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SHERWOOD ARCHERS *hosts* 1986 Virginia State Open Outdoor Tournament May 17-18

at the Sherwood Archery Range, Roanoke, Virginia

REGISTRATION

Friday, May 16 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Registration fees will be \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for families.

CAMPING

Camping will be available at Sherwood Archery in Roanoke.

HOTELS

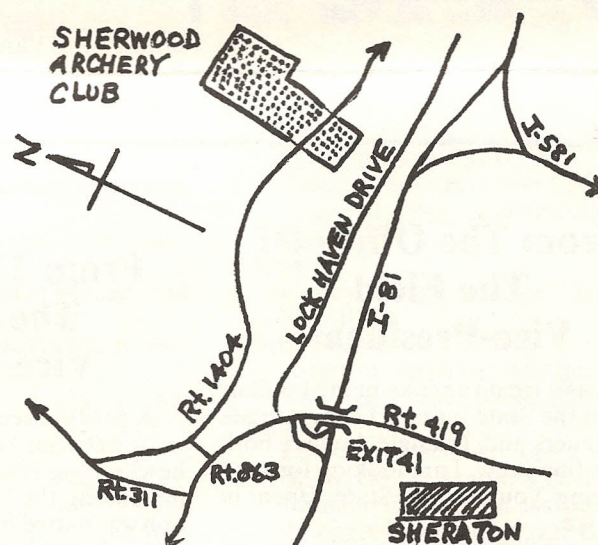
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Any further information may be obtained from Richard Mawles at 774-9587 or Charley Waybright at 336-9422.

From The President

If the size of the Schedule Card is any indication, the 1986 Outdoor Season should be bigger and better than ever. I am looking forward to getting back into the swing of things, anxious to change my theme song from "Forever In B Class" to "Take the A Train". I hope all of you are ready to enjoy a great season.

At the January meeting of the VBA Board of Directors, the Board created a Field Archery Committee. In this action, the Board has given the sport of Field Archery a real boost in Virginia. Steve White of Princeton Archers will chair the committee for 1986. With a group of VBA members to handle new legislation and look into various aspects of the sport on a continuing basis, there is every reason to feel that the needs of all VBA members and the clubs will be better served. One of the first items that the Board has asked the Field Archery Committee to look into is the definition of the term "qualifying round" as used in the By-Laws regarding sanctioned shoots.

Activity of the Bowhunting Committee, under the leadership of Steve Capps, Manahoac Bowmen, includes research into placement of VBA advertising in one of the national bowhunter magazines. On the Bowhunting front, Dave Proctor reported that a final report on the number of bowhunting licenses sold for the 1985-86 season has not been finally determined, but we can expect it to exceed 45,000.

Regarding the possibility of seeking to move the bowhunting season back one week to take up the inactive week between seasons, Dave advised that it is too soon to become more active than we have been. The Game Commission must consider the interests of all hunters in their decisions. Our recent success with the license and increased bag limit, when added to our past successes, gives reason to proceed more slowly for a time to avoid appearances of a bias towards the bowhunter and to prevent creating undo adversity among hunter organizations.

To all of you competing in this year's State Indoor Championships, I wish you good luck and good shooting.

Van

From The Office Of The Field Vice-President

It was a treat to see so many familiar faces at the State Indoor. I congratulate the winners and Triangle Archers both for the fine show. I am looking forward to seeing you at the State Open in Roanoke.

Those clubs that wish to make changes in the shooting schedule must do so through the office of the Field Vice President. Before changes can be published they must be cleared through this office.

The Field Archery Committee met for the first time. The term "qualifying round" was defined as "A NFAA Official Field or Hunter Round or a combination of Hunter or Field." Also discussed was a proposal for a VBA Pro-Division.

If at any time there are any questions which I might be able to help with please feel free to call 804-565-0912.

Thank you,

John Street

From The Office Of The Hunting Vice-President

A petition seeking to gain the closed week between bow and gun season for bowhunting has recently been circulating among the V.B.A. clubs. This petition was started by a non-V.B.A. member. I feel that this person has good intentions but bad timing.

The Game Commission has suggested that the V.B.A. be patient concerning any proposal asking for extra bowhunting privileges. Virginia bowhunters have just completed the first hunting season with an individual bowhunting license.

The total deer kill for bowhunters in Va. in 1985 was 5,060. This figure shows an increase of 2,348 over the 1984 season. We need to wait for the reaction to this gain in deer harvest before asking for additional privileges. This does not mean that the V.B.A. will not ever petition for this open week, but we will do so at a more opportune time.

Dave Proctor

Flight Deadline

The deadline for the May-June issue of FLIGHT will be June 1, 1986. Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is your newsletter.

Notice

All Club Presidents And Secretaries

Flight needs to hear from your club!

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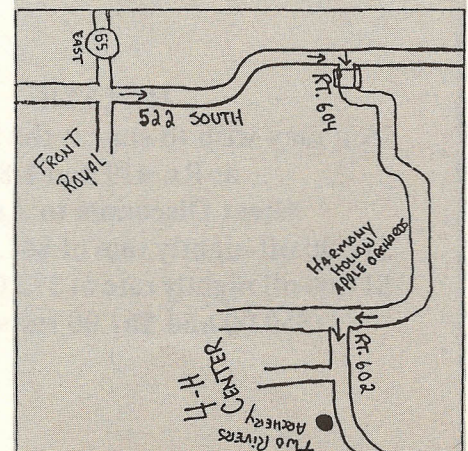
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Two Rivers Archery Club

Two Rivers new location, 1 mile out of town on 522 South. Turn right on Rt. 604; go approx. 2 miles and turn left on Rt. 602. Range is located about 200 yards on right.



Club News

News from Zone #3 Bowhunters of Rockingham

by Irvin Bodkin

The Bowhunters of Rockingham elected the following officers for 1986. Kevin Wittig, President; Dave Boutilier, Vice President; Cindy Wittig, secretary; and Irvin Bodkin, treasurer. With our new indoor range our membership has risen to 140 members. We just held our annual WINTER SPORTS BANQUET. This was held at the local Moose Club with 140 people attending.

Members who were successful in killing deer-bear-turkey received the clubs annual ROSS GARLETTS AWARD. We had 33 members killing black bear. A number of the members killed two and three deer. The big Buck Trophy was awarded to Tony Wittig for his big

9-pointer. The big Bear award went to Ronnie Blank. Kevin Wittig took the largest turkey award. Many carp were shot during the year but Porky Payne ended up with the Big Carp Award. He also took the award for best in the state. During the year the Scalp Tournament went in high gear with a lot of scalps being won and lost. Jim Miller captured the Scalp Award by 3½ points. At the end of the banquet and the awards a talk was given by a local taxidermist on the various kinds of mounts and how you prepare them, cost of mounts, and treatment of the game animal you are having mounted.

Annual Silver Bow Tournament

The Warwick Bowmen would like to invite all to attend the Annual Silver Bow Tournament April 26 & 27.

Join us for an old fashioned fish fry Saturday afternoon, following the shoot. The dogwood should be blooming and our range which features all flat shooting lanes will be ready and waiting. Newly designed, unique trophies will be presented to the lucky winners on Sunday. Come and challenge yourself to shoot your best score ever.

Bring the whole family and enjoy the excellent camping facilities and the local attractions. Busch Gardens, Water Country, Yorktown and Colonial Williamsburg are all within 15 minutes of the range.

For further information call John or Iris at 804-565-0912.

Tournament Schedule April-June

April 5 & 6

Mid-Atlantic Indoor
Tioga Bowmen NY
Riehbeth Beach, Del.

April 6

Walton Park Archers 10:00
Cub Run Archers cas. 9:00-1:00
Battletown Archers cas. 9:00-12:00

April 13

Seminole Archers 10:00
Prince William Archers 10:00
Shawnee Bowmen cas. 9:00-12:00

April 19

Buggs Island Archers Carp and Gar 8:00

April 20

Buggs Island Archers 10:00
Massanutten Archery Club cas. 8:00-1:00
Bowhunters Paradise Trophy Shoot Animal 12:00-2:00 cas.
Manahoac Bowmen cas. and mult. 9:00-2:00
Dixie Bowmen cas. 9:00-12:00

April 26 & 27

Warwick Bowmen Annual Silver Bow Tournament cas. and mult. 9:00-12:00

April 27

Northern Va. Archers 10:00
Blackwater Bowhunters 10:00
Augusta Archers cas. 10:00-1:00
Bearcreek Archers 10:00
Shenandoah Co. Archers cas. 9:00-1:00

May 3 & 4

Kingsboro Bowmen Peanut City

Annual cas. and mult. 9:00-12:00 Sat./ 9:00-11:00

May 4

Sherwood Archers Annual Dogwood Festival 10:00
Two Rivers Archers cas. 10:00-2:00

May 11

Triangle Archers Annual William Tell Shoot cas. and mult. 10:00
Bowhunters of Rockingham cas. 10:00-1:00
Shenandoah Co. Archers cas. 9:00-10:00
Bearcreek Archers 10:00
Princess Anne Bowmen 10:00

May 17 & 18

Virginia Bowhunters Association Open State Championships
Sherwood Archers

May 25

Caney Ridge Archery Club 9:00
Walton Park Archers 10:00
Northern Va. Championships
Shenandoah Co. Archers 9:00
Smyth County Archery Club 1:00

May 31 & June 1

Battletown Archers Annual Moose Shoot cas. and mult. 9:00-1:00 Sat./9:00-12:00 Sun.

June 1

Seminole Archers Safari Shoot 10:00
Wythe Bowhunters 10:00
Prince William Archers 10:00
Augusta Archers cas. 9:00-1:00
Warwick Bowmen 10:00

June 7 & 8

Two Rivers Archers Boar Shoot cas. and mult. 9:00-2:00
Princess Anne Bowmen Silver Quiver cas. mult. 8:00-12:00 Sat./8:00-11:00 Sun.

June 8

Caney Ridge Archery Club cas. 9:00-10:00

June 14 & 15

Augusta Archers Annual Trophy Shoot cas. mult. 9:00-1:30

June 15

Dixie Bowmen Annual Tomahawk Shoot cas. and mult. 8:00-12:00
Manahoac Bowmen cas. 9:00-2:00
Triangle Bowhunters cas. 10:00-1:00
Loudoun Bowhunters cas. 10:00-1:00
Bearcreek Archers 10:00

June 21 & 22

Mid-Atlantic Outdoor
Bloomsburg, Pa.

June 22

Central Va. Archers cas. 9:00-11:00
Shawnee Bowmen cas. 9:00-12:00
Smyth County Archery Club 10:00

June 28 & 29

VBA Meeting

June 29

Blackwater Bowhunters 10:00
Princeton Archers 10:00
Massanutten Archery Club cas. 8:00-1:00
Bowhunters Paradise All Animal cas. 12:00-2:00

Hunting Highlights

A Bowhunter's Birthday!

by Tom Kidwell

There was a heavy dew on the mountain that had moistened all of the fallen leaves. The brilliant colors of fall seemed to sparkle beneath the glow of my flashlight as I padded softly up the mountain on a path that led through a maze of poplar, oak, and dogwood to a tree stand that I had hung only two weeks earlier.

What better way for me to spend my birthday than sneaking in to stand on the opening day of the 1985 Virginia Bow Season?

As I made my way through the tangles of honeysuckle and foxglove I paced myself. "Be careful not to work up a sweat", I thought. "Don't create an odor that will betray your presence on the mountain."

The sound of twigs snapping under the weight of my step was muffled by the carpet of fallen leaves on the trail and gave only the faintest announcement that there was an intruder on the mountain this morning. Yet I was not intruding. I was as much a part of the mountain as the mountain was a part of me. I was there because my destiny had placed me there. Bowhunting is in my blood.

I searched the trail in front of me with my flashlight scanning the darkness for the hickory tree that held my stand. It appeared in the dark like the familiar face of a friend and after the forty-five minute hike up the mountain it was a welcomed sight indeed.

Before climbing the tree I removed a two-ounce bottle of doe urine from my daypack and sprinkled a generous portion on a scrape that was uphill and to the west of my stand. Then, I secured myself in the stand, hung my bow on a nearby limb, and sat back to await the dawn. According to my watch it was 5:46 A.M. and dawn was more than an hour away.

During this "cooling down" period your bodily systems adjust. The heavy breathing and perspiration from the long hike in fades away. The night woods settle behind you and your metabolism slows to an easier pace. During this time your senses become more keen. You are aware of every woods-noise that breaks the morning silence. Mentally, you sort them out. You key in on the important noises, disregard the unimportant ones, and you wait. Mostly you wait.

Dawn did not make a glorious debut that morning. Arriving with it came a blanket of scattered clouds that prolonged the predawn darkness. About 6:30 A.M. the increasing light started turning grotesque, suspicious shadows into familiar forest objects and twenty-one yards to the west I could distinctly make out the scrape that I had located two weeks earlier when I had placed my stand. This was the same scrape that I had freshened with doe urine before daylight.

My mind wandered helplessly to other hunts. Other stands. But the distant sound of a deer approaching quickly snapped me back to the business at hand.

False alarm. Too far away. I continued waiting.

At 7:30 A.M. I could hear the unmistakable shuffle of an animal approaching from downhill on a trail that led directly to the scrape and then continued on uphill. I nocked an arrow and tugged on the taut 74 pound recurve in a last minute attempt to limber up stiff back muscles. I waited as the shuffling noise drew closer and closer. My eyes strained to catch a glimpse of heavy ivory emerging from the honeysuckle thicket below. The dull, crimson flash of wide beams and long tines.

My visions of swollen necks and massive horns vanished in an instant with the first sight of the approaching animal. BEAR!

I watched as the bear ambled closer and closer like a giant shadow lumbering up the trail with his head swinging from one side to the other. But my hopes of getting a shot were dim. He was moving up the trail with a steady, determined pace that did not appear slow enough to afford me an opportunity for a shot as he passed.

Prior to the hunting season, when I had placed my stand, I had cleared twigs and branches from three shooting lanes to the trail in hopes that a passing game animal would present me with an opportunity for a shot in at least one of the lanes. But the bear didn't appear interested in cooperating as he passed the first two lanes without varying his speed.

I had almost given up hopes for a shot when he arrived at the scrape AND STOPPED! His undivided attention was zoomed in on the strange aroma that permeated the air around the scrape; the doe urine that I had sprinkled in the dirt.

He sniffed the scrape and began digging. In doing so, he quartered away from me at twenty-one yards!

I raised my bow and drew the 74 pounds to my cheek in one motion and without taking my eye off of his ribcage, I let the string slip from my fingers. The world exploded in a cloud of dirt and leaves as the Snuffer-tipped cedar shaft disappeared in a mound of black fur.

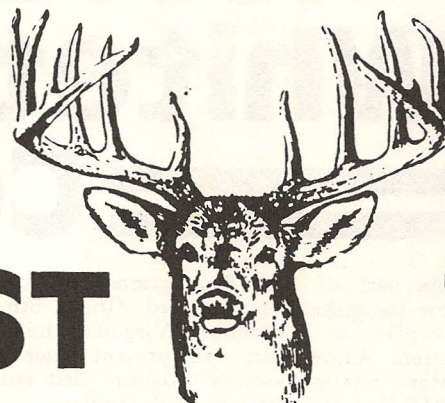
His crashing exit from the scrape was straight downhill passing within ten feet

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DEER RACK CONTEST



85-86 SEASON

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As part of H.C. Productions 3rd Annual Hunting Show to be held October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1986 at the Showplace in Richmond, Virginia, the Virginia Deer Hunters Association will present their memberships' contest, citation awards program, first entries into the VDHA Hall of Fame and Rack Display.

RULES FOR ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY:

A. CONTEST

1. Open to all VDHA members - membership dues \$10.
2. Entries must be pre-registered.
3. Entry fee shall be \$3 per entry for all entries postmarked by June 30, 1986 and \$5 per entry for all entries postmarked by Sept. 20, 1986.
4. Entries are for deer taken during the 1985-86 season and a valid game checking station tag presented with rack when submitted for judging.
5. Entries must be in the hands of judging committee not later than 5 pm, Oct. 4th, 1986.
6. The contest shall consist of the following categories:
 - Class A - 9 points and above - typical rack - non-typical rack.
 - Class B - 7 and 8 points - typical rack - nontypical rack.
 - Class C - 6 points and less - typical rack - non-typical rack.
 - Class D - Youth, 17 and under - 9 points and above - typical rack - non-typical rack; 7&8 points - typical rack - nontypical rack; 6 points and less - typical rack - nontypical rack.
 - Class E - Bow Hunters, all points - typical rack - non-typical rack.
7. Entries judged via the Virginia Scoring System. Scoring Committee may find it necessary to assign racks to a different class, category or disqualify altered entries. The chief judges decision shall be final.

Non-typical racks are those that have any protuberance considered as a scorable point (atleast one inch long) determined by the scoring committee to be a random prong.

8. Entry fee allows entry each day of show for contestant.

9. Awards to winners of each class, typical and non-typical, shall consist of a decorative plaque and a plaque of recognition to 2nd and 3rd place.

B. CITATION AWARDS

Entries in contest portion of show are eligible for a citation award based on the following criteria:

1. Racks 9 points and above scoring 150 points or more.
2. Racks 7&8 points scoring 140 points or more.
3. Racks 6 points and less scoring 130 points or more.

C. VDHA HALL OF FAME

1. Contest winners in each class category shall be entered into the VDHA Hall of Fame Record Book as VDHA Champion.
2. Winners shall be recognized as VDHA Champion until future contest winners attain a score that is greater than those posted.
3. Yearly VDHA Hall of Fame winners will be listed as future contests are held.

D. RACK DISPLAY

1. Open to anyone desiring to show a rack.
2. Racks may be any found, taken during past hunting seasons, hit by car or otherwise.
3. Display fee of \$2 for each rack displayed must be received not later than Sept. 15, 1986.
4. Display racks are for viewing purposes only and not eligible for any awards, citations or other awards.
5. Display of rack and payment of fee allows entrant entry each day to show.
6. Display racks will not be scored unless time permits at conclusion of official contest scoring.

All contest and display racks shall remain at show until 2 pm on October 5th, 1986. Contest winners should remain for presentation of awards.

Reminder: Entry fee allows entry to show each day.

ENTRY FORM

Submit To: VDHA DEER CONTEST
P. O. Box 635
Colonial Heights, Va. 23834

Entry Category

Contest Class A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ Display ☐

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I have read and understand the rules and hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host, the sponsors and contest officials from all claims for injury, and/or damage/loss occurring in connection with this contest and show.

Signed: _____

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of the tree that I was in. In less than twenty seconds the crashing stopped and I heard a final fall in the leaves about fifty yards away through thick woods. After a thirty-five minute wait I followed the bloodtrail to find my beautiful blackie in a dogwood patch.

How does a bowhunter tell someone that hasn't been there how it feels? How do you explain a feeling of happiness and sadness in the same breath? You don't. You can't. You feel a tremendous sense of pride and yet you also feel an overpowering sense of regret.

In my case, pride finally won out. What a birthday present!

And another great hunt is filed away in the cluttered depths of my memory to be recalled when my spirits are low and need raising.

God, I love bowhunting!

Results Of The 1986 V.B.A Indoor Championship

by Stephen Hiner

Archers from everywhere in the Old Dominion, numbering 193, participated in the 17th Annual State Indoor Championship hosted by Triangle Archers and the Christiansburg Recreation Department.

Ricky Harper from Central Va. Archers won his first "Indoor" by defeating last year's champ, Barry McCarty, in a shoot-off. Other winners of exciting shoot-offs were Ellen Madison, Barry Wolfe, Ron Neville, Danny Alger, and Charles Waybright.

Congratulations to all the winners!! On behalf of the V.B.A., Triangle Archers, and the Christiansburg Recreation Department, I want to thank all the archers for spending March 14, 15, and 16 with us.

1986 V.B.A. Indoor Championship Winners

CUB FS-UL

1st	Dennis Mills Jr.	(555)	S.C.
2nd	Brian Alls	(488)	
3rd	Joe Christians	(461)	

FS-UL YOUTH

1st	Michael Lewis	(589)	S.C.
2nd	David Long	(584)	
3rd	John Christians	(554)	

BB YOUNG ADULT

1st	Jimmy Hoyer	(536)	S.C.
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FS-L YOUNG ADULT

1st	Dale Board	(564)	S.C.
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"C"

1st	Glen Gray	(493)	
2nd	Larry Grogg	(477)	
3rd	Kirk Sands	(425)	

FS-UL YOUNG ADULT

"A"

1st	Michael Brown	(595)	S.C.
2nd	Rodney Williams	(594)	
3rd	Donnie Surber	(593)	

"C"

1st	Barry Catron	(507)	
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BB MEN

"A"

1st	Richard Stark	(568)	S.C.
2nd	Kenny Norris	(549)	
3rd	Tom Schanbacher	(535)	

"B"

1st	Tom Hornby	(488)	
2nd	Bev Hunter	(480)	

BB WOMEN

"A"

1st	Kay McManus	(555)	S.C.
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BH MEN

"A"

1st	Kenny Sorrells	(535)	S.C.
2nd	Larry Thompson	(521)	
3rd	Mike Smith	(505)	

"B"

1st	Junior East	(495)	
2nd	Ricky Price	(485)	
3rd	Larry Robinson	(464)	

FB-L MEN

"A"

1st	Les Goss	(594)	S.C.
2nd	Richard Rhodes	(591)	
3rd	Earl Boyd	(587)	

"B"

1st	Mike Kenny	(578)	
2nd	Wayne Bowen	(574)	
3rd	Rick Grogg	(565)	

"C"

1st	Phillip Cantrell	(537)	
2nd	Roger Pearman	(535)	
3rd	Joe Gray	(533)	

FB-L WOMEN

"B"

1st	Anita Webb	(517)	S.C.
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"C"

1st	Tammy Hiner	(398)	
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FB-UL MEN

"A"

1st	Ron Neville	(600)	S.C.
2nd	Earl McCauley	(600)	
3rd	Danny Alger	(599)	

"B"

1st	Gary Kerlin	(578)	
2nd	Paul Gray	(577)	
3rd	Randy Franken	(577)	

"C"

1st	William Rakes	(531)	
2nd	Myrel Green	(527)	
3rd	William Johnson	(525)	

FB-UL WOMEN

"A"

1st	Geraldine Sparks	(567)	S.C.
2nd	Kathy Williams	(553)	

"B"

1st	Suella Wolfe	(497)	
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FS-L MEN

"A"

1st	Ronny Lewis	(596)	S.C.
2nd	Richard Hall	(587)	
3rd	Charles Waybright	(580)	

"B"

1st	Kevin Wittig	(573)	
2nd	Lee Wheless	(572)	
3rd	Bill Freeman	(565)	

"C"

1st	Carl Grogg	(537)	
2nd	Donnie Wells	(530)	
3rd	Steve Jerrell	(529)	

FS-L WOMEN

"A"

1st	Deb Ryder	(527)	S.C.
2nd	Ann Harper	(475)	

"C"

1st	Tina Grace	(523)	
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FS-UL MEN

"A"

1st	Harold Faust	(577)	
2nd	Frank Patterson	(573)	
3rd	Sam Day	(572)	

"C"

1st	Ron Bigger	(537)	
2nd	Gary Smith	(522)	
3rd	Ralph Long	(510)	

FS-UL WOMEN

"A"

1st	Ellen Madison	(585)	S.C.
2nd	Annette Brunk	(585)	
3rd	Geraldine Sparks	(555)	

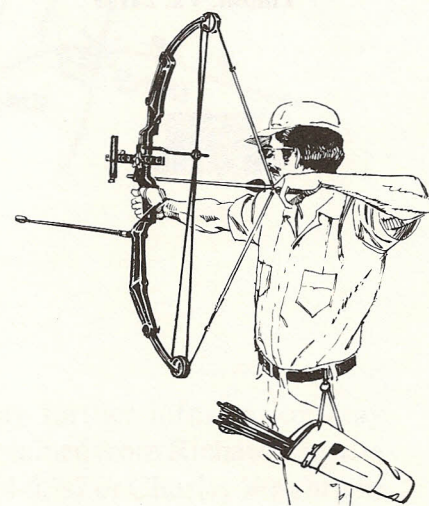
"B"

1st	Debbie Landes	(544)	
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"C"

1st	Linda Farris	(534)	
2nd	Betty Trent	(526)	
3rd	Dot Mitchell	(521)	

S.C. - State Champion



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