



VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION

The idea of forming a statewide archery association in Virginia began in January, 1941 when members of Richmond Archers formed the Virginia Archery Association. Their purpose was to promote hunting with the bow and arrow and to encourage the Game Commission to permit bow hunting on some of the State game refuges. The Commissioners were not convinced this was a good idea until they rubbed their fingers along the edge of a well-honed broadhead and attempted to pull some of the heavy osage orange bows. Even though they were convinced a bow and arrow could be a lethal combination it was not until 12 years later that an area known as the "Big Levels" near Stuarts Draft in Augusta County was opened to bow and arrow hunting.

During this 12 year period, archery clubs were springing up all over the state. These clubs were formed with their main purpose being to set up targets to shoot at and get in shape for hunting. Of course, archers, being competitive by nature, started sponsoring tournaments. This resulted in the 1st State



Championship Field Archery Tournament being held on October 5, 1947. The rest, as they say, is history.

The present name of the Association, Virginia Bowhunters, was adopted at a business meeting in Richmond, VA in October, 1949. A delegate, or delegates, work closely with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and attends their meetings.

Four state meetings are held annually where delegates from each club meet and vote on matters of mutual interest. The future looks good!



VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION MEMEBERS

Belvoir Bowhunters, Fort Belvoir - Bowhunters of Rockingham, Harrisonburg - Buggs Island Fish and Wildlife Club, Clarksville - Cub Run Archers, Centerville - Dixie Bowmen, Colonial Heights - Kingsboro Bowmen, Suffolk - Manahoac Bowmen, Fredericksburg - Prince William Archers, Brentsville - New River Bowhunters, Galax - Northern Virginia Archers, Fairfax Station - Sherwood Archers, Roanoke Shenandoah County Archers, Mt. Olive - Two Rivers Archery Club, Front Royal - Staunton River Archery Club, Hurst - Walton Park Bowhunters, Lynchburg

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