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New 20 Pins Now In Effect

The new VBA 20 pins were accepted and became effective 1 July. The price for pin and first distance bar is \$2.00. Additional distance bars is \$.75. The cost of these awards to be borne by the Host Club. Club secretaries will receive applications from the Corresponding Secretary. These applications are to be sent to the Field Vice President. The awards will be mailed directly to the archer.

The Corresponding Secretary and Field Vice President reported that Club secretaries were using nick-names on classification cards and on VBA forms which is creating a problem trying to figure out if names like Sonny Limerick is the same person as E. Eugene Limerick who is on the VBA file. If this situation is cleared up it will expedite the sending out of awards and other records and forms.

35 Yards

William N. Woodzell, Charlottesville
William Boden, Brucetown
Wayne Cochran, Roanoke
John Coffey, Danville
Melvin Corso, Richmond
Ralph DuBrueier, Winchester
Russell Forren, Covington
Edward E. Foster, Roanoke
William Good, New Market
William Hatch, London Bridge
Orbra Kessee, Lynchburg
John McClure, Woodstock
Byno Rhodes, New Market
Vincent Scott, Harrisonburg
Lester Shickle, Winchester
Fred Smith, Covington
Kermit Whitacre, Winchester
William L. Blackburn, Waynesboro
Mark Judd, Waynesboro
Mary Lee Craft, Hampton

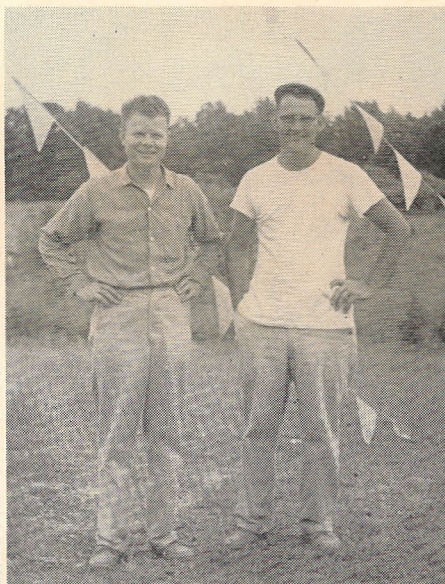
40 yards

Leo Dew, Covington
Kenneth Ervine, Warrenton
Fred Smith, Covington

45 Yards

Tommy Frye, Leesburg
Donnie Mays, Charlottesville
Joe Selby, Alexandria
Fred Smith, Covington

First VBA 20 Pin Winners



William Woodzell of the Albemarle Archers and William Good of the Senedo Archers have the honor of being the first two Virginia archers to win the new VBA 20 pins. Woodzell won his for a 20 on a 35 yard target and Good for a 60 yard target. These first two awards were won at the Annual Fourth of July Shoot at the Augusta Archers new range.

45 yard walk-up

Tommy Frye, Leesburg
Frank Lewis, Portsmouth
Carrell J. "Buddy" Meadows, Port Republic
Irvin Gordon, Staunton
Bill Harris, Richlands

50 yards

Frank Lewis, Portsmouth

55 yards

Leon Good, New Market
Walter L. Ralph, Fairfax
Byno Rhodes, New Market

60 yards

William Good, New Market
Wayne Cochran, Roanoke

80 yard walk-up

Mark Judd, Waynesboro

How Lucky Can A Guy Be ? ?

Claude Bartley of Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, won the Apache Camp Trailer given away at the National Field Archery Tournament. The NFAA decided to give the Trailer free to the average archer attending the shoot by taking the top score and the low score of the tournament, adding the two together and dividing by two. Claude's score tied with two others. They then had to draw from the hat. Congratulations Claude!

Bow Hunting Season This Year

It shall be lawful to hunt deer of either sex with bow and arrow from October 15 to November 1, dates inclusive, except where there is a closed general hunting season on deer. Provided, however, it shall be unlawful to use a crossbow or poison arrows at any time for the purpose of hunting wild birds and wild animals, and it shall be unlawful to carry firearms when hunting with bow and arrows.

The above regulation was adopted by the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries on May 5, 1958 and June 13, 1958.

Big Game Award

Check your VBA Membership Card to be sure you are eligible for Big Game Awards when you get your deer this fall.

REMINDER TO CLUB SECRETARIES

VBA dues payable January 1st to December 31st.

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The Fast Bow

The 1958 Bow Hunting Season is just around the next bend. Just returned from Hog Island where Mr. Hassel Taylor and I set the days of the Hog Island Hunt. The new dates are as follows: Oct. 1-4, 6-8, 9-11, 13-15. All dates inclusive from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Hunting will be by special permit only. Application for hunts obtainable from the Richmond Office of the Commission. Applications will be received until September 10, 1958.

Approximately 75 hunters will be allowed on the area each day. Should applications exceed this number permits will be issued on a draw basis. Successful applicants will be notified prior to September 20, 1958.

RULES

1. Hunting for deer of either sex, bag limit one a day, two a season, raccoon bag limit 3 a day and fox, crow and opossum, no bag limit, will be permitted by bow and arrow only. (NO FIRE-ARMS ALLOWED). No hunting of any other species of bird or animal, game or non-game, will be permitted. DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE AREA.

2. The area will be closed to all vehicular traffic from one hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Hunters are to be on stands from sunrise to 7:30 a.m. and from 4:30 to one half hour after sunset and no moving around will be permitted during these periods. Stalking or hunting on foot will be allowed between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on certain designated

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by W. L. Blackburn

Recommended Safety Rules For VBA

1. Never aim an arrow at another person. It's no joke if you slip.
2. Never walk up to a target while others are still shooting—and conversely, never shoot at a target while another is near it.
3. Never shoot an arrow up into the air. It can come down on someone's head.
4. When hunting, never climb up or down a hill holding an arrow nocked in your bow. It's easy to fall on your own arrow.
5. Never use your bow hand as an arrow rest. It can be cut by sharp feathers and pierced with small (or large) splinters.
6. Before drawing a bead on your hunting target, make sure it's an animal and not another hunter.

areas reserved at all times for still hunting only.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hog Island Waterfowl Refuge is located at the end of Route No. 617, eight miles north of Bacon's Castle which is on Route No. 10 between Surry and Smithfield. For applications write COMMISSION OF GAME & INLAND FISHERIES, P. O. BOX 1642, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

Our Statewide Bowhunting Season will start 15th of October, 1958 to 1 November 1958.

R. NICOLAS
Hunting Vice President

A man in Southwest Virginia was acquitted of driving while intoxicated when a doctor testified he "did not think he was drunk because his speech was not affected, his eyes were not glazed and that the pupils were not dilated." His test reading, some time after arrest, was .14. Many physicians feel an individual is incapable of driving safely when the concentration is .05 or less.

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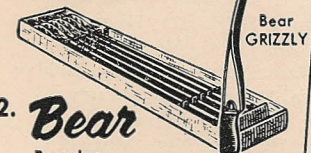
7. Never shoot a split or cracked arrow. It may break and drive through your bow hand.
8. Never shoot an arrow shorter than your draw length. You might overdraw it and stab it into your bow hand.
9. If a feather comes loose at its leading edge, don't use the arrow until it's been cemented down properly.
10. Don't shoot arrows with self nocks (nocks that are cut into the shaft without reinforcement).
11. When bracing a bow, observe all the safety precautions.
12. Make sure your arrow is properly nocked on the string before releasing.
13. Don't stand forward of an archer, even though off to one side. You might become the bystander-victim of a poorly nocked arrow.
14. Don't use a weak-spined arrow on a heavy bow. It may break and drive through your bow hand.
15. If while drawing the arrow slips off the arrow rest, don't try to replace it on the rest while at full draw. The chance of accidentally releasing it and shooting it through your hand or a bystander are too great. Instead, relax the bow and start the draw from scratch.

Submitted by
RAYMOND H. SMITH
Oakwood Forest Archers
Covington, Virginia

He: "I know all the answers."
She: "Why aren't you on a TV quiz program?"
He: "The questions confuse me."

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TO THE VICTOR

by
JIM LIVESAY

The air was charged with the peculiar tension which usually accompanies a great spectacle. Two combatants were about to engage in a to-the-death duel. It couldn't be otherwise, for each one was an instinctive enemy of the other. To top it off, one was trespassing on the territory of the other. The two were almost evenly matched in size, 30 inches in length for Fang as against 33 inches for Blackie. Where Fang possessed a powerful venom, Blackie was unbelievably quick and supple. Fang was stocky, Blackie lean and lithe. They were unequal equals, you might say.

Blackie had discovered a seemingly inexhaustible food supply in this territory. He had happened on this place by accident one day after he had been soundly whipped by a larger black snake who had moved in on him just after Blackie had made a meal of a lizard and was comfortably dozing on a large rock outside his den. Deciding discretion to be the better part of valor, he had declined further honors by running away. Blackie had noticed large pathways running this way and that in this new land. He was crossing and his attention was caught by field mice playing around a large bundle of straw. He lay quietly by, observing and waiting until he was hungry again. He then found it quite easy to pick off a meal at leisure. The straw was set up on an old tire and afforded an ideal den for Blackie. It is easy to set up housekeeping under such favorable conditions. In his forays to secure lizards, insects and other things of interest to black snakes, Blackie discovered other bundles of straw similarly situated on old tires. And more mice. This was too good to be true. It wouldn't be for long.

Old Fang had been moved from his usual haunts by an entirely different set of circumstances. The weather had turned dry. Not that rattlesnakes dislike dry weather. On the contrary. But, his prey, the many small animals and other creeping, flying things followed moisture like a magnet. Fang was hunting the lower part of the mountain when he encountered Blackie. Fang struck without warning, but Blackie turned aside in a flash. Fang re-coiled quickly and with an angry buzzing but Blackie had withdrawn to a safe distance in order to size up his opponent. Hate glimmered in the eyes of each and one thought dominated all others, "kill him first." Blackie kept himself stretched out with his body always in a line directly away from the buzzing coil that was Fang. Blackie's tail was vibrating against a dry leaf and was making a sound not too much different from the angry buzzing made by the rattles on Fang. This mockery infuriated Fang. Blackie raised his head and neck into an arch and moved slowly

closer, weaving this way and that. Fang struck again and missed. Feint and thrust, dodge and parry. It was maddening, the way Fang just barely missed on each strike. In his rage, Fang failed to notice that Blackie had maneuvered until now each strike was made up-hill and where Fang was using up his energy in the futile lunges at his opponent, Blackie was coolly saving himself. It was a running fight but there were no cowards here. Only savage and calculating minds bent on the destruction of the hated rival. Fang was tiring. His strikes were getting shorter and it took more taunting and moving in closer to keep Fang's rage at white hot pitch. Blackie was careless in one feint and felt a searing pain on his neck where Fang's hypodermic grazed him. Learn and live. Still they fought and on new ground. Blackie was backed against a stump and his head was raised over a root which was round and soft from age. Fang struck and missed but for some reason sank his Fangs into the root. In a flash, Blackie was on him. Before Fang could coil, Blackie was rolling around him and tightening each coil. When Blackie had used his entire length to wrap Fang from head to belly, he suddenly straightened out. With a sound like thirty knuckles cracking, Fang was dis-jointed. It was the moment of truth for Fang. The triumphant black snake unrolled himself, reared up over his fallen enemy and then moved silently away about three yards where he turned to watch the wriggling mass of help-less flesh and bone. Exultant, weary Blackie crawled in his footless way into the path just in front of the bale and dozed off. Oblivious to the whine and thud of four shafts which found their mark in the target above him, Blackie slept a victor's sleep. The archer, approaching, drew back with an unvoiced—"Snake!!" Screaming in his throat. Quickly knocking, he sent a shaft straight into the sleeping brain of Blackie.

"Why?" You say. Well, friend, fear plays a supporting role, but mostly ignorance hogs the show. If you would help nature restore herself to glory, then learn all you can of her goodness and her badness and then think it over.

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Box 192, Glasgow, Va.

Tournament Schedule

Sept. 7

V B A Quarterly Meeting, Lynchburg, Va.

Annual Conservation Shoot for Clubs.

Sept. 14

Annual Bowhunters Shoot, Albemarle Archers, Charlottesville, Va.

Pioneer Archers, Woodstock, Va.

Triangle Bowhunters, Christiansburg, Va.

Sept. 21

Annual Little Brown Jug Shoot, Shawnee Bowmen, Winchester, Va.

Powell Valley Archers, Pennington Gap, Va.

Blueridge Archers, Buena Vista, Va.

Warwick Bowmen, Warwick, Va.

Sept. 28

Augusta Archers, Staunton, Va.

Chilhowie Bowhunters, Chilhowie, Va.

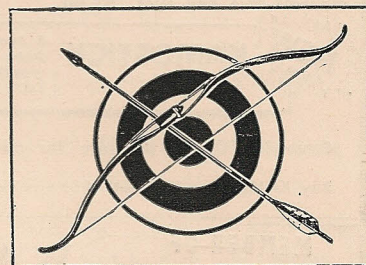
Manahoac Bowmen, Fredericksburg, Va.

Flat Top Archery Club, Bedford, Va.

Oct. 5

Annual Deerslayer Shoot, NORVA, Alexandria, Va.

Tazewell County Archers, Tazewell, Va.



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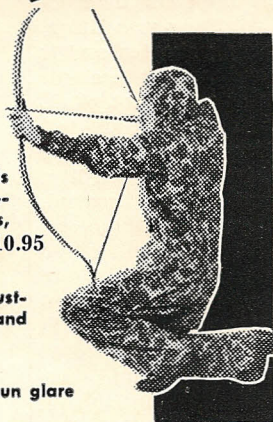
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