



MORE ON THE HANDICAP SYSTEM

We have received enough inquiries and complaints concerning our switch to a handicap system to know there is widespread misunderstanding. We'll take another shot at explaining it and hope we can clear away some of the mysteries.

At the start, you have to tune the mind to an open channel. Hang on to your prejudices if you like, but for the moment, lay them aside. When you mention handicap to many people the immediate thought is one of bowling competition. The night some unskilled, but hot-handed, bowler used his high handicap to tear you up comes rushing back to mind and you're ready to reject the whole thing. The truth is this CAN happen in handicap archery, but not as often as you might imagine. Unfortunately, it's the rare but spectacular happening that sticks with us.

The high handicap archer does have the potential to rip the course records apart at any time, but his effort would establish new handicap records only. The handicap system allows for two basic formats for tournament competition, scratch score AND handicap score. Any Archery unit, club through national, may apply either or both formats to any event they conduct.

To men, the undeniable asset of the handicap program is its flexibility allows archery groups anywhere in the world to hold the type of shoot which suits them best. The NFAA handicap

simply gives you the scale to measure an archer's ability. If he's good, his handicap is low and if he's not good his handicap is high.

When the handicapped archer gets to your tournament, it's up to you to decide what to do with him. You can advertise that your shoot is a scratch tournament and handicaps won't be allowed. The NFAA doesn't care, but the chances are your attendance might be low. Then again, you might advertise your shoot is an all handicap affair, in which case your experts might stay home. A shoot with two main divisions is still another way to handle your tournament. Anybody who shows up with a certain handicap figure goes into scratch division and competes with actual score only while the rest go into the handicap division.

These are only several ways of handling your shoots. There are thousands of variations and only you know what suits your area the best. The NFAA wants you to be satisfied with the shoots you hold so the handicap scale does the measuring for you and you can thereupon build any kind of shoot you want.

A couple of places have written saying we've messed them up. All they wanted to do was to remain with the classified shooting they've always used. Hey! That's fine! So go ahead. Just set up a series of classes, based

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COWLES V.B.A. STATE CHAMP

At the 22nd Annual V.B.A. State Shoot, which was held Sept. 1&2 at Augusta Archers in Staunton, Va., Mr. Warren T. Cowles, from Northern Virginia Bare Bows, took a fast lead with a 524 Field and an Aggregate of 1521, to give him his second State Championship. Mr. Cowles is the first Bare Bow Archer to shoot over 1500 in a State Championship Shoot.

All other Champion and Division winners are on pages 2,3, and 4.

FROM THE OFFICE OF N.A.A. DIRECTOR

Since the office of N.A.A. Director is a new one, no previous records have been kept. In order to enable me to work efficiently, please channel all correspondence to N.A.A. through this office. This is very important if we are to have any success with our association with the N.A.A.

The V.B.A. is now affiliated with N.A.A. This enables all V.B.A. members to belong to N.A.A. at a reduced rate. Dues are \$4.00 a year if sent through me; this also includes a yearly subscription to Archery World. If you already belong to the N.A.A., please let me know.

For any information concerning the JR. Olympic Program, please contact me. This is a very worthwhile program.

Tim Daley
N.A.A. Director

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BB MEN A

	FIELD	HUNTER	ANIMAL	AGG.
Warren Cowles	524 1st		502 3rd	1521 1st
Elmer Moore	506 2nd	505 2nd		1509 2nd
Michael Gilliland	492 3rd	511 1st		1453 3rd
Glen Crown			512 1st	
Robert Terry			504 2nd	
Wn. Wilfong		504 3rd		

BB WOMEN A

Mary Lee Craft	374 1st	370 1st	408 1st	1152 1st
Virginia Dillow	346 3rd	347 2nd	404 2nd	1097 2nd
Betty Crown	364 2nd	335 3rd	396 3rd	1095 3rd

BB MEN B

Jack Ambrose	432 1st	410 2nd	456 1st	1298 1st
Harold Pruitt	394 3rd		442 3rd	1216 2nd
James Smith		406 3rd		1191 3rd
Barry Shepard		412 1st		
Hugh Darnell			450 2nd	
Ronald Leagon	424 2nd			

BB WOMEN B

Madeline Selby	312 1st	287 3rd	382 1st	981 1st
Lucille Darnell	246 3rd	326 1st	348 2nd	920 2nd
Dolly McPeak	278 2nd	300 2nd		858 3rd
Doris Woods			300 3rd	

BB MEN C

Ralph Proffett	382 2nd	375 1st	400 2nd	1157 1st
Bob Crown	384 1st	361 2nd		1097 2nd
Frank North		333 3rd	424 1st	1066 3rd
James Rudder	343 3rd			
Garnell Heishman			396 3rd	

BB WOMEN C

Carol Atkins	244 1st	262 1st	312 1st	818 1st
Connie McGraw	230 2nd	253 2nd	286 2nd	769 2nd
Linda Miller			304 3rd	656 3rd
Jacquelyn Street	191 3rd			
Edith Carter		192 3rd		

BB MEN D

Bud Taylor	271 1st	306 1st	348 1st	925 1st
Robert Havens	197 3rd	226 2nd	306 2nd	729 2nd
Alton Turner	211 2nd	218 3rd		665 3rd
Fred Crockett			256 3rd	

BB WOMEN D

Sherry Trumble	195 1st	172 1st	190 1st	557 1st
Lois James	92 2nd	40 2nd	152 2nd	384 2nd

B/H MEN A

Frank McPeak	444 1st	446 1st	494 1st	1384 1st
Tom Frye	433 2nd	428 2nd	442 2nd	1305 2nd
Ralph Nickleson	379 3rd	362 3rd		1131 3rd
Ted Grefe			412 3rd	

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MEN B	FIELD	HUNTER	ANIMAL	AGG.
Ralph Nickleson	379 1st	362 1st	390 2nd	1131 1st
Heniz Wahl	316 2nd	325 2nd		1001 2nd
Charles Lucas		314 3rd	396 1st	985 3rd
Carroll Mays	293 3rd		370 3rd	

B/H MEN C

Orland Elsea	187 1st	210 1st	188 3rd	585 1st
Ervin Gordon	170 2nd	132 2nd	234 1st	536 2nd
Harry Street, 111	163 3rd	108 3rd	190 2nd	461 3rd

AMATE R

Ronald Benson	470 1st	478 1st	520 1st	1468 1st
Tim Dailey	461 2nd	444 2nd	444 2nd	1349 2nd

✓ **F/S MEN A**

James Quarles	536 1st	520 2nd	544 1st	1600 1st
James Mitchell	526 2nd	521 1st		1573 2nd
Cliff Necessary		508 3rd	532 2nd	1564 3rd
Lewis Hudson	521 3rd			
Jim Anderson			538 3rd	

✓ **F/S WOMEN A**

Margaret Shalley	442 1st	390 3rd	448 2nd	1280 1st
Emma Woods	380 3rd	406 2nd	482 1st	1268 2nd
Mertie Shultz	388 2nd	407 1st		1229 3rd
Nana Bowen			438 3rd	

F/S MEN B

Robert Vuillermet		479 1st	498 2nd	1420 1st
Tommy Jones	477 1st	479 2nd	479 2nd	1412 2nd
Lacy Foltz	460 2nd			1408 3rd
William Yockers			504 1st	
LeRoy Foltz			498 3rd	
Clarence Lineberry		464 3rd		
Robert Shelly	458 3rd			

F/A WOMEN B

Nana Bowen	363 1st	361 1st	431 1st	1162 1st
Rachel Hoosier	286 2nd		386 2nd	951 2nd
Hilda Ritevour	280 3rd	281 3rd		851 3rd
Ollie Quesenberry			302 3rd	
Judith Mays		304 2nd		

F/S MEN C

Walter Dillow, Sr.	331 2nd	360 1st	394 2nd	1085 1st
Chester Kutzler	347 1st	333 2nd	404 1st	1084 2nd
Donald Bennington	286 3rd	270 3rd	320 3rd	876 3rd

F/S WOMEN C

Florence Goddard	154 1st	187 1st	286 1st	627 1st
Elesa Siler	152 2nd	144 2nd	218 2nd	514 2nd
Connie Drummond	92 3rd	34 3rd	92 3rd	218 3rd

TH FREE STYLE

✓ Alvin Payne	452 1st	392 1st	434 2nd	1278 1st
Stephe Drummond	366 2nd	340 2nd	462 1st	1168 2nd
Thomas Goddard	185 3rd	194 3rd		
Larry Houseman			306 3rd	654 3rd

on handicap numbers, and shoot away. Split out shooting styles and sexes in any manner that suits you.

I think there is a better way though and we've been calling it flight competition. You start out with one flight. As people register, you'll get archers who can't keep up with the experts so you open up a second flight and put people on it with the higher handicaps setting your own break-off handicap numbers. When this second flight begins to fill up with archers who can't keep up with the best of this group, open up a third flight for the less skilled. You can carry this into as many flights as your attendance justifies, or as your trophy budget allows. Actually, this is nothing more than a type of classified shooting with some added safeguards. You are not committed to a flock of classes when the attendance is low. You can tailor the shoot, on the spot, to offer archers the closest competition possible. You can make your shoot suit your people and not be strapped to a system which only satisfies some club a thousand miles away.

Some areas have avoided a tournament category for amateurs, saying they can't afford another complete trophy set-up for a few people. Shooting by flights can solve this problem. Advertise a single flight for the amateur and stop there. You may find that in time your amateur attendance would rise to the point where several flights would be justified. Here, and in other areas of competition, the handicap system allows a club to experiment and not worry about bankruptcy if the experiment fails.

The point of this whole discussion is to help you understand that it was not our purpose to place a dirty word in the language of archery when we introduced the handicap program. It was our purpose, however, to return the tournament structure and the fun games to the people who participate. We feel the clubs and the area archers know themselves best and know what events they want to spend their leisure time on. The NFAA handicap gives you the yardstick to measure ability and the rest is up to you.

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Michael Darnell

FIELD

413 1st

HUNTER

419 1st

ANIMAL

432 1st

AGG.

1264 1st

BARE BOW YOUTH B

Raymond Stone

315 1st

363 1st

436 1st

1114 1st

Wm Clingen Pell, Jr.

276 2nd

318 2nd

308 2nd

902 2nd

Jimmy Shelley

238 3rd

822 3rd

Rocky Rosenberry

340 2nd

Gary North

309 3rd

BB GIRLS YOUTH B

Donna Cowles

207 1st

170 1st

154 1st

531 1st

BARE BOW YOUTH C

Warren Cowles, Jr.

197 1st

247 1st

270 1st

714 1st

David Taber

183 2nd

233 2nd

216 2nd

632 2nd

Mark Clingenpell

150 3rd

210 3rd

516 3rd

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