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Changes In Classification

Directors from the various clubs spent several hours discussing classification changes at the VBA meeting held in Lynchburg on January 5th. Various numerical changes were discussed along with proposals to change the names of the different classes. It was finally decided that inasmuch as the reorganizational meeting of NFAA would be held in February, that due to this reorganization it is very likely that all States will have the same classification system and that this standard classification system may not be the same as ours, it would be very unwise to completely change ours at this time and then maybe have to change it again in less than a year. With these thoughts in mind, the Directors present voted to make only two changes in the instinctive division and to break freestyle down into three classes. These changes are as follows:

1. A class to be known as "AA" was added for men shooting 450 and up.
2. A class to be known as "AA" was added for women shooting 350 and up.
3. Men's Class E was changed from 0 to 174, to 100 to 174. In other words, there is no class for persons shooting less than 100 in men's instinctive.
4. Women's Class E was changed from 0 to 124, to 75 to 124. In other words, there is no class for persons shooting less than 75 in women's instinctive.

Archers who had two or more "AA" scores on his or her 1963 classification card are now classified as "AA" and should have their 1964 classification card marked accordingly.

The following classes were added to the men's and women's freestyle divisions:

MEN

- Class A — 450 and up
- Class B — 325 to 449
- Class C — 100 to 324

WOMEN

- Class A — 350 and up
- Class B — 225 to 349
- Class C — 75 to 224

No changes were made in our Youth Division which is still in a probationary status.

Changes in up and downgrading in classification were as follows:

An archer is raised to the next higher class after shooting two official round tournament

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(Photo by John W. Tate, 125 Oakwood Circle, Danville, Va.)

O.K., you big, muscle-bound hunters! What's your excuse? When I saw this picture of 13-year-old Terry Daniels from Danville, Virginia, with his beautiful nine-point buck (estimated live weight 250-275 lbs.) which I understand was shot running, I almost gave up bowhunting. Almost, but not quite. How did you do it, Terry? Most of us have such a hard time hitting them while they're standing still! Seriously, from all of your fellow VBA members, our heartiest congratulations for bagging such a fine trophy.

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"20"-Pin Winners

Dec. 1963-Jan. 1964

(also includes some names omitted from a previous list)

35 Yards

John W. Berry, Jr., Monroe
Harold Crouch, Lynchburg
Lynn Patterson, Lynchburg
Arthur Simpson, Jr., Alexandria
William Z. White, Galax
Franklin D. Willis, Fairfax

40 Yards

W. L. Blackburn, Waynesboro
J. E. Blankenship, Narrows
Charles Catlett, Sr., Brucetown
Robert O. Cissel, Manassas
Ronald Cox, Matoaca
S. Clay Dillon, Roanoke
Dr. W. R. Dillow, Bland
Joseph Donnelly, Arlington
Jack S. Dunn, Bland
Jack Evans, Hampton
Clara Faw, Pearisburg
Bud Fultz, Front Royal
Pete Gibson, Grottoes
Eloise Hall, Pound
S. M. Heffinger, Danville
Kenneth J. Hinson, Pulaski
Betty E. Kello, Norfolk
Dollie McPeak, Front Royal
Bill Orr, Rural Retreat
Sherril Overstreet, Bedford
R. Montgomery, Manassas
Shirley Perdue, Staffordsville
Lindy Randall, Port Republic
Church Shade, Port Republic
Norman Tavenner, Jr., Berryville
Thomas Taylor, Richmond
Ben Topham, Wytheville
James Turner, Henry
Louis Umberger, Wytheville
F. R. Williams, Winterpock

45 Yards

T. W. Akins, Petersburg
James L. Armes, Lynchburg
Johnny Branham, Pound (1 & 4 pos)
Garland Catron, Wytheville

Robert Cissel, Manassas
Ronald Cox, Matoaca
Haynes W. Davis, Woodbridge
Douglas Dutton, Arlington
Thomas Ford, Jr., Fairfax
Eloise Hall, Pound
T. R. Jackson, Roanoke
W. E. James, Petersburg
W. G. Johnson, Jr., Richmond
Gertrude Lewis, Portsmouth
Clarence Lineberry, Galax
Jerry Meade, Pound
William J. Midkiff, Jr., Herndon (1 & 4 pos)
Richard G. Montgomery, Manassas
Douglas C. Moore, Falls Church
Bill Orr, Rural Retreat
Lynn Sweeney, Arlington
Donald Perdue, Staffordsville
Vic E. Peyton, Churchville
C. H. Rasnake, Dublin
Earnest Ratliff, Coeburn
Jimmy Ratliff, Coeburn
Lowell Roberson, Roanoke
Edward Rose, Jr., Alexandria
Rodney Sandridge, Harrisonburg
Murray Selby, Arlington
Church Shade, Port Republic
Edsel J. Shelton, Elkton
Charles Swift, Franklin
Eddie Tomblin, Berryville
William Z. White, Galax

50 Yards

NONE

55 Yards

David L. Butts, Stephenson
Harry Edwards, Fairfax
Lacie L. Foltz, McGaheysville

60 Yards

NONE

65 Yards

Vic Peyton, Churchville

80 Yards

Wyatt L. Mays, Madison Heights

Changes In Classification

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scores above his present class. This to occur in a 12-month period. An archer, at his own option, can advance to the next higher class after shooting one score above his present class.

An archer is eligible for downgrading after failing to shoot his class in any calendar year.

In order to be downgraded in class, an archer must first present his case to his local club for approval. If his club approves his application, his club secretary should forward same to the office of Field Vice President for processing. Full details as to reason for downgrading should be given. The mere fact that application was made will not guarantee that an archer will be downgraded but each case will be judged on its merits.

Any archer who failed to shoot his class during all of 1963 is now eligible for downgrading.

At the option of the host club sponsoring a VBA sanctioned tournament, a special group or division can be made available for archers who desire to shoot noncompetitively. This group will be called the "Non-Competitive Group." They will be governed by the following rules:

1. Same tournament procedures as for other divisions.
2. Will shoot same rounds.
3. All archers shall be eligible to participate—no class distinction.
4. Official tournament scores recorded as for other divisions.
5. This is a non-competitive group.

Classifying Freestyle Archers

Any archer who was shooting freestyle in 1963 and wishes to shoot it in 1964 should check his classification card for the two highest scores shot last year. If they are both within one of the classes listed above, then that is his class. However, if one of the scores is in one class and one in another, then his correct class will be the lower of the two. The reason for this is that, effective this year, an archer needs two scores within a class to be upgraded. Any archer may take the option of advancing himself on shooting the first score above his class.

MANAHOAC BOWMEN

Fifth Annual Totem Pole Tournament

MARCH 22, 1964

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class. Class minimum not required in order to win.

Door prize—A beautiful bow rack will be given away.

Registration Fee—\$2.00 adults; \$1.50 youth.

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Letter To Editor

The letter quoted below was received from Commander Gordon E. Kaufman, U. S. Navy, better known to his friends as "Butch." To those of you who are new to archery and VBA, "Butch" was instrumental in securing a freestyle division for archers in Virginia. In addition he spent much time with the youth of our State, both in archery and in other fields. This past summer he was transferred to U. S. Naval Ship Missile Systems Engineering Station in Port Hueneme, California. Our loss is California's gain:

"Dear Friends in VBA,

"This letter is being written to express my appreciation to all of you who made my tour of duty in Virginia such an outstanding event in my life. For nearly four years I was privileged to live among you and enjoy the pleasures of good fellowship, the company of wonderful sportsmen and sportswomen and serve with many of you to try and make archery an even finer sport than it already is.

"I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with some of your fine and outstanding leaders and am deeply indebted to Ross Garletts, Ted Grefe, Pat Hamilton, Junior Booth, Woody Woods and Doris, Bill Marshall, Clint Western, Sue Price, Bill McEwen, Ike and "Gert" Lewis, Gene and (lovely!) Doris Limerick, Vern and Hazel Rogers, Tom and Barbara Haley, Martin Smith, Fritz Kutzler and a host of others including the Telkamps, the Fournays and the Williamsons from the Bowmen of York. I am deeply indebted to the Warwick Bowmen for the honor they bestowed upon me by presenting me with their highly respected 'Fellow Womanship Award for 1963' at their Silver Bow Tournament along with a lifetime membership in their club. Both of these honors are highly cherished by me. This is a signal honor in my life and one which I deeply appreciate. The Bowmen of York have also given me the honor of a lifetime membership in their club which means more to me than I can say. The Warwick Bowmen by nominating me to the VBA Board of Directors for presentation of the Order of the Golden Feather have added to the debt I already owe Virginia Archery. Although the action of the VBA Directorate is unknown to me at this time I wish to express my sincere thanks for the honor they have done me by considering this nomination for I sincerely feel that there are many in VBA who are far more deserving than I of this signal honor.

"During my tour of duty at the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown I've had the pleasure of attending three state tournaments, many club annual tournaments in different parts of the State and a host of club and VBA shoots. It has been my privilege to work with Vern Rogers and the youth of Virginia in an effort to make archery more attractive to our young people. I thank you for your support of the Youth Program and ask that you continue to support Vern as he tries to widen the scope of this activity. Virginia is far ahead of all the other States in many aspects of archery and the Youth Program is one of them.

"Archery is very active here in California and I am enjoying the sport as always. However, the most beautiful ranges in the world are right there in Virginia and I miss them. I've participated in shoots at San Diego, Lompoc, Pasadena, Santa Paula, Pomona, Covina and several other places here in this State but I still retain a softness in my heart for Virginia.

"Thanks again for four wonderful years and the best of shooting and all life's blessings to you all and may you continue to show the way in this great sport of ours.

Sincerely,

Butch Kaufman"

CANCELLATION OF SHOOTS

Due to the loss of their range, the Broadhead Archery Club, Luray, Virginia, has advised that they are forced to cancel all shoots which they had scheduled for the first half of the year. The dates cancelled are: March 22, April 19 and May 17.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES

By order of the Board of Directors at the January VBA meeting, dues for associate members were raised to \$8.00 per adult per calendar year and \$4.00 per youth under 18 years of age per calendar year, effective with the year 1964.

Each associate member of VBA will receive a copy of FLIGHT every two months, a schedule of Sanctioned Tournaments every six months, and a classification card when his dues are received. Each member is eligible for the Bill Bennett Big Game Award and to participate in Sanctioned Tournaments.

Associate membership does not give the holder of such membership the right to participate in local club shoots or practice on any range unless permission is secured from the club involved.

Give Credit Where It's Due

The picture of Jean Marie Wilkins that appeared in the December, 1963 issue of FLIGHT, was through the courtesy of Tom Shelton, a member of Sherwood Archers.

Augusta Archers Will Again Host State Tournament

By a majority vote of the Directors at the January meeting of VBA, Augusta Archers, Staunton, will host the 18th Annual State Championship Tournament to be held Labor Day week end.

Information as to activities planned, etc., will be in the next issue of FLIGHT.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hugh Darnell, chairman of the nominating committee appointed to select a slate of prospective VBA officers for the coming year, reports that the following members have been contacted and their names are submitted herewith for official notice to the membership. These nominations will be put on the floor at the VBA April quarterly meeting in Lynchburg, and any other nominations from the delegates will be added to the slate. Official balloting will be done prior to the June meeting on an official ballot sent to all members by the VBA Corresponding Secretary:

President: Gene Limerick

Exec. Vice Pres.: Clinton Western

Field Vice Pres.: Wm. T. (Bill) Marshall

Hunting Vice Pres.: G. B. Booth, Jr.

Howard Turpin

Conservation Vice Pres.: "Woody" Woods
Robt. Finnell

Corres. Secy.: Sue Price

Recording Secy.:

Treasurer: C. D. Tarter

Newly elected officers will be announced at the June meeting and will take over their duties on July 1, 1964.

Order of the Golden Feather

Miss Pat Hamilton, Recording Secretary of V.B.A. for approximately six or seven years, and Ted Grefe, immediate past President, past Editor, and presently a member of the Executive Committee, were accepted into the Order of the Golden Feather at the VBA meeting held in Lynchburg on January 5th.

These two individuals have worked long and hard, often at their own expense, and above and beyond what was reasonably expected of them, in carrying out the duties of their respective offices.

We are indeed fortunate to have two such hard workers in our Organization.

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ANIMAL ROUND

For quite some time now the animal round has been the subject of controversy at VBA meetings. It has been felt by some that this round, as presently set up and scored, is a "Sandbagger's paradise," inasmuch as it is possible to hold back on the hunter and field round scores and "burn up" the animal targets thereby winning a tournament without advancing in class.

In an effort to bring the animal round scores down on a more or less even plane with the hunter and field round scores, the President appointed a committee to study the problem and give a report on their findings.

Norman Ashburn, Chairman of the Animal Round Committee, has submitted the following:

"On October 6, 1963, the Chesapeake Bowmen Archery Club held a modified animal round on our range during a VBA tournament.

"The following rules were observed:

1. Each archer shot four (4) arrows at each target, two (2) arrows from the closest stake and two (2) arrows from the next closer stake. On all single staked targets, four (4) arrows were shot from the single position.
2. Each arrow scoring a hit in the vital area was scored five (5) points, each arrow in the other part of the animal scored three (3) points.

"The Committee recommends that this modified round be tried by other clubs in the State for a period of one (1) year and all scores be compiled and evaluated for the purpose of future classification and as a preventive action against sandbagging."

Since the animal round is, and always has been, a more or less novelty round in that scores are not entered on classification cards, clubs are urged to try this method of shooting and scoring. When sending in animal round scores, club secretaries should indicate on their tournament report form that this new scoring and shooting system was used.

As a matter of information, the tournament report forms are sent to Field Vice President W. T. Marshall, 5012 Huntington Ave., Newport News, Va., who will in turn forward the new animal round scores to the Animal Round Committee for evaluation.

NOTICE TO CLUB VICE PRESIDENTS

Through the medium of FLIGHT, this is a notice to all club vice presidents that you are automatically a member of the VBA Publicity Committee, whose chairman is the Executive Vice President of VBA. You are charged with the responsibility of obtaining favorable publicity for bowhunting, field archery, the Association, and last but not least, your club. If your club has a separate office handling publicity, he may assume the above mentioned duties.

O.K. you publicity men, what's going on out there in bow 'n' arrow land?

CLINTON WESTERN
Exec. Vice President

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Some secretaries made the job of Field Vice President unnecessarily hard in the last half of 1963 by being too lax in sending in their tournament reports. As a reminder, T-1 and T-2 forms should be turned in for *all* shoots and should be received in my office within a week from the date of the shoot. This includes club shoots. These reports should actually be mailed no later than the first Tuesday following the shoot. Continued laxness on the part of some secretaries may result in the loss of a sanctioned tournament. This is a step I would certainly hate to take, but it is necessary that these reports be in on time in order for me to keep the records of this office up to date. This is a tough job and can be handled correctly and efficiently only with the cooperation of the club secretaries. I know I can depend on you.

WM. T. MARSHALL
Field Vice President

FIELD GOVERNOR

Effective immediately, matters pertaining to course approvals should be directed to Ted Grefe, Field Governor, P. O. Box 352, Fairfax, Virginia.

PINS FOR NEW CLASSES

VBA pins for the new Double A (AA) class, men and women, adult division only, will be the old "F" class pin (white).

Pins for the newly formed freestyle classes will be as follows:

The present freestyle pin (pink) will be used for "C" class.

New pins have been ordered for "A" which will be plain, and for "B" which will be blue. The Field Vice President advises that these should be available about February 15th and cautions all club secretaries to keep a record of winners to whom they owe pins so they can be presented later.

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