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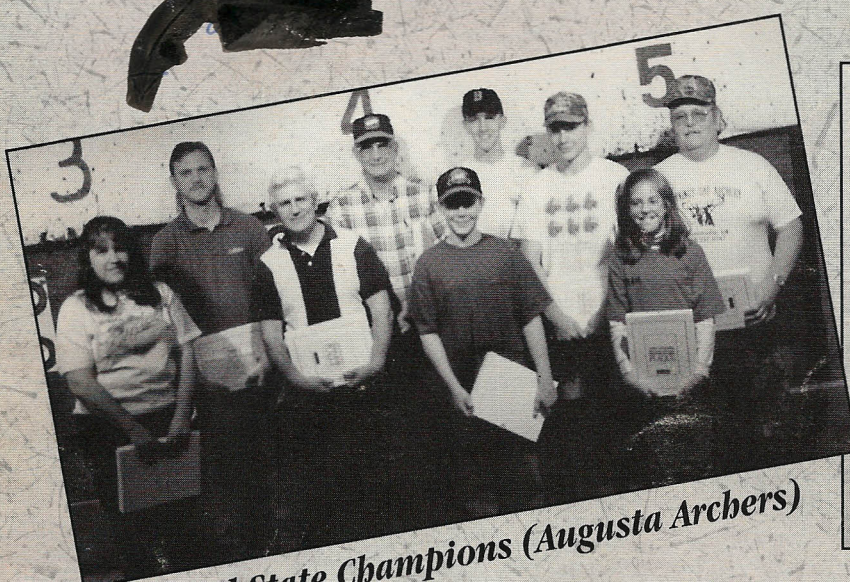
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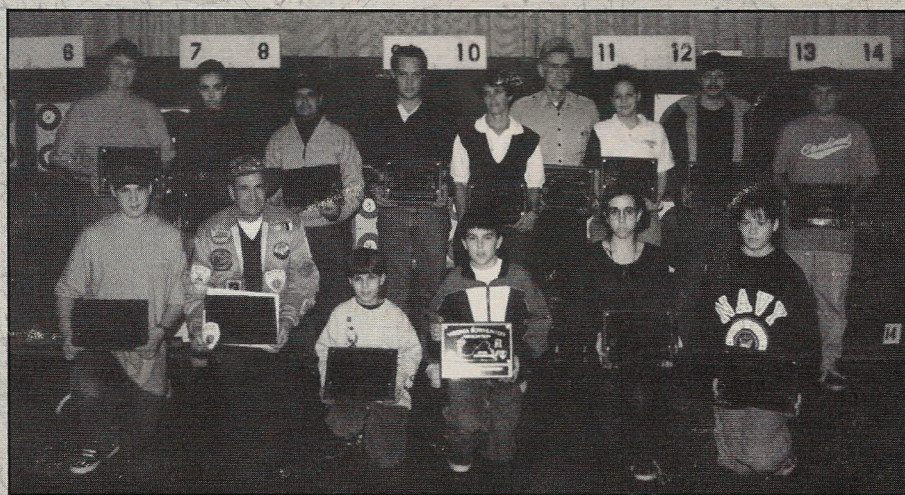
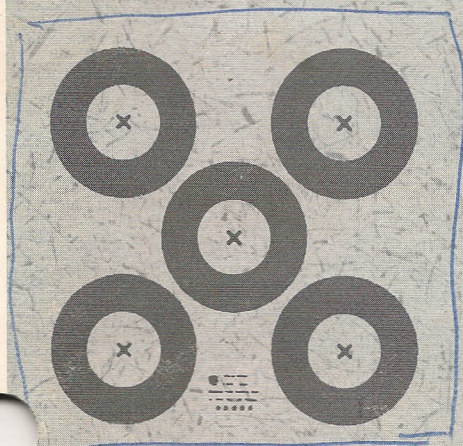
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The deadline for the Summer issue of FLIGHT will be **May 30, 1997**. Please submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is your newsletter!

From The VBA President

The 1997 outdoor season is upon us, and after a cold, long winter, I'm really looking forward to two major shoots. The first is the Spring 3D classic, hosted this year by the New River Bowhunters in Galax, Virginia. The dates for this shoot are April 12th and 13th. New River is putting a great deal of effort out to make sure this is a great shoot, so come on out and have some fun.

The second is hosted by our buds at Buggs Island - the State Open on the weekend of May 24th. The folks that make that shoot really happen are Jerry and Shirley Jordan. Jerry and Shirley have set the standard for the last couple of years for State championships. I'm looking forward to another great weekend on the range with them in May. The only real risk at Buggs is that we will start singing again at the Saturday night reception. The slightly modified prayer comes to mind, "Our Father, this art ain't heaven..."

I'd like to pass on a couple of words about the VBA leadership. After a few years as a VBA officer, the last two as President, I am retiring (for awhile) in June. The nomination process has concluded and given that only one person was nominated per office, the results are in. I can think of no finer archer to lead the VBA for the next two years than Bob Seltzer. If Bob brings three quarters of the energy he's put into the

Hunting VP office to the office of President, the VBA better buckle its seat belts! Bob only needs one thing for two great years, and that's your support and ideas. If you give him that, the VBA's success over the next two years is a sure thing.

On the subject of retirements, John Stockman will be retiring as the VBA's Bowhunter Education director this summer. John's work and commitment to bowhunter education is without parallel, and we will miss him. However, John's retirement puts the VBA in the market for a new Bowhunter Education director. If you are already a Bowhunter Education Instructor, and are ready to give something back to our heaven-sent sport, give either John or myself a call. Our numbers are listed here at the left.

I'm writing this article on the Monday following the State Indoor. The shoot went well, with more archers shooting this year than in many years past. The list of people who helped out is long, but two really stand out. I'd like to publicly thank both Irene Stocksdales and Crystal Bell for the long hours and effort they put into ensuring a successful and fun VBA State Indoor Championship. Irene and Crystal, thanks from all of us at the VBA! ⚡

—John McLaughlin

From The Hunting Vice-President

The statistics are in for this past hunting season and the deer harvest was down everywhere except the Southern Mountain region which recorded a 5% increase. The total number of deer taken during the '96 season was 207,560, which represents a decrease of about 5% from last season. The largest decrease was in the Tidewater region which registered a 12% decrease. Of the total harvest, 99,100 were antlered bucks and 24,133 were button bucks. Bowhunters harvested 6,957 antlered bucks and 2,044 button bucks from a

total 15,913 deer. Bowhunters accounted for 7.7% of the total deer harvest. For the record, muzzleloading hunters took 45,591 deer, accounting for 22% of the total harvest. The top five counties were: Bedford, Loudon, South Hampton, Grayson and Pittsylvania.

There were also 602 black bears harvested this year, of which 412 were males. The top five counties were Rockingham, Allegheny, Augusta, Craig and Rockbridge. ⚡

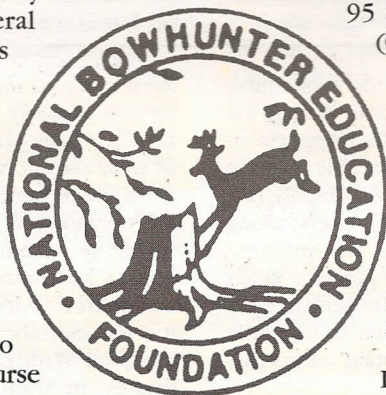
— Bob Seltzer

From The NBEF Director Bowhunter Instructor Courses

On May 17, 1997, a Bowhunter Instructor Course will be conducted at the Hilldrup Moving and Storage Training Facility in Stafford, Virginia. The purpose of the course is to train new instructors and to update existing instructors. The course will provide advice on teaching methods, course content, and training aids used in presenting the basic National Bowhunter Education Program (NBEP).

The NBEP is a 10-hour course of instruction covering the fundamentals of safe, ethical bowhunting. The course is now mandatory in several states and several more are in the process of making it a requirement to bowhunt. The NBEP is not required on a state-wide basis in Virginia. However, some military reservations and game refuges within the state require bowhunters to complete the basic course prior to hunting.

Persons desiring to become instructors must be at least 18 years of age and must have attended the basic NBEP course. Individuals attending the workshop as new instructors will be required to complete a background investigation application.



The instructor workshop is open to all instructors and is especially recommended for those who have not yet taught a course. A special invitation is extended to prospective female instructors. More and more women are becoming bowhunters, yet we have only a few female instructors.

DIRECTIONS

The Hilldrup Facility is located in Stafford County off U. S. Route 1. It is north of Fredericksburg and south of Quantico Marine Base. If you are coming from north of Stafford, take Route 95 South to the Route 619 (Quantico) exit. Turn right on U. S. Route 1. Go three miles to Hilldrup on the left. If you are coming from south of Stafford, take Route 95 North past Fredericksburg to the Acquia exit. Turn left on U. S. 1, and go five miles to Hilldrup on the right.

If you have any questions regarding the course, including the location of basic qualifying courses, please call John Stockman at (703) 418-6888 (work) or (703) 524-3389 (home). The course will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. ↗

— John Stockman

Bowhunter Education Program Courses Scheduled As Of March 1, 1997

FREDERICK COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB

April 13, 1997

Call Rob Pecora to register.
(540) 364-2158

NORTH WEST PARK

1733 Indian Creek Road
Chesapeake, Virginia

April 25, 26, 1997

Call Tom Romel to register.
(757) 421-7151

IZAAK WALTON PARK

Amherst, Virginia

June 7, 8, 1997

Call Al Baughman to register.
(804) 525-7427

FORT BELVOIR

Fairfax, Virginia

June 21, 1997

July 19, 1997

August 9, 1997

September 13, 1997

September 27, 1997

October 12, 1997

October 26, 1997

November 9, 1997

Call Fort Belvoir Outdoor
Recreation to register.

(703) 805-3781

Cost: \$7.50

VBA January Board Meeting Results

- **PASSED:** Change name of Open 3-D State Championship to Fall 3-D Classic.
- **FAILED:** Motion that the Spring 3-D Classic be Marked Yardage. Effective January 1, 1998.
- **FAILED:** Motion to permanently retire Carp & Gar Annual Award due to lack of competition. Effective January 1, 1997.
- **PASSED:** Amend the Constitution Article 4, Section 5 to read that the office of National Bowhunter Education foundation (formerly IBEP) shall be appointed by the full VBA Executive Committee.
- **PASSED:** Establish an office of Publicity Director to be appointed by the VBA Executive Committee as an officer of the VBA. ↗

NFAA Certified

Instructor and Coach Certificates Course

WILCOX BAIT & TACKLE ARCHERY RANGE

Sponsored by:

Kingsboro Bowmen Archery Club
Newport News, Virginia

April 4, 5, & 6, 1997

Tom Wilcox - (757) 595-5537

Bob Hansford - (757) 596-6578

Bowhunter Education Program Course

NEWPORT NEWS PARK

Sponsored by: Warwick Bowmen
Newport News, Virginia

August 16, 1997

Bob Hansford, Jr.

(757) 596-6578

Get To Know Your Officers!

Bob Seltzer, VBA President

Bob was born in 1946 in Waynesboro, Tennessee, was raised in that state, and harvested his first deer with a rifle at age 13. He has always been an avid outdoorsman and advocate of a person's right to hunt. A dedicated bowhunter, Bob has been active in all aspects of the sport. He spent six years as an officer for the Belvoir Bowhunters of Virginia (four years as president), two years as president of the Traditional Bowhunters of Virginia (which he helped found), and eight years on the VBA Board of Directors (two as hunting committee chairman and four as the hunt-

ing vice-president). He is currently a member of the Belvoir Bowhunters, Northern Virginia Archers, Appalachian Bowhunters Association, Professional Bowhunters Society, Traditional Bowhunters of Virginia, Traditional Bowhunters of Maryland and the National Field Archery Association. He is also certified as an NFAA instructor and as an International Bowhunters Education Program instructor. In addition to these activities, Bob has a long history as an instructor to 4-H clubs and scouts at all levels and has done extensive volunteer work with the Virginia Department of Game and

Inland Fisheries, as well as with local game management programs.

Bob's life outside the sport of archery includes retirement from the Army as a Colonel after more than 27 years, which encompassed two combat tours in Vietnam and five years in Germany. He is still employed by the Department of Defense. He has a BA in business and an MPA in public administration. Bob and his wife Eileen have been married for twenty-five years and have three daughters, two of whom have successfully harvested deer. ➡

Mark Lohr, VBA Field Vice-President

I appreciate the opportunity to serve my second term as your Field Vice-President again for the next two years. I was given the position two years ago after Rob Pecora took the then vacant treasurer's office. I really enjoy doing what I'm doing in the VBA and happy to support the sport of archery. I hope this shows in my past performance.

I'm presently a Bowhunter Education Instructor, with just a few classes as instructor under my belt. I hope, however, to see more classes in the upcoming year, since this course is especially helpful to bowhunters and to the preservation of hunting.

Several years ago I took a Certified Instructors' course given by the National Field Archery Association at Cub Run.

With Dean Hupp as instructor, this course helped me in many ways: form, aiming, follow-through, and many other aspects of archery. My goal was to be able to help others enjoy this sport more. I highly recommend this course to all archers, along with the advanced course. If you are interested in taking the course, please contact me at (540) 465-4065. I'll be setting up a date and time when I have enough people to form a class, and can obtain an instructor from the NFAA.

I've been a member of the VBA for 14 years. My local club is Shenandoah County Archers, where I've been the Range Captain for about seven years. We don't have a range at the moment, but we are looking for a piece of land. I am an associate member of Two Rivers Archery Club, which has

been gracious enough to let our club hold shoots at their range. Massanutten and Loudon County have also offered us the use of their ranges, which goes to show there are a lot of generous and good people in this organization.

Before becoming Field Vice President, I was Chairman of the Bowhunting Committee. During that year our committee successfully initiated the VBA Award Banquet. With Dave Burpee as chairman, this event should get better each year, with increased participation by the entire VBA membership.

I look forward to serving as your Field Vice-President in my next term. I've enjoyed my fellow archers and all the members of this, the finest archery organization in the state of Virginia. ➡

Crystal Bell, VBA Recording Secretary

Since my interest in archery began in 1993 I have been fortunate to have been involved with many aspects of the sport. I have been active in Augusta Archers, holding offices of Secretary and Public Relations. Last spring I became a certified

Bowhunting Instructor and also had the pleasure of meeting Bernie Pellerite and his wife, Jan, at one of their NFAA Shooting Schools.

My husband, Richard, and I live in Crimora, Virginia. We are both active in

bowhunting, field archery and 3-D tournaments.

I have enjoyed being VBA Recording Secretary and will continue to do the best job I can for the VBA. ➡

Rob Pecora, VBA Treasurer

I am currently the Treasurer for the Virginia Bowhunters Association and have agreed to run for this office again. Since I first began shooting in the mid-'80s, I have been very committed to the sport of archery. During my first year of membership in Two Rivers Archery Club in Front Royal, I was elected President of the club. I have held this job all but three years of my membership. As President of TRAC, I became the clubs' director at the quarterly VBA meetings. I have attended all but one meeting since then and as many of you fel-

low directors know, I have often voiced my opinions.

I was the Bowhunting Committee Chairman for several years before accepting the office of Field Vice-President. This office was quite challenging at first because I received no past materials or instruction. I have also been a member of the Publicity Committee and the Tournament and Field Archery Committee. When C. D. Miller decided not to run for the office of treasurer two years ago, I decided, since this is an extremely important position, to switch

jobs and try to fill his shoes.

I have also been involved with National Bowhunter Education Program as an instructor and as a regional director. This is a great program and I strongly urge all members to get more involved with either becoming instructors, or helping to arrange courses.

My greatest honor was being accepted into the Order of the Golden Feather at the January meeting. I wish to thank the members for accepting me into their society. ➡

Get To Know Your Officers! (continued)

Dave Proctor, VBA Executive Vice-President

In 1969 I became interested in archery and bowhunting, and by 1971 had joined the Bowhunters of Rockingham, Virginia Bowhunters Association, and the NFAA. Since 1971 I have been president of the Bowhunters of Rockingham four times and held the office of VBA Hunting Vice-President from 1979-1987. I have been VBA

Executive Vice-President from 1992 to the present.

My main focus in archery has always been bowhunting, but I also enjoy tournament and 3-D shooting at some of the local clubs. I have been the Editor of *Flight* since 1992, and I enjoy trying to produce a quality newsletter for the VBA members.

The job of editor is even more rewarding when someone tells me they enjoyed a certain issue, article, or photo in *Flight*.

I look forward to publishing an interesting newsletter for you to read and participate in! Any suggestions, comments, or submissions are always welcomed. ➡➡

Clinton Western, NFAA Director

I have been shooting the bow since the mid-1940s when I lived on a farm near Verona, Virginia, just north of Staunton. My first bow was made of lemonwood and my arrows were of the target variety and made of Port Orford cedar. I soon acquired some broadheads, a somewhat stronger hickory bow, and then became acquainted with Dr. McKelden Smith while hunting deer. I was hooked. Dr. Smith, Bill Hill, two other individuals whose names I cannot recall, and I met at Dr. Smith's home and organized Augusta Archers.

Since then I have harvested deer, rabbits, groundhogs, frogs, turtles, one starling (I have the NFAA Small Game Award), cop-

perheads, etc. Although I have won a few awards in tournaments, I have not found it necessary to build a trophy room.

I was elected Executive Vice-President of VBA in 1964, which office I held until 1965 when I was elected for a two-year term as President. I was again elected President in 1988 and served in that capacity until June 1991. In June, 1993, I was elected to serve as NFAA Director and have held that office to date.

At the 1996 NFAA annual meeting, NFAA President Crowell asked me if I would be willing to serve on a committee to update the Organization's Constitution

and By-Laws. I told him I would and have subsequently been appointed Chairman of that committee. It is because of this position that I have agreed to serve another term as NFAA Director. I would like to see the updating of the Constitution and By-Laws through to completion.

In closing, I retired from Norfolk Southern Railway in 1987, as an Assistant Director Labor Relations. Nancy Lee and I have been married for 47 years and have two sons and three grandchildren - two boys and a girl, ages 8, 5 and 4. I will do my best to keep your trust during my term as NFAA Director. ➡➡

Dave Burpee, VBA Hunting Vice-President

Dave was born December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, about four hours after the Japanese attack that brought the U. S. into WWII. As a military dependent he lived in various locations around the globe and within the U. S., finally settling in the Seattle area where he attended high school and college. With that background, it is not surprising he went on to a military career, retiring after 28 years as a Colonel. His assignments included two years in Italy, three years in Germany, three years in Belgium and a combat tour

in Vietnam as an advisor to the Vietnamese Rangers.

Dave has always been active in various hunting and shooting sports, but did not pick up his first bow until 1985. Since then he has been active within the sport. He spent four years as a club officer for the Belvoir Bowhunters (two as President), two years as the VBA Hunting Committee Chairman, and is a certified IBEP instructor. He is a member of the Belvoir Bowhunters and the Traditional Bowhunters of Virginia, where he is also a

club officer for the next two years. He has been involved with local game management programs in Fairfax County and has helped coordinate efforts to bring statewide issues to the attention of legislators. Dave is employed by a non-profit group in Washington, D. C. that provides educational loans. He has a BA in Far Eastern History-Slavic Studies and an MA in Journalism. He is divorced and has two daughters, neither of whom hunt, but both of whom enjoy the varied recipes that are a result of his hunting success. ➡➡

Irene Stocksdales, VBA Publicity Director

Irene Stocksdales has been active in archery as a member of Northern Virginia Archers (NORVA) and Belvoir Bowhunters for five years. For the past three years, she has served as the Secretary/Treasurer of NORVA and Editor of the newsletter. She is active in local, state, NFAA Mid-Atlantic and National Indoor and Field tournaments. She has won the VBA Triple Crown for State, Closed and Indoors for the past two years. She loves to bowhunt and had her first experience elk hunting in Montana last year. She is a qualified IBEP instructor, volunteering her time to

teach and work with the youths of tomorrow.

Born and raised in south Jersey, Irene is employed by the General Services Administration (GSA) as a System/LAN Administrator for the Office of Property Disposal, responsible for database applications and LAN equipment, working with contractors and users, and frequently traveling to the six regions.

In January, Irene was appointed by VBA as Publicity Director. With the strong support of her Public Relations Committee, she oversaw the publication

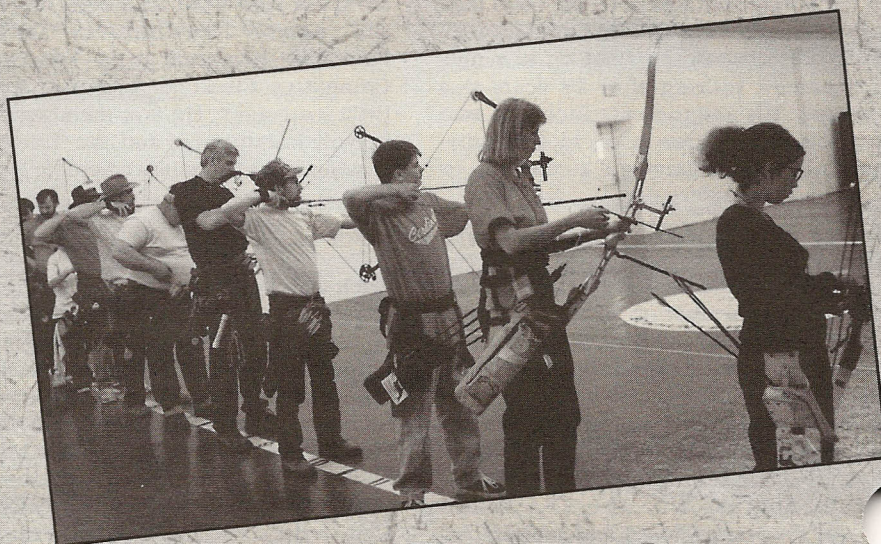
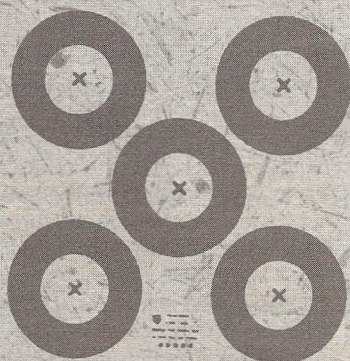
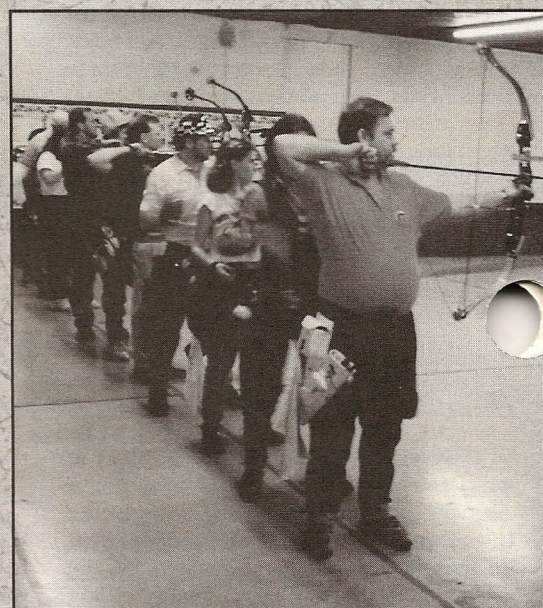
of the revised VBA brochure; was instrumental in getting VBA on the Internet; was the chairperson of the nominating committee for the 1997 officers; assisted with the VBA Second Annual Awards Banquet; and assisted the chairperson in coordinating the first VBA State Indoor Sectional tournament hosted by Augusta, Belvoir and NORVA.

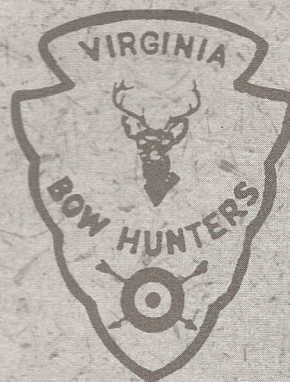
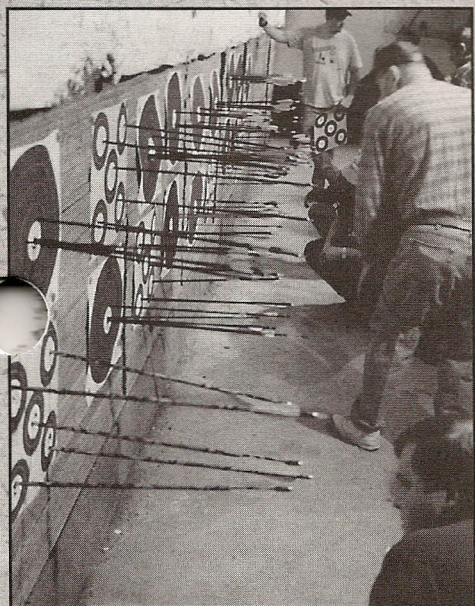
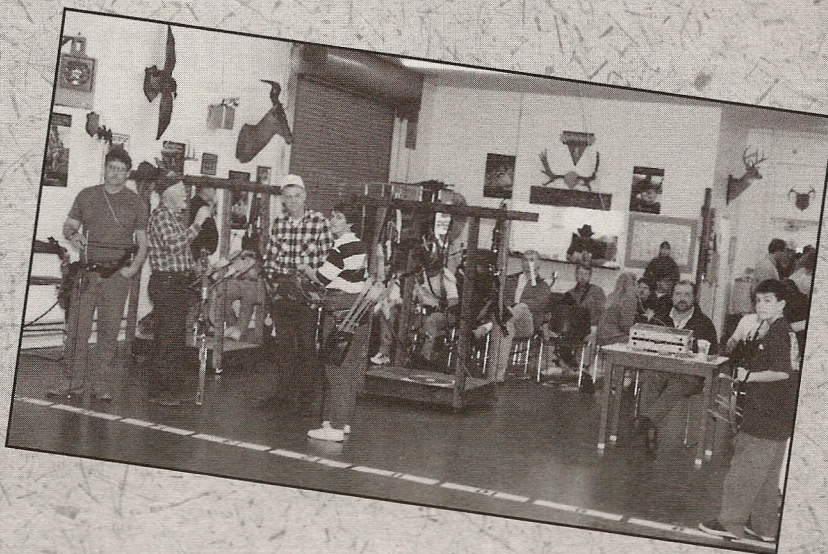
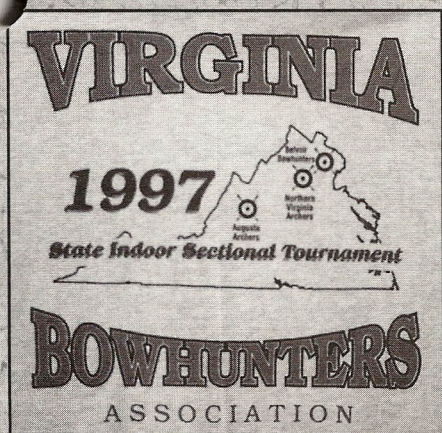
Irene believes in 'team' concept and communications. Working together, we as archers and members of VBA can make this work and grow! ➡➡



VBA's First Indoor State Sectional Tournament

*Thanks to everyone
who made it happen!*





VBA Happenings



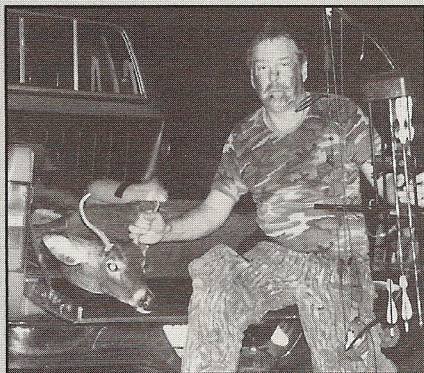
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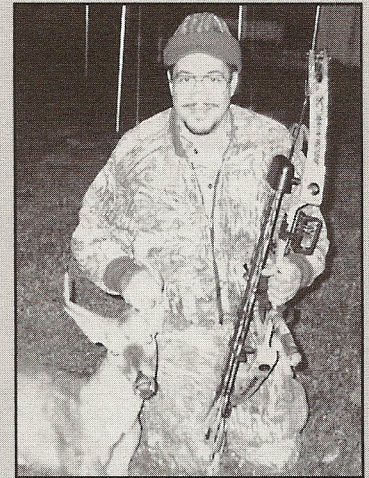
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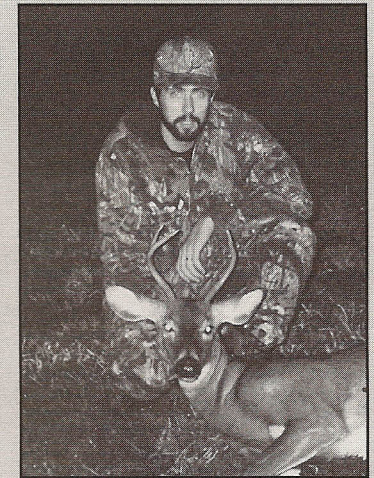
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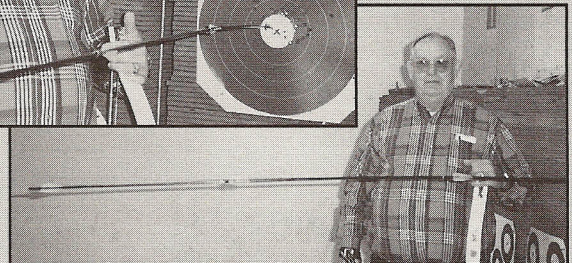
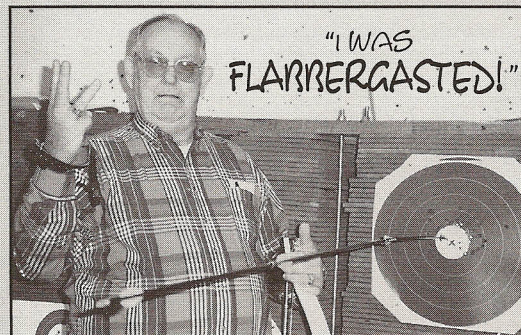
Stanley Nichols, Jr.



Richard Parker



Tony Phipps



That was Rusty Mann's response when asked how he felt

about the DOUBLE ROBINHOOD he shot while practicing with friends at Sherwood's indoor range on January 8. Rusty, age 66, has been an archer since 1958 and has been a member of Sherwood Archers and the VBA most of that time. He has never shot a Robinhood before and has never heard of a "double!" Way to go, Rusty!!

Black Bear Heaven

Our bow hunt was booked for five days, starting the third week of May. At this time, from mid-May to the end of the month, the bears are feeding in the slashes getting ready for the breeding season. The method used to hunt these huge bears is spot and stalk. Many miles are covered by truck while driving logging roads, and eyes tire from glassing for a patch of black among the rock- and log-laden slashes. But countless bears are spotted and the guide is invaluable when judging a bear's size from long distances. When a trophy is spotted, a few minutes are taken to pattern the bear's movements. Then the guide drives his hunter as close as possible without alarming the bear, parks the vehicle, and starts the stalk. The stalk may be long or short, and the main problem is losing sight of the bear in the rough terrain. It is also this rough terrain that gives the bowhunter his edge in not being spotted by the bear.

We finally arrived on Vancouver Island. The outfitter, Wayne Wiebe, met my two hunting companions, Gary and Marvin, and myself. He is what you would expect of a veteran bear hunter - dressed like a lumberjack that hasn't shaved in a couple of days, with the smile of a long-lost friend. We loaded our bags on the pickups and piled in for the ride to bear camp.

Arriving at camp made my fellow bowhunters wonder what they had booked. There were no tents, no cabins - just a large fishing lodge made up of individual cabins overlooking the Strait of Georgia and the Canadian mainland beyond. We stayed in one building which had four bedrooms, three full baths, a kitchen, dining room and living room with a fireplace and sliding glass doors that led to a porch overlooking the water. Wayne and his guides stayed next door in a similar cabin.

Sharing breakfast with us the next morning were our guides for the week, Dave and Rob. Dave was my guide from the year before and I would be going out with him. In our discussion he told me that it takes an average of two days for a bowhunter to collect his trophy. This was just enough to get the adrenalin going. My companions and I told Wayne that we were only after bears that would qualify for Pope and Young and would pass up all others.

Wayne assured us that we would see plenty of record book bears but that it would be our hunting skills which determined if we scored or not.

After returning to the lodge, it was time to check our equipment. For practice shooting, Gary had packed an 18-inch diameter polyethylene target. All our PSE bows shot fine, so we did some extra practice shooting between the 10 and 30 yard ranges to which we would be stalking our bears. We also practiced shooting at extreme angles up and down. This is very important, since a feeding bear may end up above or below a hunter on the side of a mountain slash.

All guides and their hunters left camp by 12:00 noon for their respective hunting areas. This is actually an early start, since most bears don't become active until 5:00 p.m. One evening around 8:00 p.m., Marvin and Dave pulled up in the truck. Since they had returned from their hunt early, everyone knew they had scored. Rushing out to see how they had done, we found Marvin sitting on the tailgate laughing as he told the story of an apparently deaf bear he had taken.

Around 4:30 p.m. Dave had spotted a large bear slowly walking along a logging road about one mile away. The bear was headed away from them and the wind was in the bear's face, so conditions were perfect to make a quiet approach. They drove to within 200 yards of the bear and started a stalk. After sneaking to 20 yards, Dave whispered to Marvin, "Do you want to get closer?" Marvin replied, "No," and started to draw his PSE Fire Flight bow.

The guides had prepared the hunters for such a situation. When in shooting distance and behind the bear, the hunter should come to a full draw. The guide then yells to make the bear turn broadside. As Dave explained, "A large bear is so muscular around the shoulders and neck that he can't turn his head 180 degrees to look behind him, but will

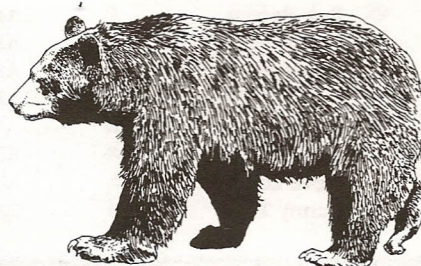
instead turn broadside to the noise and look for its source."

After Marvin came to a full draw, Dave yelled, "Hey, Bear." Nothing happened. The bear was so engrossed in eating the green grass along the road that he didn't hear the hunters. So Dave yelled as loud as he could, "HEY, BEAR!" This time the bear turned slowly around just as Dave had said, offering a perfect broadside shot. Marvin felt the string come cleanly off his fingers and the broadhead found the bear's heart. This would have been enough to finish the bear, but another arrow was released into the bear's neck as he tried to scramble away. After a 20-yard tracking job it was time to take pictures of a fine 19½" Pope and Young bear.

When driving the logging roads there are numerous opportunities to photograph and videotape the abundant wildlife. Roosevelt Elk are spotted feeding along the creek bottoms. The bulls are growing new antlers and the cows are ready to calf. Blacktail deer are seen just about everywhere. Wolf and mountain lion tracks can be found in the mud along the road. Bald Eagles are nesting and seen hovering overhead.

Another evening while waiting for Gary and Rob to come to dinner, Wayne told us Gary had taken an 18½" bear that afternoon. We decided to play a joke on Gary and ignore him when he came to dinner. Well, in he came, walking on cloud nine, with a smile from ear to ear. Everyone just continued talking as Gary sat there looking like he was going to explode. I knew he couldn't take it much longer and asked, "What's new?" That was all it took. The typical story of a Vancouver Island black bear began to unfold.

Rob had spotted a trophy bear up on the side of a ridge. After he and Gary had climbed about 100 yards up the side of the mountain, the bear turned and went in a different direction than they had anticipated. But as they watched the bear they were stalking walk away, another large bear came out of the timber behind them. As luck would have it, this bear was slowly walking directly toward them. All they had to do was stay still and watch the bear's movements until it came within bow range. When the bear was within 40 yards, Gary drew



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his PSE Mach Flight-4 and placed the cross hairs between the bear's front legs. As the bear approached the 30-yard landmark, Gary released an arrow into his heart. The bear ran up the hill about 150 yards before expiring.

By now the conversations we had with our outfitter before the trip were proving invaluable to our hunting success. Wayne had informed us of the type of terrain and the distance to which we could expect to stalk our quarry. It was a surprise to hear that camouflage clothing is not necessary when stalking large bears. The guide who is at the archer's side does not wear camouflage, and the bear will ignore both hunters as long as they remain still. But as avid whitetail hunters, we just didn't feel right bowhunting without wearing our assortment of camo clothing. To avoid the loss of a wounded animal, Wayne insists that all bowhunters be confident and well-practiced with their equipment. And in an effort to ensure this, he will not allow any bowhunter to bring a rifle on the hunt for backup.

I was still waiting to test my archery skills when Dave stopped late one evening to glass the slashes at the head of the valley. I was glassing the valley floor when I spotted a patch of black about a quarter mile below us. "There's one," I said. Dave only had to look at the bear for a second to tell it was the trophy we were after. We stood there for 15 minutes watching the bear - trying to pattern his movements and planning where we could intercept him.

It was too steep to go down our side of the ridge, so we drove around onto the opposite ridge. We parked the truck and walked 200 yards down the road to a point where we thought we would spot the bear again - but no bear. After waiting several minutes, we continued walking down the road trying to catch a glimpse of the bear. Finally, after thinking we had lost him, there he was just 100 yards below us, still slowly feeding down the valley. We started our stalk - weaving our way around boulders and over logs as fast as we could, knowing our light was fading fast.

Dave had told me earlier, "The most important thing to remember in stalking large bears is to have the wind in your favor, because any bear will spook at the first sign of human scent. The second

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VBA 1997 State Indoor Sectional Tournament

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Total Score	Total Xs
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	A	558	41
SC	Gwenda Willard	AFBH	A	471	10
SC	Wendy Reichley	AFBHFS	A	597	82
1st	Auvray Shumate	AFBHFS	C	497	11
SC	Irene Stocksdale	AFBHFSL	C	526	33
2nd	Amber Roulen	AFBHFSL	C	484	13
3rd	Sharon Hancock	AFBHFSL	C	370	6
SC	Diana Delgado	AFFS	A	599	82
2nd	Betty Hamlin	AFFS	A	590	53
3rd	Ann English	AFFS	A	292	34
SC	Sarah Newmeyer	AFFSL	B	557	23
2nd	Robin Vogel	AFFSL	B	548	31
SC	Rick Stark	AMBB	A	587	53
1st	William V. Keen	AMBB	B	554	24
2nd	Phil Cantrell	AMBB	B	552	38
3rd	Paul Vogel	AMBB	B	550	36
	H. L. Surch	AMBB	B	549	22
	Chris Willard	AMBB	B	507	28
1st	Sidney Shelton	AMBB	C	464	14
2nd	Larry Bullock	AMBB	C	415	12
SC	Howard Faris	AMBH	A	580	45
2nd	Bob Baublitz	AMBH	A	559	32
3rd	Carroll Willard	AMBH	A	520	19
1st	Joe McManus	AMBH	B	516	23
SC	Todd Fisher	AMBHFS	A	600	86
2nd	Michael Shupe	AMBHFS	A	599	88
3rd	Jeff Hale	AMBHFS	A	598	70
	Steve Oldham	AMBHFS	A	596	82
	Whit Wagner	AMBHFS	A	596	75
	David Chandler	AMBHFS	A	592	65
	Tim Henson	AMBHFS	A	585	61
	Kevin Brown	AMBHFS	A	575	46
1st	Robert Ramsey	AMBHFS	B	572	43
2nd	Richard Mabry	AMBHFS	B	571	35
3rd	Barry Henningson	AMBHFS	B	564	45
	Charles Singleton	AMBHFS	B	560	49
	Ed Bickham	AMBHFS	B	549	29
1st	Cory Clements	AMBHFS	C	509	16
	Richard Coyner	AMBHFS	A	297	34
SC	Terry Watkins	AMBHFSL	A	589	56
2nd	Les Goss	AMBHFSL	A	588	74
1st	Jim Little	AMBHFSL	B	574	46
2nd	Jerry Jordan	AMBHFSL	B	545	24
1st	Sammy Smith	AMBHFSL	C	537	31
2nd	Dale Brown	AMBHFSL	C	510	10
SC	Kendall Woody	AMFS	A	600	114
2nd	Eddie Rogers	AMFS	A	600	108
3rd	Bill Hamlin, Jr.	AMFS	A	600	98
	Brian Young	AMFS	A	600	94
	J. N. Riddel	AMFS	A	599	100
	Kenny Vinson	AMFS	A	599	93
	Robert Kenly	AMFS	A	599	90
	Rob Pecora	AMFS	A	599	81
	D. J. Delgado	AMFS	A	597	90
	Jonathan Mitchem	AMFS	A	596	72
	Robert Wheeler	AMFS	A	596	66
	Brian Tate	AMFS	A	595	82
	Mark Lohr	AMFS	A	595	71
	Steve Lowe, Sr.	AMFS	A	591	58
	Danny Trent	AMFS	A	590	65

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Rank	Name	Style	Class	Total Score	Total Xs
	Russell Maddox	AMFS	A	588	53
	Jimmy Brough	AMFS	A	587	51
	W. D. Shumate	AMFS	A	586	56
1st	Rick Hutson	AMFS	B	582	71
	Charlie Shupienus	AMFS	A	571	34
2nd	Kevin Corwin	AMFS	B	565	46
3rd	Alan Kroll	AMFS	B	539	29
	Richard Bell	AMFS		300	55
	Shawn Pinn (inc.)	AMFS	B	289	19
SC	Tom Haupin	AMFSL	A	591	74
2nd	Chester Hancock	AMFSL	A	581	43
1st	Bob Campbell	AMFSL	B	561	44
2nd	Stephen Moody	AMFSL	B	552	37
	John McLaughlin (inc.)	AMFSL	C	269	8
SC	Silvio Fernandez	AMTRAD	B	456	9
2nd	Russ Hatchl	AMTRAD	B	399	12
1st	Edward Stevens, Sr.	AMTRAD	C	388	5
SC	Sarah Delgado	CFFS		557	43
SC	Doug Leininger	CMBHFSL		448	12
SC	Timothy Stark	CMFS		269	2
1G	Bill Hicks	G-AMBHFS	A	596	81
2G	Dennis Mitchell	G-AMBHFS	A	588	52
3G	Jim Brown	G-AMBH	A	578	49
	John Knox III	G-AMBHFS	B	538	23
	Rome Stiffler, Jr.	G-AMBHFS	C	489	19
	Guy Clements	G-AMBHFSL	C	500	13
	Gregory Pritchett	G-AMBHFSL	C	493	10
	Bob George	G-AMFS	B	277	17
	Paula Weissend	PAFFS	A	600	112
	Ronnie Lewis	PMFSL	A	594	62
	Joe Herbert	PSMFS	A	600	107
SC	Wes Stigall	SMBHFS	A	598	84
1st	Donald Burton	SMBHFS	B	544	30
1st	Charley Davis	SMBHFS	C	485	18
2nd	James Mauk	SMBHFS	C	465	14
SC	Robert Vinson	SMFS	A	598	86
2nd	Frank Mika	SMFS	A	593	84
3rd	William Udart, Jr.	SMFS	A	591	67
1st	Chuck Kenyon	SMFS	C	547	31
2nd	Russ Shannon	SMFS	C	511	28
SC	Vic Matthews	SMFSL	B	555	34
SC	Richard Merkel	SMTRAD	B	468	7
SC	Heather Stevens	YAFBHFSL	A	578	44
SC	Denya Pecora	YAFFS	B	556	34
2nd	Stephanie Swingle	YAFFS	B	551	25
3rd	Jennifer Corbin	YAFFS	B	542	24
SC	Shane Ervin	YAMBHFSL	B	525	22
SC	Ronald Snyder, Jr.	YAMFS	A	586	54
2nd	Nick Willard	YAMFS	A	569	37
SC	Dan Leininger	YAMFSL	B	498	17
SC	Lise Leininger	YFBHFSL	C	365	5
SC	Beth Pecora	YFFS	B	462	8
SC	Adam Tate	YMBHFS	A	532	29
SC	J. W. North IV	YMFS	A	593	64
2nd	Edward Stevens, Jr.	YMFS	A	591	82
3rd	Steve Lowe, Jr.	YMFS	A	588	65
	Ricky Hunsaker	YMFS	A	586	56
	Steven Stark	YMFS	A	562	32
	Gregory Knight	YMFS	A	537	25
1st	Justin Campbell	YMFS	B	477	11

Black Bear

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most important thing is sound; a small bear will run at any unknown sound, where a large bear will tolerate some noise. Least important is sight. If a hunter stays perfectly still, has the wind in his favor and is quiet, a bear will walk right past him."

After covering 50 yards, we had to climb on top of a rock to locate the bear. It took a couple minutes to spot him in the maze of rocks, logs and new growth. Dave whispered, "Can you shoot him?" The bear was 40 yards down the ridge, standing broadside. I knew this was a Pope and Young bear, and wanted to make sure of having a clean killing shot. I said, "No, let's get closer." Off the boulder we came, cutting the distance to the bear in half. Then up on another rock to relocate our quarry.

Looking around the countryside, hunters quickly realize how thick a slash can be. A bear could be out of sight only a few yards away, or be on the move putting distance between himself and the hunter. Sometimes the only thing a hunter can do is sit and wait for the bear to show himself, then adjust the stalk to the bear's new location.

After another few minutes, we saw the bear about 40 yards away. He had turned 180 degrees and was heading away from us. "Let's go!" Dave said as he jumped up. With dusk fast approaching, we covered 20 yards in record time for two hunters who were supposed to be on a stalk.

When we stopped, Dave was off to my right about five yards and exclaimed, "He's coming this way! Can you shoot?" Seeing nothing, but realizing the excitement in Dave's voice, I quickly replied, "No!" still wondering where the bear was.

At my feet was one end of a large log running about 30 feet straight out in front of me, ending at a boulder. Apparently, the bear was somewhere on the other side of the boulder, because Dave said, "Walk to the end of the log and you'll see him."

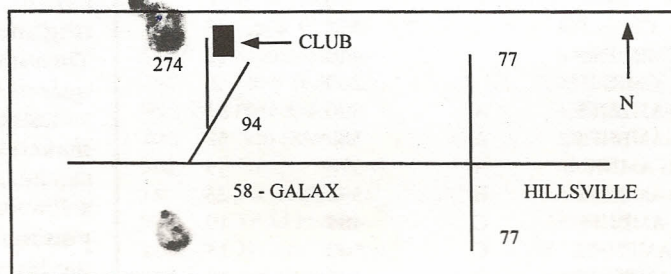
Thinking the guide always knows best, away I went, balancing myself with arms outstretched to the other end of the log. From there I was four feet above the ground and could just about see everything on the other side of the boulder except for a bear. With even more urgency Dave said, "Here he comes!"

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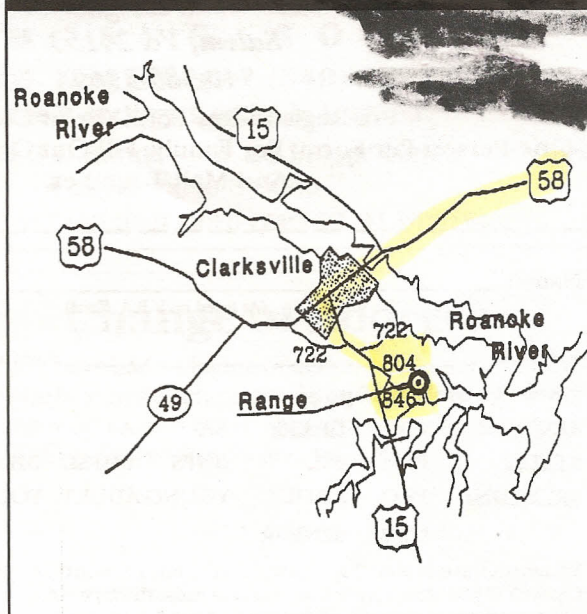
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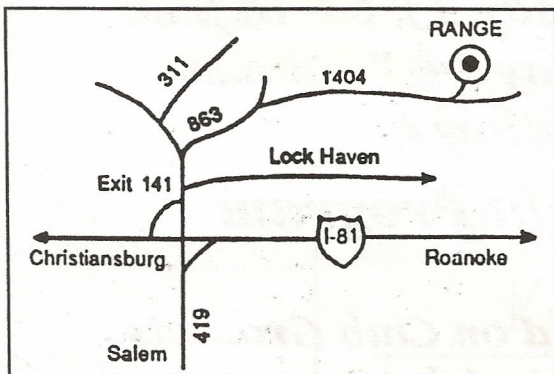


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Black Bear

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Finally I saw black hair on the other side of the boulder slowly moving my way. I quickly nocked an arrow as the bear continued inching his way around the rock while feeding on the grass. With the bear just 10 yards away and only his head and front leg exposed, I drew my PSE Mach-5. The bear continued coming toward me and I wondered if he would give me a good shooting angle before he walked right into my lap.

I was starting to feel the strain in my arms from holding the bow at full draw when at five yards, the bear turned, quivering away from me. With my reaction taking over, just like I had practice a thousand times before, I placed the 20-yard pin behind the shoulder, held for half a second to make sure everything felt right, and released.

The air erupted with biting, snapping and growling as the bear swung his head to his far shoulder. Then around his head came to my side with all his teeth exposed as he clamped them down on the eight inches of shaft that were protruding from behind his shoulder blade. The bear broke the shaft in two, but I knew the placement was good and the penetration deep enough that the broad-head would do its job. Finding nothing more to bite, the bear turned away and ran five yards where he piled up and let out one last, hair-raising growl.

We slowly approached the bear, making sure he was finished. My knees felt weak as I knelt down next to the huge bear, reflecting on what had just happened.

Back at dinner that evening, Wayne asked me if I wanted to go for a second bear. I told him, "No thanks; the memories of this one will last a long time."

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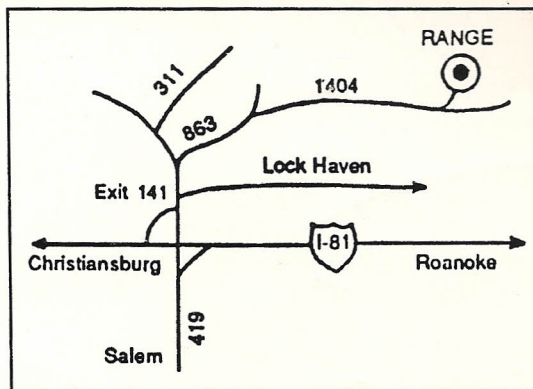
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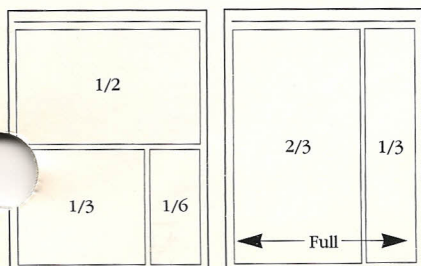
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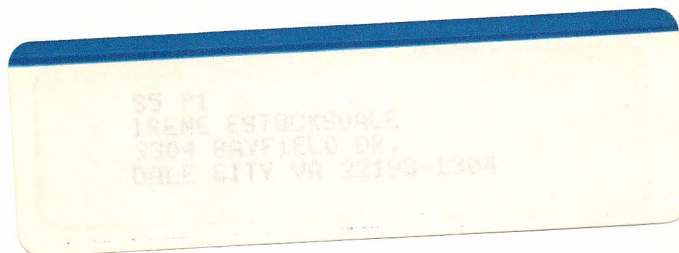
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