Virginia Beach
James Quarles, Woodbridge
(1 and 4 pos.)
W. F. Sellers, Staunton
Mertie Shultz, Front Royal
C. B. Stevens, Yorktown
William Stillwagon, Richmond
Jesse R. Wilkins, Newport News
R. C. Van Allen, Richmond
Thomas James, Newport News
Richard Hogge, Yorktown

50 Yards

Jack Odum, Bristol

55 Yards

Charles M. Casey, Lynchburg
Kenneth P. Cole, Hopewell
Russell Graham, Falls Church
Jim Holdren, Richmond
Sidney Johnson, Front Royal
Larry Modlin, Yorktown
Bobbie Souder, Front Royal
Thomas James, Newport News

60 Yards

Earl Oney, Bluefield, W. Va.
James Quarles, Woodbridge

65 Yards

Donald Jobe, Herndon
James Quarles, Woodbridge

80 Yards

Walter Inman, Groton, Conn.
Bobby Kluttz, College Pk. Md.
Thomas Turner, Montvale

NFAA INDOOR ROUND
ADOPTED

The National Field Archery Association's Indoor Round has formally been adopted by the NFAA Executive Committee. The new indoor round is not meant to replace the present indoor round, but is intended to augment the NFAA Flint Round.

In size, the face will measure 18 inches in diameter; the bullseye area will be 4 inches in diameter. Due to the variety of distances in the round, the main aiming spot is not in proportion to the other areas of the face. Instead, a half inch of green will surround the bullseye area and this will be recorded the same as the maximum score. The entire top scoring ring will therefore be four inches from a distance of 10, 15, or 20 yards, the 3 inch white bull can be concentrated on easily.

The new round will consist of a total of 60 arrows. The following distances will be followed in the order given: Three ends of five arrows at 10 yards; four ends of five arrows at 15 yards; and to finish the round five ends of five arrows will be shot at 20 yards.

A maximum of 300 points per round may be gained by a perfect score. The target scoring area is 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

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—Wyatt Mays Photo

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

BOWHUNTING
THE BLUE RIDGE

By WYATT MAYS

The crisp morning air sends a chill through your body which only tends to amplify the shaky feeling already embedded in you through a feel of anxiety of adventurous activities to come. You've been sitting patiently in a lonely but picturesque atmosphere. Your eyes start to play their games, inventing imaginary life from inanimate objects.

This scene is repeated so many times, but still holds all the wonder that it brought to even the novice outdoorsman. Little has been written or said about bowhunting in the Blue Ridge mountain range of Virginia, much to the neglect and disappointment of sportsmen everywhere.

Virginia has a bountiful crop of the ever-wary Whitetail. Long and elaborate details go into the hunt. Even months in advance impatient bowhunters can be found tearing about the countryside to learn of this year's habits. This is all a very important part of the whole hunting business. Avid bowhunters find as much of a thrill in this pre-season scouting as they do when opening day finally arrives.

In the late fall, when nature begins her wintertime activities, a curious phenomenon overtakes man and his thoughts begin to wonder to the out-of-doors where he can find absolute peace with the world.

A trip to Virginia's hunting territories a month before season will find hunters trekking off laden down with bucksaws, ham-

mers, axes, nails and the like. Bowhunters for the most part in this state are tree-dwellers.

It is said the population growth in the trees of Virginia during the months of October and November is tremendous. But the keen-minded Whitetail if hunted in this manner for a time realized there are more than just squirrels in those oaks.

This all boils down to a true balance between the hunter and the hunted. It has often been contemplated what might happen if the Whitetail had the physical powers to shoot the bow and man became the hunted. I am sure there would be less bowhunters in the woods. I, for one, have hunted the same general area for several years and have lately been matched in staring contests with these beautiful creatures.

The night before opening day is as much part of our traditions as any part could be. The camp looks the same as it did the year before and still contains that certain air of good things to come. Sitting around the old wood stove, every particular hunting experience is rehearsed, which only heightens the air of expectancy. No one is very sleepy, but we all know we have to be very alert the next morning to compete with the wild.

Before first light appears all is astir in camp. Insulated underwear is pulled on, heavy boots are added, and the cook stove smells with the tantalizing odor of bacon and eggs.

During the week bowhunting season opens in Virginia, the weather seems to develop quite a nip in the air and especially so in the Blue Ridge where temperatures, generally run twenty degrees colder.

The only collective business of the hunt comes now when we group as we would in a field tournament to pick tree-stands and to know exactly where everyone will be. Walking through the woods with a flashlight or the light of the moon to guide our path, all ears are perched for the sounds of frightened deer. After reaching your stand, the sun never seems to want to appear and you could swear there had been a herd standing twenty feet under the tree.

It's hard to say exactly what kind of psychological disease overtakes some of us when the very object of all our toils has finally agreed to enter your area, but I guess that this is the real reason for our being here in the first place.

It was only season before last in which I took my first buck with the bow and as

far as my memory is concerned it might be just day before yesterday.

I had been bowhunting for a couple of years but was such a beginner in the outdoors, I just did not have the hunter-knowledge necessary to down my first trophy. I

was in the same circumstance as I mentioned in the first part of this story, when one of those big oaks moved just a little to much this time. On turning my attention to the right, I spied a spike buck lieisurely grazing on acorns and moving at a regular pace toward my tree-stand.

That's when my knees began to shake and this knee action must have been a signal for the rest of my body as it also started shaking in the same rhythm. He's about thirty yards from me now but there is heavy brush between us. He's then starting to make a ninety degree angle away from me and I know that if I don't shoot now, I'll never see another one. So, I shoot and naturally since I'm an A shooter I hit the smallest thing—a limb about one half inch wide. But this is one thing you can say about bowhunting in general. He let me shoot my whole quiver full of arrows before he bounded over the next hill. I guess he knew I needed the added practice of shooting at game and after the first miss knew he was safe.

There I am with a bow, feeling like nobody in the world loves me anymore, and with the most disgusting fact of all, I didn't have any arrows.

I knew that one of my hunting buddies was about a hundred yards down the mountain side in another tree and as I wasn't about to get back in my stand without any ammunition, I had to belittle myself with trying to borrow more arrows. Well as you might know, this buddy wanted all the particulars before giving me more ammunition.

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The Rise and Fall Of the V. B. A.

I've heard some talk that I hope is untrue
It will mean quite a lot to me and you.

The number of members in the V.B.A.
Is about eleven hundred as of today.

We had eighteen hundred two years ago
A loss of seven hundred is what we show.

What caused this drop is all you hear
In our organization that is so dear?

Some may say, "I do not know"
But you can reap only what you sow!

I think we're all somewhat to blame
For the tragic loss to this fine game.

The rules we changed and the ones we
made
Would put a smart lawyer in the shade!

Most of them are somehow designed
To give sandbaggers a kick from behind.

Sandbaggers we had, sandbaggers we got
These asinine rules have mattered not!

What they've done and of this I'm sure
Is to make it more than some can endure.

With this growing rate of attrition
There'll be no one left to pay admission.

When this happens that's all she wrote
We'll be up the creek in an oarless boat!

—SHAWNEE LEE

REFUND FROM NFAA AVAILABLE TO CLUBS

Following is a list of clubs that have paid the NFAA one dollar for 1965 and have not requested the refund. The money is in the VBA treasury. If the clubs want it all they have to do is ask for it. If they do not ask for it, VBA will assume they are making a contribution.

| Club | Dollars |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Augusta Archers | \$ 1.00 |
| Blue Ridge Archery Club | 17.00 |
| Bowhunters of Rockingham | 15.00 |
| Two Rivers Archery Club | 68.00 |
| Manahoac Bowmen | 19.00 |
| Oakwood Forest Archers | 9.00 |
| New River Valley Archers | 47.00 |
| Triangle Bowhunters | 34.00 |
| Walton Park Archers | 6.00 |
| Flat Top Archery Club | 4.00 |
| Seminole Archery Club | 5.00 |
| Indian Mt. Archers | 11.00 |
| Southampton Bowmen | 26.00 |
| Fort Eustis Bowmen | 20.00 |
| Bear Creek Bowmen | 16.00 |
| Wythe Bowhunters | 3.00 |
| Dixie Bowmen | 1.00 |

GALAX BOWHUNTERS HAVE MOVED

The Galax Bowhunters have moved to a new location. Their new range is located about 11 miles East of Galax. Take Routes 58 and 221 out of Galax for 9 miles and turn right on Route 701. The range is located about 2 miles after this turn.

TRUE STORY FROM BLAND COUNTY

The game warden was driving down the road when he met three hunters. In checking their licenses, he noted the presence of alcohol, but not enough to warrant an arrest. The hunters told him they saw a bear carrying a deer. Laughing it off, the warden continued down the road when he was stopped by another hunter who told him he had a deer strung up. After going to his car to get a hatchet, he returned and the deer was gone.

And while we're talking about hunting stories, your editor killed a fox who at the time was sitting in a bird's nest in the top of a Pine tree. Can anyone top that?

BLUE RIDGE

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tion to use up. But he was very good about it as he threw me two broadheads and muttered something like, "he wished he had been there."

As I crawled back into my tree I wondered, "what's the use," but I didn't want to foul anyone else so I decided to sit it out. I didn't feel so disheartened for very long for two deer walked out of the gorge on my left. One was a doe, the other, another spike buck. They moved at right angles to me about thirty yards away. This time I was real mad at myself and I knew that I would have to make a kill after my friends heard about the previous episode. The arrow flew true to its mark and the spike buck ran about eighty yards and dropped.

It was a very proud moment for me but it was almost disappointing for I had ended my season so quick. Back at camp my old buddy was waiting for me and I lost half my shirt even though I had my buck. I guess I deserved it.

I guess this thing of bowhunting is in a small way an escape for man to return to the ways of his ancestors. No matter what the reason, you can have no more bowhunting thrills anywhere, than in the Blue Ridge of "Ole Virginny."

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