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New Hunting, Fishing Tags

Now on Sale

Hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1 are now on sale at county clerks' offices and Game Commission license agents around the State.

Current licenses expire June 30. The new licenses have color-coded big game tabs to aid hunters, wardens and game technicians in identifying the proper tabs for each species.

Virginia hunting accidents are at a nine-year high of 67 for the 1969-70 year, according to the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. The majority of victims were hunting small game when tragedy struck.

Although the record is the worst since 1965-66 when 58 accidents were reported, the six fatalities were below the average of nine. Twenty-two of the accidents, including two fatalities, involved self-inflicted wounds. Shotguns were involved in 48 of the mishaps including four fatalities.

In 11 cases, the victim was hidden from the shooter when he fired. Carrying loaded firearms in vehicles accounted for 10 accidents. Victims in the line of fire and those mistaken for game accounted for 10 accidents each. Gross carelessness was blamed in most of the remaining accidents involving accidental discharge of guns.

Visibility was good in most cases and over half the victims were wearing warning colors when injured.

SOME LEGISLATIVE CHANGES WILL AFFECT BOWHUNTERS

A number of changes enacted by the 1970 Virginia General Assembly will affect the State's bowhunters on about July 1. The newly revised Section 29-77 makes it mandatory that the court revoke the license of persons found guilty of littering while hunting, trapping or fishing. For instance, throwing a beverage can on a stream bank or dropping your lunch bag in the woods could cost you your hunting license.

Pistols were added by House Bill 269 to the weapons which, if found in a car that is casting a light in fields or woods, constitute prima facie evidence of spotlighting.

FREE STYLE ARCHER

IN THE GROOVE

Jack Cantwell of Portsmouth, former State Champion, is again showing signs that he is very much interested in regaining his title. Jack walked off with first place at the Annual Tomahawk Shoot with a 540 Field and 540 Animals for a total of 1080 points. With the State Shoot still three months away, I wonder just how close to 560 it is possible to shoot.

OFFICE OF HUNTING

VICE PRESIDENT

The following statistics has been taken from the forms submitted for Big Game Awards.

1968

Bow Weight 60lbs 50lbs 40lbs 30lbs

No. Arrows used 2 18 26 5

Bow Weight

60lbs 50lbs 40lbs 30lbs

No. Arrows used

2 18 26

Wood Glass Aluim.

1 20 6

Type and No. of Awards presented

Plaque Arrows Total

23 29 52

1969

Bow Weight and No. Arrows used

60 lbs 50 lbs 40 lbs 30 lbs

3 18 46 3

Type of Arrows

Woods Glass Aluim.

23 37 11

Type and No. of Awards presented

Plaque Arrows Total

41 29 70

Garry B. Pruitt, Verona, Va. member of Augusta and Blueridge Archery Clubs got a Turkey and a Deer back to back even Game tags numbers were consecutive. Garry was using a 53 lbs bow and Glass Arrows.. He shot his Turkey from a tree at 10 yds. With a spine shot, and his Deer also from a tree at 10yds and it traveled 100yds and downed it with a lung sht.

Harold Street

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Ear Rings	3.15	3.80
L. Buckel	4.00	4.75
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**VBA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
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Directions for finding Augusta Archers' range:

Range is located off of U.S. Rt. 250, 6 miles west of Waynesboro City Limits sign and 2.4 miles east of Staunton City Limits sign. Turn at M&M Restaurant on Rt. 638. Watch for target sign. For those using Interstate Rt. 81, take Exit 57 and turn east on U.S. Route 250 towards Waynesboro, and go about 1 mile.

Registration Fees: Adult--\$ 6.00

Youth--\$ 3.50

Maximum fee for immediate
family--\$15.00

PROGRAM

Friday, July 17-

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Registration

Saturday, July 18

9:00am - 11:00 am - Registration

11:00am - 12:15pm - Lunch served

12:15pm - Devotion and Opening Ceremonies

12:45pm - Grouping and Proceeding to targets

1:15pm - Start of Tournament (Field Round)

5:15 pm - End of Field Round

FOOD AVAILABLE

6:00pm - Novelty Round

Sunday, July 19

6:30am - Breakfast Starts

9:00am - Grouping and Proceeding to targets

9:30am - Start of Hunters Round

2:00pm - End of Hunters Round

LUNCH SERVED

3:30pm - Trophies Awarded

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VBA PINS

The VBA Tournament Pins are to be used as listed below

For all A Classes and Young Adult Blue Pin

B Classes-Green Pin

C Classes-Black Pin

D Classes-Plain Pin

The "Time Limit" should be used in all sanctioned shoots when an official NFAA round is shot. The "TIME LIMIT" will be in effect at all STATE TOURNAMENTS this year. The limits are four and one half (4 1/2) hours for the Hunter Round, four (4) hours for the Field Round, and three and one half (3 1/2) hours for either the Animal or International Round.

The following clubs have not affiliated with VBA for 1970, therefore the shoots that appear on the schedual cards, if held, will not be sanctioned by VBA.

A-8 CULPEPER, A-19 NEW RIVER VALLEY ARCHERS, A-26 WALTON PARK ARCHERS, A-47 FORT EUSTIS BOWMEN, A-60 BARTEE BOWHUNTERS CLUB.

Notice--BOWHUNTERS OF ROCKINGHAM ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 2, 1970.

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W.R. Dillow (Doc.)

20 - PIN WINNERS

APRIL-MAY 1970

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HUNTER

David Phelps, Roanoke
John E. Overstreet, Bedford
Earl Carter, Bedford
Paul C. Decker, Jr., Fishersville

WORLD FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is going to be a signal honor for those Americans chosen to represent the U.S.A. at the World Field Archery Championship Tournament to be held in Wales, Great Britain, in September. E.R. Moore, better known as "EMO", of Roslyn Drive, Newport News, Va., may well be among those selected. EMO has participated in the two "Tryout" tournaments held so far, and has won them both. The first "Tryout" was held in Boyce, Va., for those Virginians who aspire to berths on the U.S.A. team. The Boyce "Tryout" was held on April 25-26, 1970. EMO won this with a 496 Field, and 454 Hunter. The second "Tryout" was held in Centerville on May 13, 1970. EMO won this with a total for the Field and Hunter of 1008. These two "Tryouts" were held for Virginians.

On August 15-16, 1970, at the Lloyd Wildlife Management Area, Crittenden, Kentucky, a "Tryout" will be held for the entire U.S.A. This will be the 3rd World Amateur Field Archery Championship Team Tryouts. The host for the tournament will be the Ponderosa Archery Association, at their new \$80,000 club house. The distances for the Field Round targets will be marked. The distances for the Hunters Round will be unmarked.

EMO has been shooting for 10 years. He has become an outstanding competitor in all V.B.A. competition. We are sure all V.B.A. will be pulling for him to win at Crittenden, Kentucky.

VBA - AFFILIATED ARCHERY CLUBS

The Greenwood Archers have voted as a group to disband their existing club and affiliate with the Dixie Bowmen. The membership of the Dixie Bowmen have voted unanimously to accept all members formerly affiliated with the Greenwood Archers into their club, effective immediately.

Problems with range management on a military installation rendered continued operation as an individual club impossible for the Greenwood Archers. The membership want to thank Virginia Bowhunters for their support in the past, and to solicit continued support of their new affiliation.

All meets previously scheduled by the Greenwood Archers in 1970 will be conducted as scheduled on the Dixie Bowmen range. The total membership of the Dixie Bowmen will sponsor the shoots previously scheduled by the Greenwood Archers, as members of the Virginia Archery Fraternity for the benefit of the greatest of all competitive sports. We hope to see all of you at all of our shoots this summer.

EXHIBITION TEAMS

Does your club have an exhibition team? If not, there are many reasons why it should.

It stands to reason that archery can progress only as fast as the public becomes acquainted as to what archery, as a modern sport, consists of.

An exhibition team can't convey all of what modern archery consists of and can offer, but it captures interest.

Many an expression of awe and disbelief has been heard from spectators at archery exhibitions who were amazed at the proficiency of archers today.

No amount of words in explanation of the proficiency can substitute for the witnessing of a well-placed arrow.

What better method to educate the public than an exhibition team to prove the fact that archers are not a collection of idiots rattling shafts through the trees?

The appearance of neatly-uniformed, skilled-archers handling the beautifully fashioned bows of today does much to shatter the pre-conceived skeptical view of the general public.

Actually, it is each club's duty to sponsor an exhibition team. It owes it to its chosen sport.

If your club should decide to get up an exhibition team here are some tips for the new team.

1. Plan out your shots on paper then try them for effect and timing.
2. Do not choose shots that are too difficult; remember, the audience is not an expert archer, but they will appreciate good shots well performed.
3. In the beginning, start out with small shows such as scout meeting, club meeting, save the big ones until your team has had a chance to become good showmen.
4. The most important member of the team is the announcer. It helps if he is a clown along with his comments and facts about the shots and the sport.
5. Time your show for approximately 20 minutes. If it is too long the audience will become bored. Try to plan some of your shots so that the audience feels there is competition among the archers.
6. Above all else be safety conscious. Do not allow any archers or spectators near or in back of the target butts.

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Changes in VBA Shoot Schedule

Please note the following changes in your shoot schedule card. The Galax Bowhunters have canceled their Annual Trophy Shoot scheduled for August 9th. Augusta Archers have changed their July 5th shoot from an Annual to a Pin Shoot. Bowhunters of Rockingham shoot scheduled for August 2nd will be their Annual instead of a pin shoot as shown on your card.

Office of Field Vice President

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Bowhunters Association the following class system was adopted. This classification should be used in all invitational tournaments so as to have uniformity through out the state.

MEN

BARE BOW

Handicap	Avg. Score
A-- 0 thru 128	400 & Up
B--129 thru 208	300 thru 399
C--209 thru 288	200 thru 299
D--289 & Up	0 thru 199

FREESTYLE

A-- 0 thru 88	450 & Up
B-- 89 thru 208	300 thru 449
C--209 & Up	0 thru 299

BOWHUNTERS

A-- 0 thru 168	350 & Up
B--169 thru 288	200 thru 349
C--289 & Up	0 thru 299

YOUTH BARE BOW

A--129 thru 168	350 thru 399
B--169 thru 288	200 thru 349
C--289 & Up	0 thru 199

WOMEN

BARE BOW

Handicap	Avg Score
A-- 0 thru 188	325 & Up
B--189 thru 248	250 thru 324
C--249 thru 348	125 thru 249
D--349 & Up	0 thru 124

FREESTYLE

A-- 0 thru 168	350 & Up
B--169 thru 248	250 thru 324
C--249 & Up	0 thru 249

BOWHUNTERS

A-- 0 thru 268	225 & Up
B--269 thru 348	125 thru 224
C--349 & Up	0 thru 124

YOUTH FREESTYLE

A-- 89 thru 168	350 thru 449
B--169 thru 288	200 thru 349
C--289 & Up	0 thru 199

YOUNG ADULT-BARE BOW

Any youth shooting bare bow who has shot 400 or above two times.

YOUNG ADULT-FREESTYLE

Any youth shooting freestyle who has shot 450 or above two times.

A YOUNG ADULT is one who is unmarried and has not reached his 18th birthday on the start of the tournament. Once a YOUTH qualifies as a YOUNG ADULT he may never return to YOUTH class. Average is not considered.

Special Notice

It has come to the attention of the VBA that some Clubs have Officers listed that are not paid up VBA members also some Clubs are not joining all their members into VBA. Article 14 of the VBA By-Laws states that all clubs will join all members in VBA and also NFAA.

It is required that ALL Club Officers be paid up members of VBA to be eligible to hold their respected offices. It is also required that each Club remit to VBA dues for all persons who are members of their club.

Welcome back to an Old Club.

The VBA welcomes back the Loudoun Bowhunters, after an absence of 12 years, and wishes for them the best success. Some of the older VBA members will remember the club from their bygone days but so that our newer members can place the club I am printing below a letter received from their secretary.

"On February 3, 1970 a group of avid archers met in Leesburg, Virginia, for the purpose of organizing an archery club, later to be named the Loudoun Bowhunters Archery Club.

Since this meeting, a beautiful 14-target range has been completed, and the club has taken in 47 members, 36 of which belong to both VBA and NFAA. There are 26 new VBA and NFAA members, the others transferring from other clubs. The Range has been approved and is located 5 miles West of Leesburg, Virginia, off Rt. 7, on Rt. 662, South. The Following officers have been elected.

President--Roger Lee Mock
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The Club plans their first shoot over the Memorial Day holiday, and hopes to have a good crowd to christen their new range. This will be a benefit shoot, and all local and area archers are invited. This is a spectator range, and all interested peoples are invited to attend." Signed by Mrs. Lowell E. Dickens.

Editor--Sorry this is too late to help your Memorial Day shoot. But maybe it will help you when you plan your next tournament.

Due to loss of our range,
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Half Day Shoot**

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September 27

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