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Tom & Darlene with their Trophies

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Bowhunter Tom Frye & wife Darlene Bag Bear in Colorado High

by Louis Hudson

After driving 2000 miles in approximately 2½ days, Tom and Darlene Frye of Leesburg, Virginia arrived at the ranch of Bill Wallace of Collbrun, Colorado, 30 miles N.E. of Denver, for what they hoped would be a successful bear hunt.

The ranch is located at about 7500 ft. above sea level in the foothills of the Rockies. Needless to say this is one of the most beautiful spots in America. Incidentally, Tom advises anyone wishing to go on a bear hunting trip to contact Bill Wallace in Collbrun, Colorado for a very exhilarating, enjoyable hunt.

Tom and Darlene were both very successful in their hunt. Darlene bagged a 150 pound Bruen and Tom a 250 pound Bruen.

Some of the highlights of this hunt as told to me by Tom and Darlene, were riding the horses and listening to the baying of the hounds, which they said numbered 8 to 10 to a pack, over this rugged and high countryside.

Darlene said all lady archers who are considering a bear hunt should be in the best of physical shape and by all means. . . know how to ride a horse

western style and get yourself in shape to shoot no less than a 48 pound bow, which is required in Colorado.

Darlene's bear was killed on the 3rd day of the trip, after a hard chase by the hounds, horses, and riders, of three hours. The bear was brought to bay 65 ft. up in a quakie tree, which is similar to a spruce. Darlene who is a proficient A Free Style shooter (fingers) calmly stole up under the tree with her Jennings Compound Bow, set her sight on 20 yards and overshot the Bruen, this first shot she blamed on bad advice for sight setting from the guide and Bowhunter Tom! So she calmly set her sight again on 15 yards and downed the Bruen with 1 well placed shot with a wasp broadhead.

Congratulations go out to Darlene on her fine trophy. We believe her to be the first women in Virginia to kill a bear with bow and arrow.

Tom's bear was killed on the 4th day after a two hour chase. Tom, who is one of our states best instinctive archers, shot his bear 20 ft. up in a big spruce tree. The first shot not being fatal, the bear climbed higher into the spruce tree. With Tom's well placed

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State Tournament Augusta Archers Host

The Augusta Archers of Staunton will host the 28th Annual VBA State Championship Tournament over Labor Day Weekend with registration starting at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, August 30.

This state shoot will run on a three day schedule as opposed to the two day schedule of previous years. Start of the tournament will be 1:00 PM on Saturday for field round. - 2nd round 10:00 AM on Sunday - 3rd round 10:00 AM Monday.

They will have entertainment each night. Some of the entertainment lined up for you will be Raydini the Magician with his Magic Wonder Show, and a four man Country and Pop Band called "The Rebels".

Food will be served on the range.

So, let's all come to Staunton and make this a record breaking state shoot.

The entry fees are \$8.00 - one person, \$6.00 - Jr. & Youth, and \$16.00 for a family. Time limit will be 4 hours for field, 4½ hours for hunter, and 3½ for animal. Schedule of events and Motel accomodations on Page 8.

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Tom Hancock Shoots 560

On August 11 at the Loudoun County Bowhunters Range in their Annual Freddie Feather Shoot, Tom Hancock took AA Freestyle with a perfect 560 field and hunter round combined. He also shot 552 in the animal round in the evening for a mighty fine total of 1112.

Tom is president of the Loudoun Co. Bowhunters and I know this makes him extra proud of this round which is his first perfect field round.

Tom said he would also like to thank the 96 archers who participated in this annual event.

DEADLINE DATES

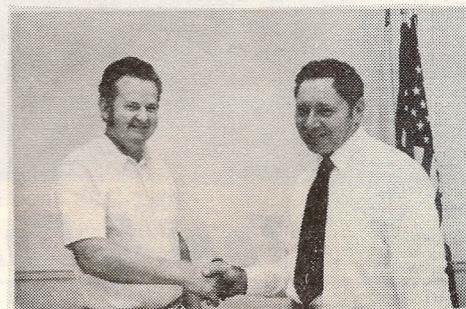
The deadline date for the Sept. -Oct. issue of "Flight" is Sept. 10, 1974. The issue should be in the hands of the membership by the first week in Oct.

VBA Notes

* An increase in State Tournament fees was voted in at the V.B.A. meeting due to the increase in cost of staging the tournament.

* Directors voted to stay with classification system rather than the Flight System used at Mid-Atlantic.

* Virginia Clubs interested in putting in bids for Mid-Atlantic indoor or outdoor tournament for next year contact Bill Bolt.



President Harold Street welcomes new V.B.A. Executive Vice President and Flight Editor, Louis Hudson, at June installation meeting. All other officers remained the same for this year.

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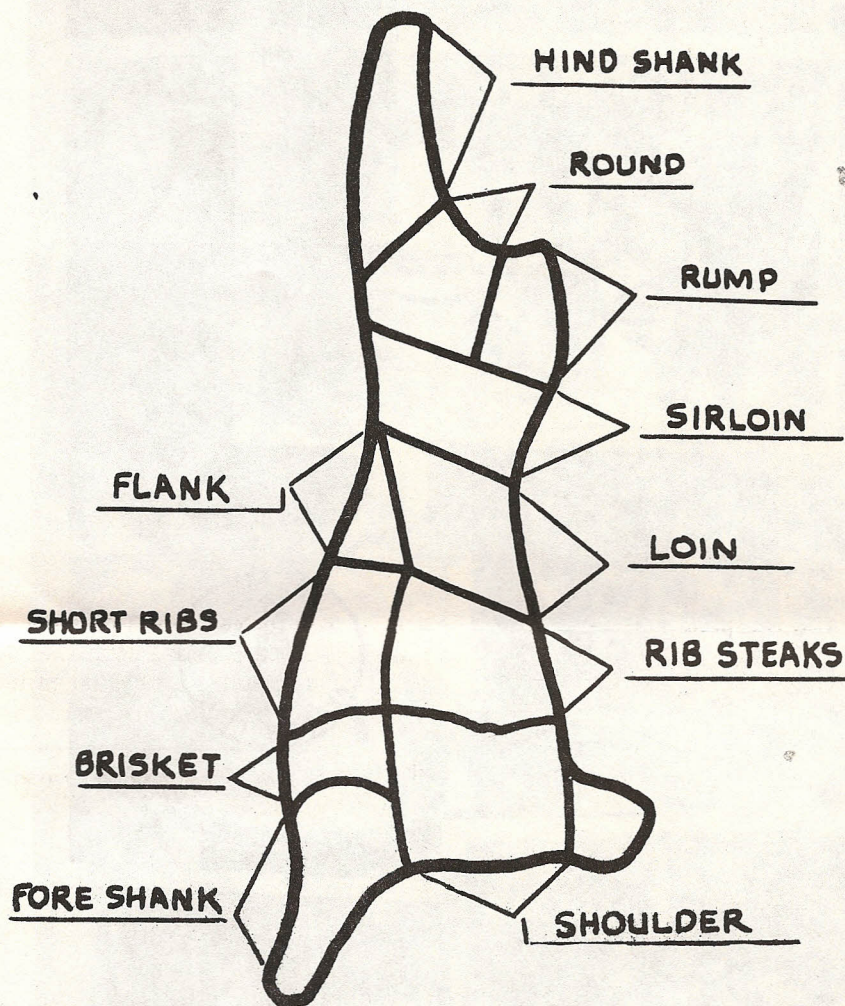
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RECIPE

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(a meatloaf recipe handed down by the Cherokee Indians)

- 1 pound ground venison
- 1 No. 303 can whole kernel corn
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup cornmeal
- ½ cup water

Measure the cornmeal and place in a small bowl. Add the water and stir to mix. Allow to stand. Brown the venison in fat. When meat is thoroughly cooked add the corn and onion. Cook 10 min. Add the salt, egg, and cornmeal; stir well. Cook another 15 minutes. Put in greased loaf pan and bake 30-40 min. at 350°. Serve with cheese sauce or mushroom soup.

(Excerpt from Nov., 1966 issue of "Va. Wildlife" magazine article by Raymond Schuessler)

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Dressing Deer

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Never carry the carcass in a closed car trunk or on the hood. The best place to carry the carcass is on a roof top rack. This allows air to circulate around the venison and helps keep it cool.

AGING

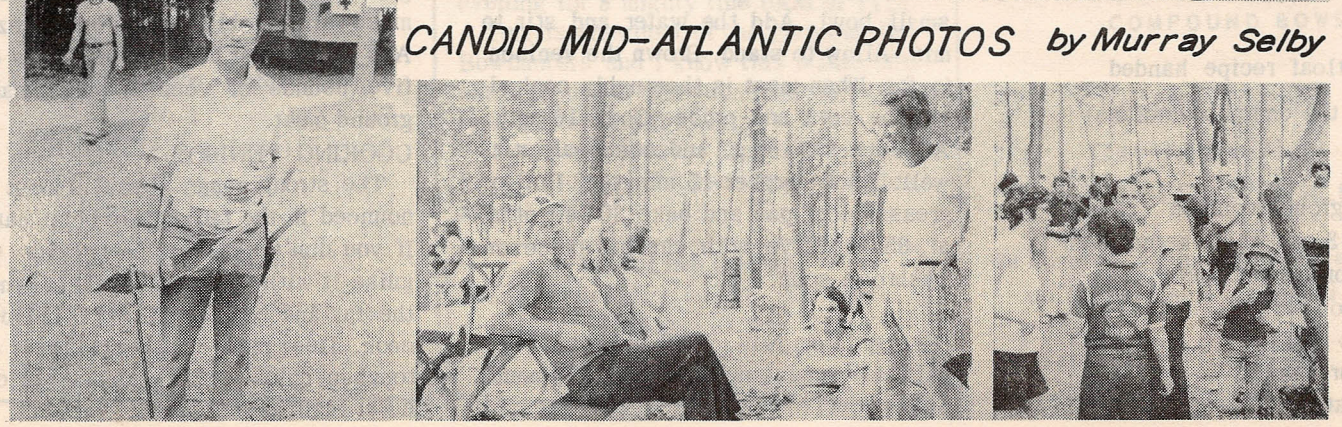
A 5 to 10 day aging period is desirable providing it is done at a constant temperature under sanitary conditions. Aging is best done in a locker plant.

CUTTING THE DEER

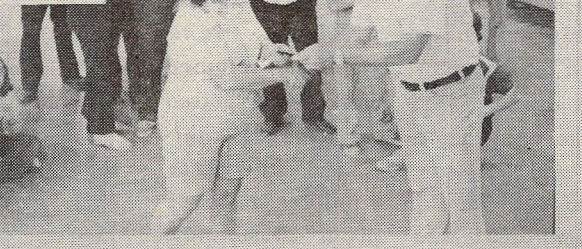
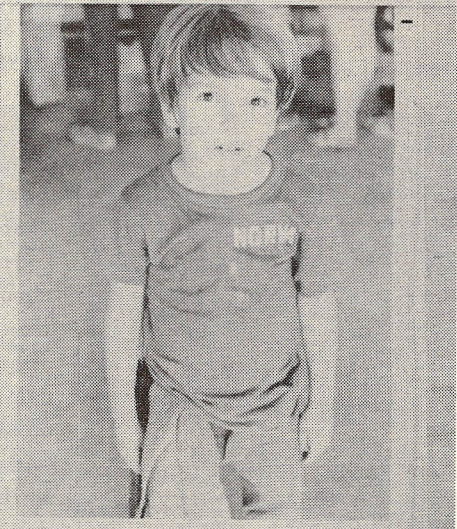
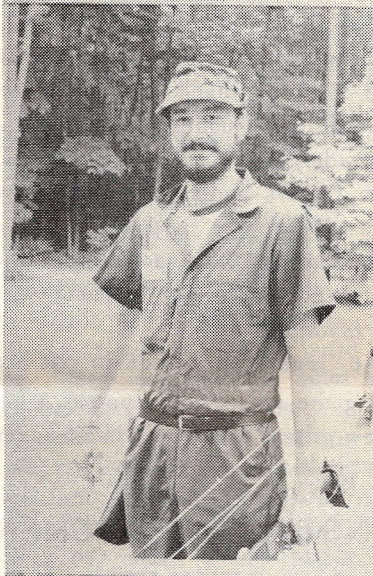
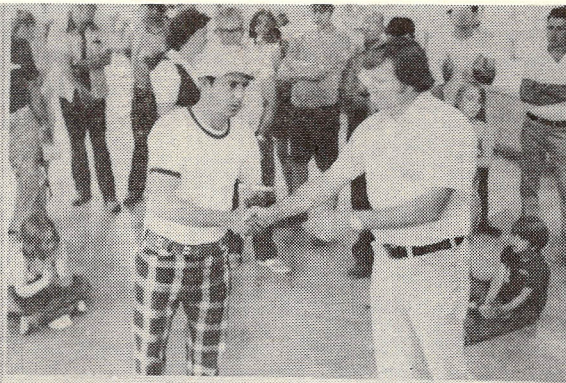
Unless you know what you are doing, it pays to have a butcher make the cuts. You should, however, tell him what you want in the way of steaks, roasts and ground meat. Also remind him to remove all visible fat before freezing. Add ½ pound of beef or pork fat to each five pounds of venison when making ground meat.

COOKING VENISON

The strong gamey flavor is most pronounced in the fat and the bone marrow. If you don't like the game flavor, disguise it with spices or herbs or remove the fat and bone marrow. Do not overcook. Deer meat has short fibers that toughen quickly if over-cooked or cooked at high temperatures.



CANDID MID-ATLANTIC PHOTOS by Murray Selby



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Scenic Target



This is one of the prettiest targets on the newly opened Archery range at Luray, Va. It is 60 yards over a water lilled pond.

Preparing to shoot this target in their recent annual shoot are Tom Hancock, Tom Ott, and Wayne Loveless.

Incidentally, any club wishing to send in a scenic shot of one of their targets please do so as I would like to run a picture of one in each issue.
(Ed.)

"Southwest Virginia News"

by Jim Overfelt

The tournament season is in full swing in our area and all the Clubs in this area have had very good attendance to their shoots.

Southwest Va. was well represented in the Mid-Atlantic this year. Championship awards went to Rodney Lawhorn in Young Adult Free Style, Steve Thompson in Cub Free style and Jim Overfelt in Bowhunter all from Triangle Bowhunters in Christiansburg.

W.H. Thompson of Triangle Bowhunters had some hard luck trying to get to the Mid-Atlantics, He left Salem Thursday night about 8:00 p.m. and traveled about 50 miles when the engine in his camper blew up. After being towed back to Salem, he got into his car with his group of four and left for Newport News. By this time it was 1:00 a.m. Friday. He made it all the way to the Richmond Toll Gates when his engine quit in the car. He had to be towed in again for repair which was promptly located after about 2 hours delay. Friday about noon he rolled into the camping ground at Warwick Park, tired, red eyed, but ready to get warmed up. I'm glad he made it because he made a good showing in Flight No. 1.

I know you probably hear hard luck stories at every tournament but here is one story of bad luck and determination that is hard to top.

Jr. Overstreet of Rocky Mount Va. shooting in flight 3 in the Mid-Atlantics broke an idler on his Compound the first day. He rushed back to a friends car and replaced the broken idler, set up the bow and returned to his group and made up eight targets he had missed while doing the repair job. The second day he broke a cable. He had a spare cable in his car so off he ran to try to get his broken cable replaced.. He replaced the cable by himself and returned to his group. By the time he had gotten back to his group he had missed 13 targets and his group was on their last target. Well this was a problem because the time limit was about 20 minutes

away and Jr. had 13 targets to make up. A friend of Jr's ran to Jr's car and got his extra dozen arrows and returned. With five people helping Jr. ran from target to target shooting four arrows at each. One group was scoring, one group pulling arrows and another man ran a relay race to bring Jr. his arrows as he continously moved to each remaing target.

Jr. shot 13 targets in fifteen minutes and finished within the allotted time. I've never met a more determined archer and I don't think many archers could have held up under the physical strain, Considering Jr. shoots a 60 lb. bow with fingers and he still shot over 500 both days-

Comments from archers in our area indicate that the "Flight System" is not favorable.

At least two clubs in our area are using the unit award system. There are a few gripes but people must understand that pins are expensive.

INSTINCTIVE ARCHERS

BEWARE

Bill Goodman, with his Jerome Keys Bow (Vintage 1960), is on the tournament tour again. As you can see by Bill's form in this picture, he is a tough instinctive archer.

Bill's home club is Cub Run Archers, Centerville, Va.

I also noticed Ed Rose and his Jerome Keys Special back on tour. Glad to see these two old archers on the tournament trail again.



TOM AND DARLENE FRYE
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second shot from approximately 60 ft. he had his Bruen.

Tom's equipment consisted of a 58 pound Bear (recurve take-down) Bow which he highly recommends for this type of hunting because of the ease of carrying this particular bow on horseback, which is the only way they hunt in the area. He states that the Compound Bow is right bundlesome to carry on horseback. Tom also recommends the Wasp Broadhead, which Darlene used, over the Delta Broadhead which he used. He said it was much, much more efficient.

I asked Tom what he would recommend other hunters to take on a trip of this sort and he said you should take at least 2 doz. arrows with very keen edge. Definitely a good pair of hunting or riding boots. Normal hunting clothes would be sufficient.

In questioning Tom and Darlene on how they got in shape for this bear hunt they said they did a lot of ground hog hunting with bow and arrow and practicing with heavy weight bows to build up muscles. They also shot in most all of our local scheduled shoots. Tom in heavy tackle Bowhunters Division (Instinctive) and he recently scored a very fine 520 field round at Broadhead Archery Club in Luray. Tom, as we know, has been our state champ numerous times in the instinctive and Bowhunter Divisions. He has the Bill Bennett Big Game Award with 6 arrows. He has won all the small game N.F.A.A. awards and has received a Master Bowhunter Award.

Darlene who shoots with her fingers in A Free Style Women's Division, just recently shot a 530 animal round at one of the local shoots which she also attends almost every week-end. So no need wonder why that bear was in jeopardy. Darlene has this bear and ground hogs to her credit but no white tail deer as yet. This, she says, will be next. Incidentally, Tom told me he has killed 14 white tailed deer and that he has been a member of V.B.A. and an archer for 18 years.

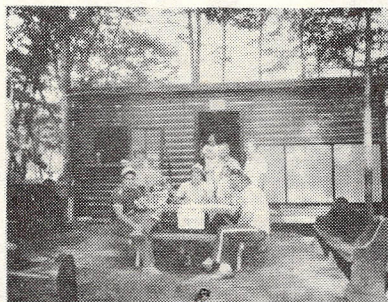
I am sure Tom and Darlene would gladly answer any questions concerning the bear hunt when you see them around at scheduled shoots.

Congratulations go out to these two fine archers and fine hunters for their hunting accomplishments.

BROADHEAD ARCHERS

Open New Range

by Mertie Shultz



July 7th was a great day for 61 archers that initiated the new Broadhead Archery Club range near Luray.

It was their first shoot; field faces for trophies; but nothing was lacking on their 14 target set up at this time.

Starting with a well marked highway route we found the range with clean, wide paths and all round markings on cement plugs, bow racks on every target, cold drinks at the half way and plenty of refreshments.

The big surprise they have you don't find on any other range in this vicinity is a 60 yard shot across a farm pond. I don't think the turtles got any arrows either and the cows stayed to the far end.

Among the outstanding scores for the day were:

Free Style AA	- Louis Hudson	- 554
Free Style A	- Wayne Loveless	- 550
Free Style AA Women		
	Ann Boyd	520
Free Style A Women		
	Darlene Frye	412
Bow Hunter	- Tom Frye	520
Unlimited Bow Hunter		
	Jack Denbow	446

DON'T FORGET

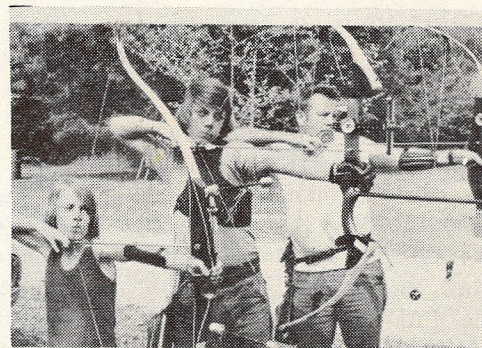
Don't forget to keep your broadheads sharp while in the field and also carry with you an extra string. Also be sure you put that cigarette out. Smokey the Bear will be happy.

CRUSH IT

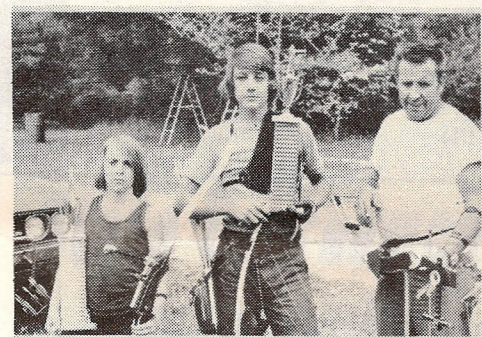


ALL IN THE FAMILY

by Jim Overfelt



Stephen Thompson, Rodney Lawhorn and their father William Thompson at Virginia State Open 1974



William "Wildhorse" Thompson and two sons pictured above are a championship archery family as we can see by the following accomplishments.

Rodney, 15, and Stephen, 11 are both in their second year of archery. Steve is shooting freestyle with a rope and pin release. Rodney and William both shoot AA-Freestyle and carry a 540 & up average.

Rodney won the Va. Indoor 1974, Va. Open 1974, W. Va. Open 1974 and Mid-Atlantic 1974 in young adult freestyle division.

Steve won Va. Open 1974, Va. Indoor 1974, and Mid-Atlantic 1974 in Cub Free Style Division. He shoots close to 500 on 28 targets.

William has placed very high in all tournaments and carries a 551 average.

The Thompson family enjoys archery as much as anyone in Triangle Bowhunters. William and Rodney have completely filled out their handicap cards and have gotten new ones.

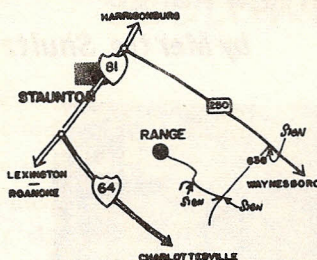
Rodney also plays baseball (pitcher) and football.

STATE TOURNAMENT (Cont. from Page 1)

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUG. 30
 7 PM - 10:30 PM - Registration
SATURDAY, AUG. 31
 7 AM - 9 AM - Breakfast
 8 AM - 10:30 AM - Registration
 11: AM Lunch
 12 Noon Welcome, Invocation
 & Grouping
 1 PM - Start of Tournament
 5:30 PM - 7 PM Supper
 8 PM - 9:30 PM Entertainment
SUNDAY, SEPT. 1
 7 AM - 9 AM - Breakfast
 9:30 AM Grouping and proceeding to targets
 10:00 AM Start of 2nd Round
 2:30 PM Lunch
 7 PM - 7:30 PM Entertainment
MONDAY, SEPT. 2
 7 AM - 9 AM Breakfast
 9:30 AM Grouping and proceeding to targets
 10:00 AM Start of final round
 1:30 PM Lunch
 3:00 PM Presentation of Awards

DIRECTIONS TO RANGE



Augusta range is located off of Rt. 250, 6.7 mi. west of Waynesboro City limits sign, and 2.4 mi. ea. of Staunton city limits. Turn at Billy Dee's Restaurant on Rt. 618. Watch for target signs. For those using I 81 take exit 57 turn east on Rt. 250 towards Waynesboro and go about 1 mile.



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