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Board of Directors Elect 1960-61 VBA Officers

At the April meeting of the Board of Directors the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:

President	Ross Garletts
Executive Vice President	Clay Dillon
Field Vice President	Harry Bunting
Hunting Vice President	G. B. Booth, Jr.
Recording Secretary	Pat Hamilton—
Corresponding Secretary	Bea Rowe
Treasurer	Edna Gillespie
	Arch Cole

The floor was then opened for nominations to each office. No nominations were offered from the floor. Bea Rowe then requested her name be taken from the slate. This left a single slate of officers. Under the Virginia Corporation Laws the Board of Directors must elect all officers of the Corporation; however, a ballot has always been sent out to inform the Directors of the wishes of its members. With only one candidate for each office this would not be necessary. Your Board of Directors unanimously elected the nominees for the forthcoming year.

"Lee's Limericks"

There was a young man from Kharcher
Who thought himself quite an archer
The way he would brag
Was really a drag
And the crowd cheered at his departure.

There was a young man from Spokane
Whose language was very profane
All during a shoot
He'd holler and hoot
And the crowd was very sorry he came.

CLUB CHARTER

The Club Charter as published in the March issue of Flight was amended at the April Board of Directors' meeting. This Charter is published again for your convenience and consideration. Study it carefully and have your Director express your Club's desires at the forthcoming June VBA meeting.

VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, Inc. CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CLUB CHARTERS

1. Prospective groups desiring a charter for a club under the auspices of the Virginia Bowhunters Assoc., Inc., may obtain an application form from the V.B.A. corresponding secretary.
2. The application will contain the following requirements:
 - a. Endorsement of a sponsoring club, signed by its president and secretary.
 - b. Charter fee is \$5.00 dollars.
 - c. The minimum V.B.A. membership necessary to qualify for issuance of a club charter shall be 8 members.
 - d. Range facilities and course approval by the Field Governor or his representative will be necessary.
 - e. V.B.A. membership dues must accompany application. (all members).
 - f. Signature of acting president and secretary with mailing address and range location.
 - g. A club may be chartered without an approved range as an associate club with full voting privilege but may not sponsor tournaments, etc.
3. Upon issuance of charter, club will be privileged to:
 - a. Refer to itself as an affiliate with V.B.A.

b. Attend V.B.A. official meetings with voting privileges.

c. Conduct V.B.A. sanctioned tournaments except associate clubs.

d. Compete in State Tournaments as team or individuals.

e. Members will receive issues of the official V.B.A. magazine "FLIGHT."

f. All other miscellaneous privileges afforded V.B.A. members.

4. Maintenance of club charter:

a. Club charters will be issued annually.

b. Range facilities and course reapproval will be required annually where necessary.

c. Have minimum of 6 paid up members.

d. Meet requirements by February 1st, each year.

e. Annual renewal fee of \$2.00 dollars.

f. Should a club not meet item 4d, said club shall not be dropped but shall be placed on an inactive list for a maximum of 12 months, during which time it may reaffiliate on a renewal basis at which time it must come back in as a new club.

5. Revocation of club charter:

a. Failure to meet the above annual requirements.

b. Improper range facilities and course maintenance.

c. Failure to comply with V.B.A. official decisions, regulations, and tournament rules after being duly informed.

d. Revoked upon action of the Executive committee of V.B.A. and confirmed at the next regular V.B.A. quarterly meeting.

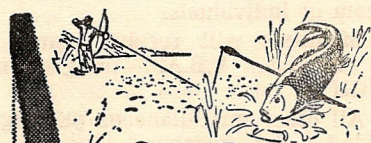
The amended sections of the above charter have been underlined for your convenience.

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NEW COURSE APPROVAL

The following rules concerning course approval were approved by the Board of Directors at the April meeting. These rules to become effective June 30, 1960.

COURSE APPROVAL

Terms:

Unit—A 14 Target course including all VBA Official Shots.

Round—Two such units.

Double Round—Two complete rounds.

Stake or Post—Shooting positions.

Face—Target Face.

Butt—Any object against which a face is placed.

Shot—This term in connection with the stake number, i.e., "4th Shot" shall be used in referring to the different shots on any course.

Flight Line—The line of flight of arrows from stake to butt.

Timber—Warning call to other archers who may be in danger zone; announcing you are ready to shoot.

Spot—Geometric Center of target.

1. The VBA shall recognize as official a course consisting of twenty-eight targets containing two fourteen target units. These units cannot be intermixed.

2. A standard unit shall consist of the following fourteen shots:

15, 20, 25 and 30 yards at a 12-inch face (4 arrows at each distance).

40, 45 and 50 yards at an 18-inch face (4 arrows at each distance).

55, 60 and 65 yards at a 24-inch face (4 arrows at each distance).

And the following four position shots: Each arrow to be shot from a different position or at a different target:

35 yards at an 18-inch face, all from the same distance, but from different positions or at different targets.

30, 35, 40 and 45 yards at an 18-inch face.

50, 60, 70 and 80 yards at a 24-inch face.

20, 25, 30 and 35 feet at a 6-inch face. Official target faces will be as per current NFAA Handbook for the field, hunters and animal rounds.

3. A 5% variation in distance is permitted where necessary due to terrain. All variations, however, must be made up on another target in the same unit. In laying out the course any order may be used as the official shooting order on any four position shots.

4. The field course must be doubled staked for field round and hunters round if used, except the four position shots may be staggered or in line so that two persons may shoot simultaneously in safety.

5. All stakes must be numbered 1 through 28.

6. A trail, target or a shooting position may not be closer than 50 feet to the

flight line of another target.

7. A trail, target or shooting position shall not be close to any target so as to be in range of a ricochet arrow.

8. All trails between targets must be clearly marked or cleared for correct direction and easy passage and may in no instance cross a flight line.

9. The overhead of the flight line must be sufficiently cleared to permit the flight of an arrow cast from a 30 pound bow.

10. All target butts behind the scoring area of the target face must hold an arrow cast from a 45 pound bow.

11. All target butts shall be supplied with a red flag of adequate size affixed in such a manner that it may readily be hung over the target face to permit archers to search for arrows behind the target butts in safety.

12. All target faces must be clearly and entirely visible from the shooting position for a person of minimum height 4'6".

13. A reasonable area in the rear of the target butts must be cleared to permit archers to retrieve arrows quickly.

14. All courses must be staked for the VBA official Junior Round so that two Juniors may shoot simultaneously.

15. Official field round stakes shall be white or yellow, Junior stakes shall be white with the letters "Jr." Hunters stakes shall be red and Animal stakes shall be blue.

16. All courses shall have separate toilet facilities for men and women. They shall be clean and adequately supplied.

17. All courses must be inspected during the third quarter of each calendar year to be eligible for inclusion on the sanctioned tournament schedule for the succeeding calendar year.

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Life is a charm, and all is good
To him who lives like Robin Hood,
Hearing ever, far and thin,
Hints of the tunes of Gamelyn.

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There are a few of us still around who have vague memories of the beginning of organized archery in Virginia—and what memories they are! Of course there were archers in Virginia long before any white man set foot in this land as we have read about the skill of the Indians with their bows and arrows.

But we have just to turn back the pages of history some twenty years and we find groups of archers in Richmond and Portsmouth organizing and getting this ancient and honorable sport started in the Old Dominion.

In the year 1939, the Chesapeake Bowmen and the Richmond Archers, unknown to each other, formed their clubs and elected officers. There were no tournaments that year, only what one might call "practice sessions," when members turned out on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to shoot at a home-made target at distances where one could hit it consistently. It was great fun and if the target happened to be set up in the public park, we attracted considerable attention. We made new friends and got a few members.

Books on archery, borrowed from the public library, taught us the various rounds that were standard in target archery and this led to the desire for competition and in 1940 we figured we were ready to take on most any archer in an open tournament. In Richmond we persuaded the Department of Recreation to let us use an area at Parker Field for an archery range, and then announced to the newspapers that we would hold a tournament. The local announcement was picked up by the press in other cities and towns, and on the day of the shoot we were amazed at so many strangers, with bows and quivers full of arrows, heading for the registration table.

We had expected local talent only and here were archers from Portsmouth, Waynesboro, Roanoke, Arlington and Washington, D. C.! No need to say that the day was a complete success. With a Double American and Single York Rounds under their belts, everybody went home happy promising to come again and send us announcements of their next shoots. Archery had really taken hold in Virginia.

The Richmond Archers began to see the need for a State-wide organization and, in 1940, they promoted the Virginia Archery Association. The purposes were to further interest in archery and determine State champions in an annual championship tournament to be held

each year.

The Richmond Archers, as did some of the other clubs, became affiliated with the National Archery Association, and thus we were able to make all shoots official and award the coveted "six golds" pin to all who could put all six in the gold.

About this time we began to hear about the Old Dominion Archery Association being formed by the Oriole Archers of Baltimore and the Potomac Archers of D. C. This association was to include Maryland, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, and Virginia. Archery was getting bigger all the time!

Richmond was host club for the Old Dominion Championships one year and found it necessary to set up twenty-four targets and shoot five archers on each one! There was also the flight shoot in which some pretty long distances were reached with ordinary target tackle.

Steel (and I do mean steel) arrows were becoming popular and those who could afford them were breaking all scores. The laminated lemonwood bow made its debut and the combination was hard to beat. Who ever heard of hitting the 100-yard target with a point-of-aim on the 80-yard line, using a 40-pound bow?

On weekends when there were no tournaments to go to (there were such weekends) we went roving through the fields and woods, shooting at presumably rotten stumps and fence posts, and an occasional rabbit when one would get up. This was more fun than target shooting from fixed distances and encouraged us to try small game hunting, and naturally the desire to hunt big game was there, too.

From the archery magazines we subscribed to we learned what was going on in other States, and how the clubs went about getting bow and arrow hunting seasons and areas. The National Field Archery Association was still an infant and the idea of shooting field archery appealed to us. Here was a type of archery where every shot was different—where the targets could be set up in the woods instead of in a flat open field. Here was a sport that more closely tied in with hunting than any-

thing else.

Field archery appealed to a majority of the clubs throughout the State as field ranges began to spring up here and there. We talked about reorganizing the Virginia Archery Association so as to include field archery and hunting. On August 3, 1947, members from clubs in Roanoke, Waynesboro, Clifton Forge, Covington, Hilton Village, Portsmouth and Richmond, met at Portsmouth and organized the Virginia Field Archery Association.

Field Archery was on its way to becoming the most popular style of archery.

The West coast had nothing on us now. We could shoot the year 'round, too. We also got in our share of hunting but we had to do it during the regular season. We approached the Game Commission on several occasions regarding a pre-season for bowhunting and they were slowly gaining confidence in the power of the bow as a hunting weapon.

North River was opened to bowhunting, then Big Levels and Hog Island. A pre-season State-wide law was passed and today archers enjoy bowhunting in every part of the State, and we began to realize that a change in the name of the State organization would be necessary if we were to be recognized as promoting bowhunting. So at the State shoot at Hampton, in October, 1949, the name was changed to Virginia Bowhunters Association.

Representatives from most of the clubs throughout Virginia began attending the regularly scheduled business meetings of the V.B.A., and decisions vital to the future of archery in the State were made. One of the important acts of the officers and delegates was the incorporation of the V. B. A. done at a called meeting held in Richmond on January 29, 1955.

Looking back through the years at the accomplishments of the Virginia Archery Association, the Virginia Field Archery Association, and the Virginia Bowhunters Association, one gets a feeling of pride that he belongs to such an admirable group of archers.

R. C. Thompson, Historian, V.B.A.

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From The Field Governor 1960 National

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The site of the tournament is the Michigan National Guard Headquarters. Reservations for camping spaces will probably be on a first come first served basis as was the case during the 1958 tournament. Reservations for housing in the city and in motels in the vicinity will be on the same basis. In any case, if you plan to attend, I suggest that you apply early.

In order to participate in the tournament, it will be necessary that you have a N.F.A.A. classification card. Since the V.B.A. has not adopted the national card, it will be required that you present a valid V.B.A. card to the Registrar who will issue the classification card. In order to avoid delay and complications, be certain that your classification card is authenticated by your club secretary. More on this next month.

Application forms and descriptive folders may be obtained by writing to:
THE GRAYLING BOHUNTERS

Mrs. Louise Hatfield, Secy.
Grayling, Michigan

NEW COURSE APPROVAL (Continued from page 2)

18. Any group of three or more tournament shooters may report in writing to the Field Governor any condition deemed by them to be below par or unsafe or of incorrect distance and upon inspection if found to be so, the club will be notified at least two weeks prior to a sanctioned tournament date. If they do not correct the condition prior to their scheduled tournament, their remaining tournament dates for that year may be revoked.

19. Any change in target numbers, shooting distances or anything affecting the course layout in any manner will require a reinspection prior to holding a sanctioned tournament.

20. No 20-pins will be honored unless shot on a course whose approval status is in good standing.

21. Adequate practice butts must be available at the range. The same rules apply to these as to the regular targets, i.e., overhead clearance, reasonable safety factors, red flags.

22. If any club feels that the inspector is unjust, they may appeal in writing to the Field Vice President who will arrange for a reinspection if necessary and take it to the Executive Committee with the State Field Governor present.

23. It is the responsibility of the local clubs to make arrangements as to the date and time with the inspector for the required annual inspection within the specified period.

24. Hunters Round will be staked and scored in accordance with the latest edition of the NFAA Handbook. All of the aforementioned regulations will apply when applicable.

25. The Animal Round will require three shooting positions for each target. The center or No. 2 shooting position will be the required distance as per NFAA regulations. The No. 1 and No. 3 shooting positions to be a maximum of 5% variance plus and minus.

26. Courses are subject to approval or rejection by the official VBA State Field Governor and/or any one of his authorized deputies. In the event of rejection for any one of the above requisites, the inspector shall notify the club president verbally if available and by letter stating the exact violation and request that it be corrected. This report will be made in triplicate with copies to the VBA Field Vice President and State Field Governor. Upon notification of correction the inspector will again inspect or cause to be inspected the corrected violation and if satisfactory issue approval.

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Jerry Walton, Madison Heights
Franklin M. Lewis, Portsmouth

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Bobby Tyomas, Glade Spring
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W. G. Frye, Chilhowie
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L. T. Ward, Vinton
James Williams, Jr., Madison Heights

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60 YARDS

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Gertrude Lewis, Portsmouth
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