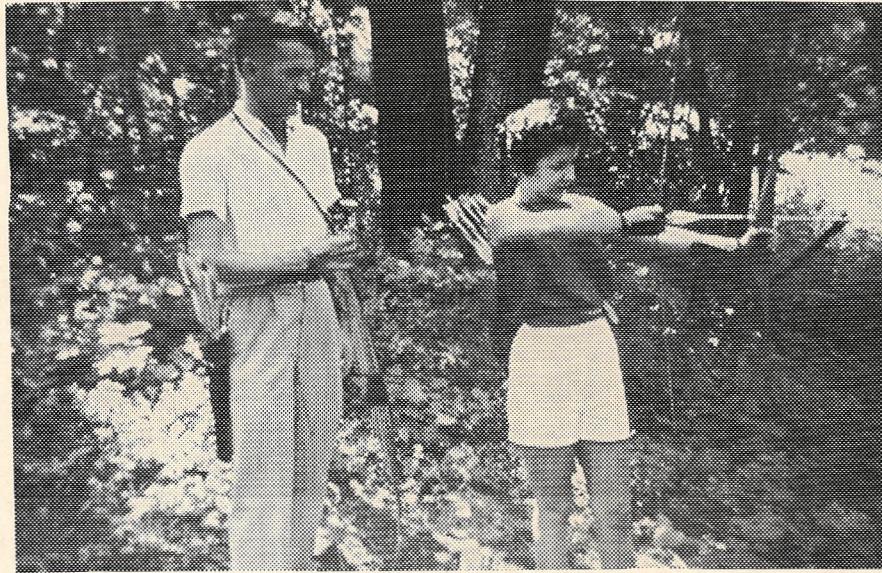


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Who Said Archery Doesn't Have Glamour??



Gail Clifton (Miss Warren County of 1960), member of the Two Rivers Archery Club at Front Royal, introduces her cousin, J. J. Clifton, member of the Sherwood Archers at Roanoke, to their new range located at Skyline Caverns near Front Royal.

JUNIOR FIELD COURSE

At the last Board of Directors meeting the subject of changing the Junior Course to conform with the N.F.A.A. Junior Course distances was opened. After considerable discussion it was voted to leave the Junior Course distance as per V.B.A. regulations, which have shorter shots on the longer range targets. It was felt that increasing the ranges of some of the junior targets would lower their scores, and thereby have a tendency to discourage them. Listed below are the recommended junior stakes for corresponding yardages.

80 yards	50 yards
65 yards	46 yards
60 yards	43 yards
55 yards	40 yards
50 yards	37 yards
45 yards	34 yards
45 yard walk up	30 yards, 1 position
40 yard walk-up	27 yards

35 yard spread — 23 yards, 1 position
 30 yard spread — 20 yards
 25 yard spread — 17 yards
 20 yard spread — 14 yards
 15 yard spread — 11 yards
 Rabbit Shot — 4 position regular adult field stakes.

General rules governing Junior Course:

1. A 5% variation is allowed, but distance lost on one target must be made up.
2. All rounds shot from Junior stakes; these stakes to be painted white with the word "Jr." at the top.
3. Juniors are not eligible for VBA 20 pins unless shot from regular adult field stakes.
4. All targets to have Junior stakes. The age limit for Juniors is to the 13th birthday.

The age limit for Intermediates is to the 16th birthday.

Order of the Golden Feather Bestowed Upon Several Members

At the Board of Directors meeting, September 25, President Ross Garleets in a very impressive ceremony presented to the recipients of the original Order of the Golden Feather a parchment certificate, an embroidered Golden Feather emblem and lapel pin.

As you know, the Order of the Golden Feather is bestowed upon outstanding archers in the state who have served archery and V.B.A. above and beyond the normal call of duty.

Frances Monteith, widow of Bob Monteith, received the honors of the order on Bob's behalf. Other outstanding archers to receive the honors were Bob Gillespie, Hap Harland, Bob Thompson, McKelden Smith, Harry Bunting and Jim Oglethorpe. Bill Bennett was not present to receive the award.

In accordance with V.B.A. by-laws, three archers, Arch Cole, Ross Garleets and Joe Parker were elected by the Board of Directors to be presented to the Original Order of the Golden Feather for consideration for admission to the Order. We are all justly proud of the members of the Order of the Golden Feather, the highest honor given by the Virginia Bowhunters Association.

ABOUT CLUB CHARTERS

The inauguration of the new Club Charters commences January 1, 1961, and all clubs are reminded to get in their applications for same without delay. Club secretaries should have received application forms by this writing. The charter fee is \$2.00 for all presently organized clubs, and \$5.00 for new clubs organized after January 1. If a club fails to meet requirements and apply for a charter by February 1, said club will be placed on the inactive list for 12 months, after which it must come back in the Association as a new club.

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That Big-Game Hunt Can Become a Reality

It is a mistaken assumption that those long dreamed of big-game hunts to far away places are reserved exclusively for the idle rich hunters only. This is not true. With a little advance planning and investigation of the area to be hunted along with the absolute costs, it will surprise you as to actual total costs that will be required.

When planning a hunt, one can plan expenses on the basis of four major categories; transportation including tolls, fees, etc., food and lodging, guiding fees and license cost. It is assumed that the hunter has his own equipment or at least available for borrowing or rental.

We have found that car travel with four to a car is by far the most economical and comfortable. We have made two trips to Wyoming, a distance of 2200 miles, with continuous driving, alternating driver and seating positions every two or three hours. This works very well and surprisingly enough you are not worn out upon arrival at destination. Three cents a mile will generally cover direct costs.

We generally do our own cooking, both enroute and while actually in the hunting area. This serves two fold. The chow is always good (you know, for those who like beans, chows down—for those who don't like beans, chows over), and it is very economical. Seriously, regarding the quality of the food, I never fail to gain a few pounds on a hunting trip.

Guiding fees can vary, depending on the kind of game you are after, and the locality you are hunting. When bear hunting in Canada and antelope hunting in Wyoming, we were not required to have guides, so we didn't hire any. If the character of the country is such that you don't have to worry about getting lost or finding game, and guides are not

required by law, guide fees are strictly a luxury item. We get a kick out of camp chores, so don't mind the extra work.

The costs of proper licenses, of course, are unavoidable. These can vary from \$6.50 for a bear license in Canada to \$100.00 elk license in Wyoming. Just make certain that you don't get any unnecessary licenses that won't be used. I have made this mistake more than once.

Let me illustrate some actual costs on some hunting trips we have taken in the past. Antelope hunt to Sweetwater River area, Wyoming, \$84.00 per man, 9 days; black bear hunt up the Soo, Ontario, \$89.00 per man, 9 days; moose hunt in Newfoundland, \$129.00 per man, 10 days. A horse pack trip we took to Jim Bridger National Forest in Wyoming cost around four hundred dollars to get our elk, but guides were required by law and the hunting area was accessible by horseback. This trip took about two weeks.

While we are on the subject of big game hunting, it is well to point out two other items of planning. That of getting your game meat home in good condition, and the selection of your hunting partners. For the former, we have found that a utility trailer is the most economical and convenient method. Use dry or regular ice around the meat and have a canvas cover to tie down over the trailer. The meat should come through in fine condition. For the latter, your hunting partners can make or break the success of your trip. Choose them carefully, and make certain they are comparable as well as good hunters. Remember, it is an easy trip if everyone pitches in and does his share.

NEW CLUB

From your Corresponding Secretary's desk comes news of the formation of Caney Ridge Archers of Coeburn, Virginia.

Eckles Mullins of Coeburn, their secretary, has sent Edna the list of club officers along with 1961 dues of the new VBA members. Congratulations and welcome aboard, Caney Ridge Archers!!

Waterfowl Downward Trend Halted, Reports Commission

Some of you archers who hunt ducks and geese might be interested in a report from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife that announced the downward trend in waterfowl population has been halted in the three eastern flyways, at least, due to late nesting success in the breeding grounds. As yet your editor hasn't tried to bring down any ducks with the bow, although contemplated, but did spend an afternoon flipping some flu-flus at some elusive doves, without success.

1961 DUES

All VBA members are reminded that 1961 dues are now being received by your club secretaries to be forwarded to Edna. The new combination membership and classification card will be forwarded to your club secretaries for distribution upon payment of dues.

List of 20 Pin Winners

35 YARDS

Leon Selfe, Lunn Garden, Tenn.
Gratt Quesenberry, Richlands
Lucille Shelor, Roanoke
B. B. Bailey, Christiansburg
Mickey Weddle, Christiansburg
James E. Humphreys, Roanoke
Eugene Korsenewski, Alexandria
William Moats, Dayton
Nelson Moses, Christiansburg

40 YARDS

Howard Turpin, Radford
James R. Davis, Sr., Newport News

45 YARDS

Paul G. Watson, Jr., Richmond
Robert G. White, Springfield
J. C. Weddle, Christiansburg, V
Victor L. Walker, Windsor
Sam Trammell, Bristol, Tenn.
B. B. Bailey, Christiansburg
Norman F. Longerbeam, Clifton
Eugene Korsenewski, Alexandria
William L. Braswell, Lawrenceville
James R. Davis, Sr., Newport News
Wayne Armstrong, Jr., Bridgewater

55 YARDS

James M. Bennett, Jr., Virginia Beach
E. C. Weis, Richmond
Kenneth George, Lynchburg
Robert Craun, Middleburg
Clayton Belcher, Haysi
Nelson Moses, Christiansburg

60 YARDS

Cecil Watkins, Appalachia
Hatler Yates, Coeburn
J. C. Weddle, Christiansburg
Stewart Bradford, Manasses

HAT PROGRAM

The HAT program, "Hunt America Time," is an extensive program to restore the farmer's and landowner's confidence in America's hunters and make them willing to allow hunters on their land.

The slogan of the campaign, "Respect Private Property—Save Public Hunting" reflect the main goal of this important drive, and is sponsored by the Izaak Walton League in cooperation with the National Sporting Goods Association. Thousands of acres have been open to free public hunting in the past four years that the program has been underway, and since the results are cumulative, the project becomes more effective each year.

New Hunters and Animal Rounds

In the July issue of ARCHERY, Mr. Palmatier in his column Course 2, Target 21, discussed the pros and cons of the Hunter's Round and the Animal Round, which at that time had been submitted to the Field Governors for their vote. No mention has been made since of the outcome of the voting.

The rounds as proposed, passed with a very large majority vote. The Hunter's Round received 8,841 Yes votes with 4,570 No votes and the Animal Round, 11,060 Yes, and 2,324 No votes. The Animal Round with its unknown distances was well received as you can see.

HUNTER'S ROUND

Yards	Target Size	White Spot
70-65-61-58	24" on 25½" paper	3 inches
64-59-55-52		
58-53-48-45		
53-48-44-41	18" on 25½" paper	3 inches
48		
44		
40		
36-36-36-36	12" on 25½" paper	3 inches
28-28-28-28	12" on 13½" paper	3 inches
23-20		
19-17		
15-14		
11-11	6" on 7½" paper	1 inch

These 14 targets form a unit. Twice around the unit makes a round, or two such units laid out make a round.

Scoring is the same as for the Field Round: 5 points for a bullseye, including spot and 3 for the outer circle. An Arrow cutting two rings shall be scored as being in the ring of the greater value. In shooting the Hunter's Round the archer changes shooting positions on every target as follows:

1 stake—shoot 2 arrows from each side
2 stakes—shoot 1 arrow from each side of each stake

4 stakes—shoot 1 arrow from each stake

In staking the course, all of the long shots, 55 to 70 yards, should have one stake; for medium distances, 30 to 50 yards, set two stakes and on targets under 30 yards, use 4 stakes.

ANIMAL ROUND

Group No. 1 Faces—Maximum 70 yards
—Minimum 40 yards, 30 yard spread
Group No. 2 Faces—Maximum 50 yards
—Minimum 30 yards, 20 yard spread
Group No. 3 Faces—Maximum 40 yards
—Minimum 20 yards, 20 yard spread
Group No. 4 Faces—Maximum 30 yards
—Minimum 10 yards, 20 yard spread

Each target in Group No. 1 faces is a five yard walk-up. There are three targets in this group. Select your distances between 20 yards and 40 yards for the first stake, move up five yards for the next stake and five more yards for the third stake.

Each target in Group No. 3 faces is one distance. There are four targets in this group. Shoot all of your arrows from each stake as selected between 40 yards and 20 yards.

Each target in Group No. 4 faces is one distance. There are four targets in Group No. 4. All arrows shall be shot from each of the four stakes from distances selected between 30 yards and 10 yards.

Group No. 1, 3 targets, 3 Walk-up shots

Group No. 2, 3 Targets, 3 Walk-up shots

Group No. 3, 4 targets, 4 one dist. shots

Group No. 4, 4 Targets, 4 one dist. shots

Scoring for this round:

20 or 16 for the first arrow

14 or 10 for the second arrow

8 or 4 for the third arrow

A maximum of three shots is allowed, but an archer shoots only until a hit is made. If, for example, the first arrow strikes in a scoring area no more arrows are shot. To score, an arrow must cut through the "hair and hide" line into the low scoring area and through the outline of the high scoring area.

VBA STILL GROWING

The Virginia Bowhunters Association is continuing its growth with the present membership at 1791 and 47 affiliated clubs. The only problem that still worries the writer, is that less than 50% of the clubs are represented at the Board of Directors meeting. If we continue to grow as expected, our growing pains will be multiplied, so it behoves all clubs to make certain that you are represented at the meeting to assist in solving our many problems.

HAS ALL TWENTY PINS

Past State Champion Gene Limerick, is the first archer in the state to get all of the VBA twenty pins. After getting the eighty and sixty-five yard twenties, Gene found out that he hadn't put in for the forty-five yard twenty, which he had shot several times.

The pressure was really on, but after a couple of tournaments, Gene, in true championship style, racked up a twenty on the forty-five and became the first archer to this writers knowledge to garner all nine awards. Congrats, Gene!

FROM VBA OFFICERS

Since this will be the only communication between now and Christmas from your VBA officers, it is with sincere pleasure and humility that we extend to all of you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Prosperous New Year. Have a joyous Holiday Season and good shooting in '61!

LICENSE FEE INCREASE?

The Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries has recommended an increase in the county hunting and fishing license fees, and the state fishing license fee, in order to provide funds for a sound fish and game management program. The commission, as you know, holds down an excellent job with limited funds.

1961 State Champ Site At Fort Eustis

The Ft. Eustis Bowman have been awarded the 1961 Virginia State Archery Tournament to be conducted on four regulation courses on the base. The Commanding General has approved the use of the Rod and Gun Club Clubhouse, ample camping area, and eating facilities also on the base. We of VBA are very privileged to have such a wonderful site for the tourney. More later.



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