

FLIGHT



TIME 13

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1974

NO. 4

V. B. A. 6th Indoor Championship At Bluefield March 2&3, 1974

The Bluefield Bowhunters of Bluefield, Virginia will again be hosting the 1974 Virginia, Indoor Closed Championship Tournament to be held at the Brushfork National Guard Armory on March 2 & 3, 1974. The Armory is located off U.S. 52 North at the Skyway Outdoor Theater, two miles North of Bluefield, West Va. (See directional map on pg. 5)

Scene above is panorama view inside Brush Fork Armory taken at last years tournament.

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All advanced please send to:
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Use Registration Form on pg. 5

SCHEDULE

9:00-12 noon March 2, 1974 First Round
1:00-4:00 March 2, 1974 Second Round

7:00-10:00 March 3, 1974 First Round
11:00-2:00 March 3, 1974 Second Round

Archers shooting the Saturday morning round will shoot the Sunday afternoon round.

No advanced classification is required. Classes will be based on scores shot during one of the two rounds. The toss of a coin prior to the start of the last end of the final game will determine the round on which all archers will be classified.

CLASSES

FS	BB	BH
Men	Men	Men
A 290-300	A 280-300	A 260-300
B 270-289	B 240-279	B 210-259
C 0-269	C 0-239	C 0-209
Women	Women	Women
A 270-300	A 260-300	A 235-300
B 225-269	B 255-259	B 185-234
C 0-224	C 0-224	C 0-184
Youth	Youth	Youth
A 260-300	A 245-300	Cub division
B 200-259	B 180-244	for free style
C 0-199	C 0-179	and barebow

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I must object to several points of Overfelt's article. Fred Bear has a prime patent on the "POD" and he also holds a second patent which he transferred to Victor Comptometer Corp. Use of the Pod is legal only in Mississippi. Drug tipped arrows have been reported in use in states such as Alabama, Virginia where they are illegal. It is a Federal Criminal offense to deal with SCC.

The drug is a "poison" due to the fact that it kills via overdose. Herion is too a "drug" but no one except an addict would argue that it is a poison at the same time. No one doubts that game killed with SCC is fit to eat. Why prove a point we all agree upon?

V.B.A. does represent the Virginia Bowhunters in our opinion!

Alabama bowhunters are in grave danger of losing the bowseason there because of pod use there. Commissioner Kelley of the Alabama Fish & Game

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Happy People! Sure, they just received the Golden Feather Award. From left to right: (Doc) W. R. Dillow, Nina Enders, Bill Enders and President Harold Street who presented the Awards. The Golden Feather is the Highest Award that the V.B.A. can present.



Would you buy a used car from this man? I hope so because Bill Bolt is the Delegate to the NFAA meeting in St.Louis in February.



V.B.A.'s youngest member (I think) Thomas J. Selby, 3 months. He was present at the Jan. V.B.A. Meeting.

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DEADLINE DATES

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

The Rise & Fall of Classification Systems BY MURRAY SELBY

any good and some not so good class and awards systems have come and gone in the ever changing sport of Archery.

Many years back it was quite simply "MENS BAREBOW". Eventually, like every thing else, women got into the game. Men and womens barebow of course led to youth. Then came Bowhunter division, Freestyle, Un-limited Bowhunter, and Amateur; You begin to get the picture? Not so simple anymore. Also in years past most clubs made a nice profit on their Annuals, and their V.B.A. sanctioned shoots. Not so anymore. A few barely break even if they're lucky. The prohibitive cost of awards, especially Trophies, combined with the decline of participation at tournaments calls for a drastic change in our classification system. A possible 96 awards could be given out at one tournament. One of the proposed changes would have as few as 33 awards. Although most of us abhorre classification changes, please view these proposals with an open mind and further suggestions, so we can find a workable solution for keeping our beloved sport in the BLACK. So here are some ideas on proposals that some of your fellow archers have come up with.

These two proposals are the same except that one has 11 Flights and a top Flight starting at 540 with a 50 point spread. The other having 13 Flights and 520 as the start of the top Flight, with 40 point spread.

Proposal No. 1

- FLIGHT No. 1 540-560
- FLIGHT No. 2 500-539
- FLIGHT No. 3 450-499
- FLIGHT No. 4 400-449
- FLIGHT No. 5 350-399
- FLIGHT No. 6 300-349
- FLIGHT No. 7 250-299
- FLIGHT No. 8 200-249
- FLIGHT No. 9 150-199
- FLIGHT No.10 100-149
- FLIGHT No.11 0- 99

Proposal No. 2

- FLIGHT No. 1 520-560
- FLIGHT No. 2 480-519
- FLIGHT No. 3 440-479
- FLIGHT No. 4 400-439
- FLIGHT No. 5 360-399
- FLIGHT No. 6 320-359
- FLIGHT No. 7 280-319
- FLIGHT No. 8 240-279
- FLIGHT No. 9 200-239
- FLIGHT No.10 160-199
- FLIGHT No.11 120-159
- FLIGHT No.12 80-119
- FLIGHT No.13 0- 70

Proposal No. 3

Example:If you had 100 registered shooters and everyone shot in their respective styles, you would break down theFlights as follows:

- 30 Freestyle men Three Flights
- 24 Barebow men Three Flights
- 20 Bowhunters men Two Flights
- 16 Freestyle women Two Flights
- 6 Barebow Women Two Flights
- 4 Young Adults Two Flights

Anything under 10 would be in two Flights and the rest would be Flighted by tens or split evenly as the Freestyle women would have 8 in each Flight. So would the Barebow men.

The total first place trophies would be 14.

If you're wondering what happened to the youth and the cubs, Fear Not, for they would still be left in their own divisions.

In the first two proposals all archers would compete together. The "T" system could be adapted to either of the proposals. That means that the champ of each division would be taken out of the flights and Awarded the Division Champions Trophy.

The following is a questionare to give us a little extra help in solving our problems.

Coming up with some sort of proposal for classification change is a job that seems insurmountable. But perhaps if you study these proposals, and answer the questions, and return them along with some of your own ideas we might be able to put one together.

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- Would you prefer Flights of one plan or another in place of our present classification system? _____
- Would you like to see the champions of each division taken out of The Flights and awarded a division champions trophy? _____
- Would you like to compete with different divisions or styles and, or male/female? _____
- Do you think Amateurs should compete with non amateurs? _____
- Would you like gift certificates instead of trophies? _____
- Would you like to see more two round tournaments below State level? _____

COMMENTS: _____

Tidewater Tidbits

Hi Folks:

If it's ok with you, I'd like to deviate from Archery this time. I'd like to tell you about a couple of Archers who, at one time had an entirely different hobby. They are Bill and Phyllis Corwin who reside in Portsmouth and are members of the Princess Anne Bowmen.

Back in 1969 they were living in Key West, Florida. One evening they were at home minding their own business, when the door bell rang. There stood a neighbor lady with what I would consider a most unusual question. "What do you do for a sick King Snake that won't eat?" The Corwins didn't realize it at the time, but that incident was to be the start of a hobby that was destined to last for approximately two years. Now-- Back to this sick snake. Naturally, the Corwins didn't know from Adam how to doctor a sick snake, so the logical thing to do was to get in touch with some one who did. They called the "Miami Serpentarium" and talked to a Mr. Bill Haust. He told them to feed the snake turtle eggs or chicken. Now we all know that turtle eggs are scarce as hens teeth so they settled for chicken hearts and chicken necks. The necks are fed for the calcium content. (See, you've just started and have learned something new already.) On the first serving, the snake would take it from their hand, but the second time around, the ungrateful rascal would get excited and strike out at them.

The Corwins aren't quite sure how or when it happened, but realized that they had become the adopted parents of Mr. King Snake. (Ed. Note. I'm sure that the neighbor lady did, but she isn't talking.) So, they decided to take snake to Miami for positive identification as to species and sex. While they were there, they spied a Boa Constrictor that looked cuddly, so they brought it home with them.

Now the hard work began. They read all the brochures they could get their hands on. They built cages, creating the snakes' natural habitat as closely as possible. THE WORD WAS OUT// Those crazy Corwins were collecting snakes. This was a built in invitation for every boy in the neighborhood to bring snakes to their door. Poisonous or non-poisonous, it didn't matter. They wound up with a total of 33. The

SOUTH FOR PORKERS

by Harry D. Adams

RATTLERS

On December 30, 1971, my good friend Russ Spiker from Wytheville, Virginia and myself set out from Radford, Virginia for a three day hunt in the Georgia swamps. Our quarry was wild pigs. Nine and one-half hours and 485 miles later found us in Ubalda, Georgia setting up camp at Mobley's Bowhunting Preserve. Minutes after we finished setting up camp, we were taken on a tour by Robert Mobley, who owns and operates the preserve. He pointed out the most likely spots to see hogs and we were on our own. Mobley's preserve is 2,500 acres of pine thickets, cypress, palmetto thickets and swamps located along Altamaha and Oconee Rivers. Bowhunting only is allowed. This is a joint effort between Mr. Mobley, the Bowhunter Sportsmen of Georgia and the Echeconne Bowmen - Toombs County, Ga. The main event of the year is a combination 3-day hunt and archery tournament held on Labor Day Weekend. Don't miss it but be sure to bring insect repellent, boots and a snake bite kit. On this preserve, there are no guides, no dogs and no guaranteed kills. To me, this is the way hunting should be.

The first evening there, we decided to scout the area nearest to camp. Donning our camouflage and boots, stuffing a snake-bite kit in one pocket, we made off through the swamps. I was armed with a 56 lb. Browning Cobra and No. 10 microflites with Razorheads while Russ carried a 48 lb. Bear Super Kodiak with No. 9 microflites. About three hundred yards from camp, I heard an ominous noise and froze. There, about 5 feet away, was the largest rattler this mountain boy had ever seen. I judged it to be about 4 feet long, but at the time it looked about 40 ft. long! We held a Mexican stand-off for about 5 minutes while his beady little eyes looked me over and his tongue ran in and out several thousand times. Then, after I had sweated about 3½ gallons, he crawled off into the palmetto. He headed east, Russ and I went west. We decided rather quickly that other areas looked more likely to contain pigs.

That night, after a meal of deer steaks (furnished by Russ from a previous hunt) and other delectable goodies, we gathered around the campfire to bat the breeze with some new friends from Atlanta, Georgia who were there hunting also. The three were James Greenway Richard Smith and his young cousin Blake Smith. A more delightful trio of companions one could not hope to find anywhere.

On Saturday, the five of us spread out in a line and tried to find pigs. Pigs we did not find, but judging from the signs they were plentiful. It was just so thick that we could have passed within 50 ft. of one another and never known it. Later, we split up with Russ and I going in one direction and the others going a different way. Richard saw five pigs but couldn't get a decent shot. Later, James spotted a big red boar about 200 yards away. Down on all fours he went. He stalked, crept and finally crawled to within 20 yards of the porker. He carefully assumed a sighting position, came to full draw, took careful aim and missed. A sadder hunter I think I have never seen. Oh well, a good stalk is important too.

The poisonous ones they did not keep, which in my estimation shows good sense. By this time their menagerie included two small alligators, a raccoon, a parrot, cats and dogs.

Then Bill and Phyllis ran into a snag. They discovered that the local vets had no desire to add snake doctoring to their list of accomplishments, so they had to become amateur vets on their own. (For those of you who are as dense as I am about snakes, the technical name is Amateur Herpetologists.) They also formed a club for snake lovers. Twice a month Bill and Phyllis would take a trip to Miami to the import Wholesalers and pick up 4 to 8 dozen mice to feed these little darlings. The snakes were fed once a week on the stagger shift. This always brought the curious to watch the feeding. Once in a while, a mouse would make a break for it and then the fun would start, watching the women bolt for higher ground.

There's more - Tune in next issue....

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cont. from page II

Commission told the press that bow-hunters using the Pod would not need a new season. The Alabama Bowhunters Assn. has taken a strong stand against the illegal use of the pod.

I think it's high time Virginia's Bow-hunters took a stand on the POD & HYPO arrow. If Virginia thinks the VBA wants to form a committee to check into the POD, may I suggest the group read Mr. Dennis Ballards article on the Pod in the Dec. 1973 issue of BOWHUNTER.

Only manufactures of Pod, drugs and cheap archery equipment would benefit from the pod. The real loss would occur among the whitetail deer and the sportsmen & Bowhunters of Virginia USA.

The Professional Bowhunters Society, Pope & Young, and our club oppose the poison arrow 100%. We love bowhunting too much to see it sold down the creek by a few greedy people.

Yours for better bowhunting.
Tink Nathan,
President, ISHI BOWHUNTERS

Dear Editor

I noted the article by Jim Overfelt, Nov.-Dec., VA. Bulletin, titled DRUG-POISONED ARROW in favor of the POISON arrow use in Hunting.

I wish to quickly correct one specific misstatement that is so glaring I wish to correct it here as follows:

The article said that "Poison Arrows are illegal in Virginia, but the drug used in the POD is not a poison!" and he lists the drug as merely a muscle-relaxant!

As a correction I refer any interested person to any known DICTIONARY to see what a poison is: It is defined in Thomdikes Dictionary, and most, or all others in these words; "POISON-A Drug, or OTHER substance, Very Dangerous to life and Health"

The above clearly dispels the claim of Mr. Overfelt that the Pod is not a Poison, and that use of Sucynol Chloride on arrows is not use of POISON ARROW! Clearly, it IS A POISON:

I noted that the article quoted a Dr. Harrington as saying that "The Pod (poison-arrow) is in use on many other states, as well as Mississippi":

We would appreciate information, actual use, of the Poison Pod, if it is occurring in any state other than Mississippi. We doubt that this is so. Feel free to quote or enclosed AB magazine article by

Sincerely,
Marvin Almon
Editor - Publisher
American Bowhunter

Dear Editor:

The November-December issue of your very interesting publication, Flight, has just arrived to my attention.

In reading it with interest I noticed a story and picture entitled "NICK" GETS 5 POINTER. In the caption under the picture is stated that "NICK" NICOLAS is presently an advisor for Bear Archery on hunting. Just to keep the record straight, I would like to inform you that this is not a fact, and that we do not have any advisors in the field on hunting except, of course, Fred Bear himself when he can find time from his

busy schedule to get out for a little hunting.

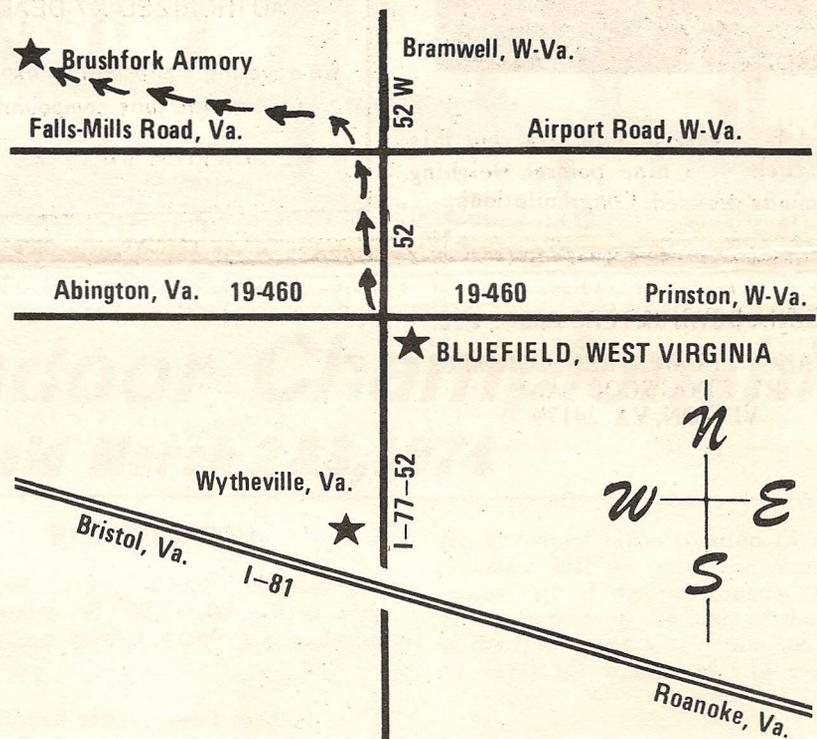
In short, Nick Nicolas does not represent Bear Archery in any sense or manner.

Except for the above bit of misinformation to your readers, I can only commend you on a nicely done publication. Keep up the good work

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Murray you ought to know better than to go to a shoot without & extra string. Better luck next time.

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