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From The President's Office

by Clinton Western, President

Many changes have taken place in archery since I last served as President of VBA some 21 years ago. It is significant to note that due to dedicated and effective leadership at both the club and State levels, we have continued to maintain an active and healthy organization.

In the last issue of *Flight*, on page 6, there was an article by Dan Gregory, Chairman, Computer Committee, advising that the VBA Directors (a representative from each club), have determined that the office of Corresponding Secretary should be computerized. Other members of the Committee are Charles Barnes, Rob Pecora and Ed Bickham. These individuals have volun-

teered to travel to the Corresponding Secretary's office on weekends in order to enter data from old records to bring the system up to date.

The addressing machine in the Corresponding Secretary's office is at a point where it will soon have to be scrapped due to the unavailability of parts. It is, therefore, imperative that we move forward with this computerization. As stated by Chairman Gregory, each club is urged to support the financing of this project. Donations may be mailed to VBA in care of Joseph D. Gregory, P.O. Box 200, Casanova, VA 22017, or you may bring them to the January VBA meeting.

Office of Corresponding Secretary

by Nancy Lee Western

Another year is almost gone! All club Charters and membership dues expire December 31. Give a helping hand to your secretary by sending your dues in early. Club officers dues (VBA & NFAA) must be sent in with the Charter application before the deadline of January 28.

The necessary papers to re-charter will be mailed to the secretaries by December 5. All papers must be received before I can begin to process your club re-charter application, so return all papers at one time. If you no longer hold this office, PLEASE forward the papers to the person who does!

NFAA requests that the Social Security number of the Head of Household be put on the Handicap cards. Additional family members will also be under the Head of Household Social Security number—this will be your NFAA ID number only! VBA will keep the ID numbers we have used since 1963.

Please send members in the same as they were sent in the year before. New members should be sent in—first name, middle initial and last name. Do not send in a member without the complete address! Secretaries should mail in the membership dues often—several times a month.

The 1988 dues breakdown is as follows:

NFAA

\$15.00—1st
2.00—2nd
2.00—3rd

\$19.00—Maximum

\$ 8.00—Independent Youth

VBA

\$ 7.00—1st
7.00—2nd
2.00—3rd

\$16.00—Maximum

\$ 8.00—Independent Youth

\$35.00—Total family membership (VBA & NFAA)

31.00—Man & Wife

28.00—1 Adult & 1 Youth

12.00—Independent Youth

All children under 18 years of age must have their birth date sent in. (Month, Day and Year) All children 18 years or older must pay \$15.00 NFAA regardless if they are living with another member. Page 24, Article XII, B of the NFAA Constitution. There are no add on memberships allowed with the \$8.00 Independent Youth membership.

Membership as of October 7 is 1702 with a total of 32 clubs. Let's make 1988 another record year!

Here's wishing each of you a happy and safe Holiday Season.

VBA Meeting Highlights

by Ann Boyd

The next VBA meeting will be held the weekend of January 16-17, 1988. HAVE A DELEGATE PRESENT.

In this issue, I would like to touch base on a few important agenda items which most likely will be voted upon.

1. CHANGE OUTDOOR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM—

(Article 15, Sec. 4-B)

(Freestyle Limited Male and Female shooters)

FSLM: AA 475-560

A 400-474

B 275-399

C 0-274

FSLF: AA 440-560

A 370-439

B 300-369

C 0-299

2. ADD OPEN CLASS—

(Article 15, Sec. 4-C)

An open class at the option of the host club may be used:

1. For those shooters who are NFAA members and who do not have 2 scores

2. For those shooters who are non NFAA members (only one time per person). This class has no equipment breakdown. All shooting styles will compete under one class. It will be the responsibility of the host club to determine if a shooter fits the class. The Open class will be recognized at all State Shoots. No awards may be given in this class.

(The above two agenda items are the recommendation of the Field Vice President and the Field Archery Committee.)

3. PURCHASE COMPUTER SYSTEM: (Recommendation Computer Committee) A motion for spending a maximum of \$3000.00 to purchase a computer to update and keep VBA records was made. It is the consensus of the directors that the VBA does need to make this purchase and a letter has now been sent to clubs asking for donations. Also, see President's report in this issue.

This will be another important meeting, have your club represented. I would like to take this time to wish all a very Happy and safe Holiday season.

Camp Fantastic Reunion

by Ann Boyd

I was deeply honored to represent VBA at the Fifth-year reunion and donor recognition celebration of Camp Fantastic on October 10th. Gathered at the 4-H Center in Front Royal for this weekend event were the families and children who attend the summer camp each year.

As I stood nervously before approximately 200 people and presented VBA's donation in memory of Mertie Shultz, I was truly touched by the courage and enthusiasm of these special children and I could well see why Mertie was so devoted to this cause, and why remembering her in this way was so befitting.

Camp Fantastic close their events by offering the following blessing and how very true these words are to all of us:

The Lord's been good to me.
And, so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need-
The sun, the rain, and the appleseed.
The Lord's been good to me.

.....

THANKS TO THE V.B.A.

For the donation to Camp Fantastic in memory of my wife Mertie. I know she would certainly appreciate it as she enjoyed her association with these children, and upon preservation to this cause she would thank you for honoring her in this way.

I would like to thank everyone who has donated to this most worthy cause if you could only work with these children you could see the joy as they were taught the fundamentals of our great spirit of archery.

Again my sincere thanks,
H. A. Dutch Shultz

CAMP FANTASTIC

To the casual observer, it would probably seem unusual that a State archery association would find its members expressing a desire to give financial support to any activities outside of those activities obviously associated with some phase of archery such as target shooting or hunting in which their own members participate. However, due to the efforts of two very special people, Horace and Mertie Schultz, and their ability to orally convey to the members of Virginia Bowhunters Association the work being done at Camp Fantastic, one of our members saw fit to put a motion on the floor at our most recent meeting to donate to Camp Fantastic, \$250. Therefore, we are pleased to present to Camp Fantastic, in honor of Mertie Shultz, the enclosed check in the amount of \$250.

We hope that this donation will assist, in some small way, in fulfilling some of the needs of some very special children.

We commend you for the work you are doing and wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

Clinton Western, President

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Dear Ms. Boyd And Mr. Shultz:

I just wanted to thank you again for coming to our fifth reunion and for the wonderful presentation you made in honor of the late Mrs. Shultz. It really added to the banquet and was very much appreciated.

Camp Fantastic truly is the effort of many special people and you may both include yourselves in that fraternity. Thank you again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

David A. Smith
Executive Director
Special Love, Inc.

20-Pin Winners (Dates?)

Field

Lee Chappell, Chester
Michael Bauswell, Suffolk
Harold N. Higgins, Petersburg
Jack C. Nichols
Allen P. Thacker, Smithfield
James M. Cofer, Smithfield
Harry L. Middleton, Sr., Colonial Heights
Stacy Knighten, Mt. Solon
Charles E. Fischer, Hampton
Tammie Moore, Chester
Marianne Kemble, Portsmouth
Mike Layne, Lynchburg
Kenneth W. Grill, Emporia
Pearson DeJarnette, Red Oak
Freddie Luellen, Richmond
Gary Watts, Amherst
Jerry W. Forren, Roanoke
Raymond A. Morin, Lynchburg
Clifford E. Hoppe, Buchanan
Don Ewton, Newport News
Steven Robinson, Newport News
Gregory Housden, Luray
Glen A. Mabe, Luray
Larry C. Hill, Galax
Cathi Williams, Richmond
Rick Neupert, Newport News

Hunter

Susan Maggard, Aldie
Jack Wedding, Hampton
Mike Layne, Lynchburg
Grant Patton, Stephens City
Steven Utterback, Star Tannery
Larry Hopkins, Marion
Loretta Pelletier, Fredericksburg
Michelle Puckett, Lorton
Harry Middleton, Sr., Colonial Heights
Morris Cobb, Zuni
Marianne Kemble, Portsmouth
Michael Bauswell, Suffolk
Pearson DeJarnette, Red Oak
Cathi Williams, Richmond
Stephen P. Graham, Roanoke
Freddie Luellen, Richmond
Glen Mabe, Luray
Dover England, Roanoke

Report On Virginia Hunting Show

Each of the last 4 years we have had VBA/IBEP participation in the Virginia Hunting Show. This year it was held October 2, 3, and 4 at the Showplace in Richmond. What we do is set up archery displays and a shooting range for children and adults alike. We talk a great deal of archery, answer questions, and try to get people interested in getting into archery.

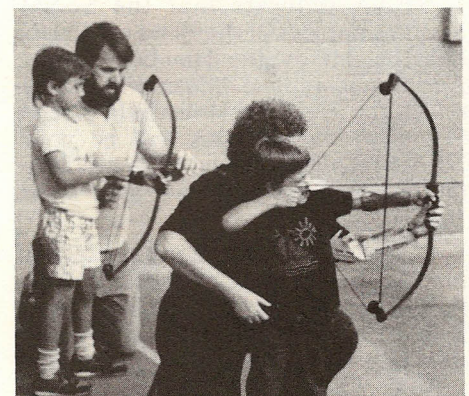
It's a lot of work but it is a service those of us involved find very reward-

ing. I would like to thank the VBA and the Virginia Game Commission for their monetary support. I would also like to thank Gail and Dennis Lefever, Gary Jenks, and Ed Pearia for helping to keep things running smoothly this year.

I hope this show will be a part of the VBA's service and promotional program for years to come.

Thanks!

—Tom Schanbacher



Dennis and Gail Lefever teach youngsters the basics of archery.

CLUB NEWS

Wythe Bowhunters

Looking for a good place to sharpen up your skills for the State Indoor Tournament this spring? Then look no farther! The Wythe Bowhunters would like to announce their upcoming Indoor Practice Night schedule for this winter.

We will have practice nights at the clubhouse every Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 6:30 p.m. and continuing each week until the State Indoor Tournament in March. However, we will not practice during the week before Christmas. These are informal shoot-all-you-wish sessions from 6:30 p.m. to approx. 10:00 p.m. We will charge a small fee to cover targets, lights, heat, etc. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a VBA member to attend.

We also will hold five (5) VBA sanctioned indoor shoots on Saturdays the following dates: January 9, 23; February 6, 20; March 5.

At these sanctioned shoots, trophies or cash prizes will be awarded on the coupon system.

To The VBA Membership

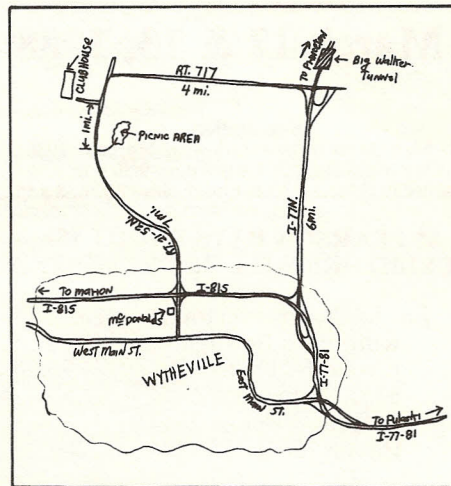
I would like to take this time to personally thank the VBA officers for their confidence that we, Warwick Bowmen, could hold the State Closed in such a short period of time. We appreciate the help from John Street in preparing for the tournament and also all other VBA members that gave a helping hand with registration and so forth. Last but not least, thank you to the 175 plus members who participated in the tournament. I had many conversations with these people and it seemed as though everyone was having a good time despite the "pearl drops" coming down, and a few other inconveniences. We did enjoy it! Hope to see you again in 1988.

Sincerely,
Jack Wedding
Vice Pres. W. B.
Chairman 1987
VBA State Closed

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Remember, nothing beats lots of practice, so, if you are serious about competing in the State Indoors at Kingsboro in March, then this is the place to be this winter. Our club is located approx. 7 miles north of Wytheville on Hwy 21-52 N in the heart of The Jefferson National Forest. Watch for sign.

Triangle & Wytheville 1988 Indoor Schedule

January 2	Triangle
January 9	Wythe
January 16	Triangle
January 23	Wythe
January 30	Triangle
February 6	Wythe
February 13	Triangle
February 20	Wythe
February 27	Triangle
March 5	Wythe

Starts 12 noon

Triangle Archers hold their shoots at the Christiansburg National Guard Armory. Wythe hold their shoots at their clubhouse in Wytheville.

Cub Run Archers

Cub Run's "Chief Archer" Bill Ayers has been a "little under the weather" lately and we all sure do wish him a speedy and full recovery.

Congratulations go out to Club members Frank Boyko, Mike Chaven, and Hank McGee who have harvested deer so far this season.

Dixie Bowmen Archery Club

by Stephen P. Keavy
Dixie Bowmen Archery Club

On October 4, 1987, the Dixie Bowmen of Colonial Heights held our annual broadhead tournament. Traditionally, this tournament consists of 28 targets at unmarked distances using a scoring system of 5 points for a kill, 3 points for a wound and 0 points for a non-vital hit or a miss. This year, however, the membership voted to throw in a twist.

In an effort to promote ethical conduct in the field, included in the shoot were two targets set up at approximately 45 yards with the following notice posted:

This target is in excess of 35 yards. The Dixie Bowmen, under no circumstances recommend shooting at game in the field at this distance! Due to lack of accuracy and poor penetration, the chances of a kill are very low and the chances of a cripple are very high. If you choose not to shoot at this target, you will be awarded 2 points for good sportsmanship. If you choose to shoot at this target, a kill (as usual) is worth 5 points, but a wound or a miss is worth -5 points. There is no score of "0" on this target so weight your decision carefully.

We had 43 participants in this tournament which meant a possibility of 86 arrows being thrown at the long targets. Of these 86 arrows only 22 were released at these targets. (This represents only 26%.) Of these 22 arrows only 7 found their mark and scored the 5 point maximum. One interesting point is that, for most part, only the better archers were willing to risk the possibility of a 7 point swing between not shooting and a miss. Yet still, these experienced shooters could only muster a 32% kill rate at these distances. The Dixie Bowmen feel we made our point with this experiment. If the better archers ended up with a 68% miss or cripple rate, then the average bowhunter has no business even considering such a shot.

Tom Schanbacher was very timely in the Sept./Oct. issue of *Flight* when he wrote of evaluating our personal skill level. As members of the Virginia Bowhunters Association we have the best forum from which to educate the vast numbers of bowhunters in this state. We owe it to our sport and the game we pursue, to make sure that the limitations we all live with are well known and documented.

Kingsboro Bowmen Host State Indoor Championship at Tidewater Community College, Frederick Campus, Suffolk, Va. March 12 & 13, 1988

	Rounds	
	1st	2nd
Saturday	9 am-12 noon	1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday	8 am-11 a.m.	11 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Registration**
1. By Mail: Must be postmarked by March 6, 1988
 2. Friday Night (March 11th) 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
 3. Saturday (March 12th) (1 hour only) 7 a.m.-8 a.m.

**\$\$ PEARSON PAYS SHOOT \$\$
EXIBITORS WILL BE PRESENT!**

Registration Fees

\$15.00 Each
\$25.00 Family

For further information contact:
Kingsboro Bowmen
c/o Ed Bickham
6353 Godwin Blvd.
Suffolk, Virginia 23432
Phone: (804) 255-2294

Kingsboro Welcomes You Friday Night

Refreshments - Beer, 7-9 p.m.

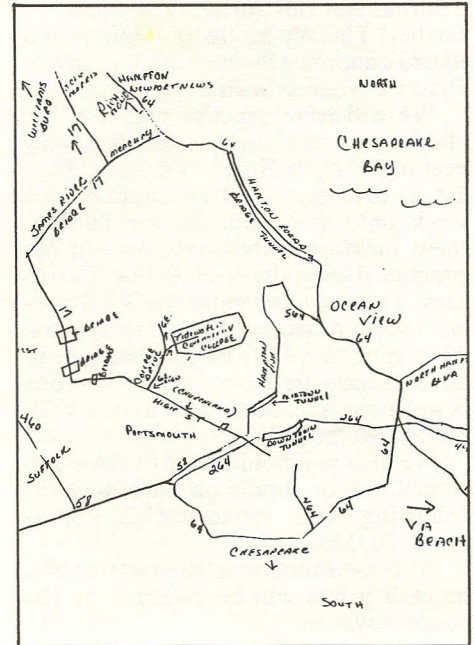
at Tidewater Community College

Area Motels	Phone #	Approx. Distance to Shoot
Suffolk Holiday Inn	1-800-934-2311	20 Miles
Portsmouth/Portside Holiday Inn	1-804-393-2573	10 Miles

**At Portsmouth Holiday Inn ask for VBA special rates
(you must make reservations before 2/28/88
for special rates: \$47.00/night-4 people)**

*Churchland Econo Travel	1-804-484-6143	3 Miles
Portsmouth Quality Inn	1-804-399-3066	7 Miles
Portsmouth Imperial 400	1-804-397-5806	9 Miles

*closest to college



Things to See and Do!

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Colonial Williamsburg
Yorktown
Jamestown
Virginia Marine Science Museum
Virginia Beach, VA
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum
Portsmouth, VA
The Chrysler Museum
Norfolk, VA
The Waterside—food, fun, shopping market
place available by pedestrian ferry from
Portsmouth waterfront.

More information on places to go, stay,
dine and just plain have fun at will be available
at registration table.
Things to do for the entire family.
See you on the 11th!!!

State Indoor Pre-Registration

Single \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Family \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited-Release <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name: _____	Adult Young Adult Youth Cub	
Address: _____	Birthdate if Young Adult, Youth or Cub	
Club: _____	Mo Day Year	
VBA No. _____	Round Preference <input type="checkbox"/> 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd	
Soc. Sec. No. _____	Send Pre-Registration form to:	
Division Circle One	Ed Bickham	
FS FSL BH BB BHFS BHFSL	6353 Godwin Blvd	
Limited-Finger Shooter <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Suffolk, VA 23432	

Next Quarterly VBA Meeting January 16-17, 1988

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

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For You The Archer

by Tom Schanbacher

I hope all you bowhunters have had a successful bow season, I also wish all of you a very Joyous Holiday Season.

For this newsletter I would like to discuss briefly setting up for Indoor Shooting. A lot of archers use their outdoor setup to shoot indoors. I don't for a number of reasons.

1) I don't need the bow weight for cast indoors that I need outdoors, so I usually set up a lighter bow which is more comfortable to handle, we are more concerned with accuracy than speed or cast.

2) Often times I find a slightly heavier spined shaft will group better indoors at 20 yards, don't be afraid to play with shafts to see which group is best for you indoors. We are only shooting at one distance so that is the distance we want the best grouping; we don't need the overall performance of a shaft that we look for out doors.

3) I shoot some big indoor tournaments each year such as Atlantic City Classic, and have found a lot of pros as well as myself shoot feathers indoors. Most Freestylers shoot 2" to 3" feathers, and bowhunting divisions should shoot 3" to 5" feathers. Why feathers? Feathers are more forgiving and tend to make up for bad releases or form breaks.

4) Lastly there is no substitute for practice, so let's get shooting—the indoor shoots are coming up.

I hope this column is of help to some of you. If you have any questions, comments, or points to add to any of my articles please send them to me:

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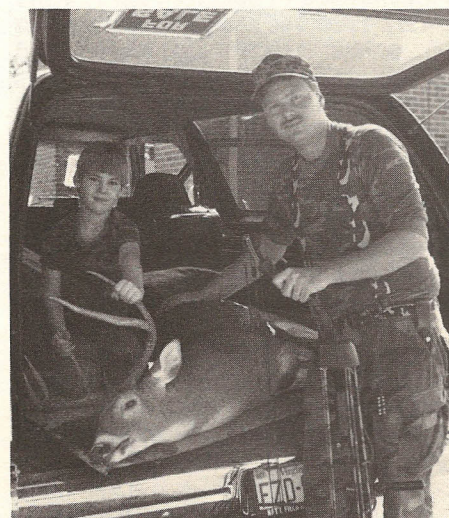
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