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## Report from Bowhunting Committee

I represent the Virginia Bowhunter's Association as Hunting Vice-President. The Virginia Bowhunter's Association has 1,581 members in thirty-two clubs throughout the state.

In July, the V.B.A. proposed a bowhunting license for the state of Virginia. The Virginia Game Commission is in favor of this proposal and would support the bowhunting license if it were included in the Governor's Legislative Package for 1985.

The proposed bowhunting license would allow an archery big game license to be purchased separate from the gun big game license. This archery big game license would cost \$10.00 and would have its own bag limit.

The Virginia Bowhunter's Association feels this license would have the following positive results:

(1) It would give additional revenue to the Virginia Game Commission. The Game Commission has indicated that additional revenue is needed for existing operational costs.

(2) It would provide the Game Commission with an accurate count of the number of bowhunters in Virginia. This information would help the Game Commission in the area of game management.

(3) It would give additional recreational time to hunters who hunt with both gun and bow.

The proposal for a bowhunting license would take nothing away from the present hunting seasons that sportsmen now enjoy. It would allow the bowhunter to support his/her sport in recognized numbers and in monetary backing.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this proposal and to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

David Proctor  
Hunting Vice-President  
Virginia Bowhunter's  
Association

The enclosed letter explains what has happened to the VBA proposal to the Game Commission. An appeal must be made to Gov. Robb and to the Representatives throughout the state for their assistance in instituting this proposal.

A packet has been mailed to each club president and to members of the Bowhunting Committee. This action had the approval of the VBA at their last meeting.

I request that the President of each club get as many names as possible signed on a petition. This letter may be used or modified as a cover letter for petitions to the representatives.

Dave Proctor, Hunting Vice President has sent this same basic letter to all the representatives in the state and we need the petitions to put more pressure on same.

Send the originals to Gov. Robb and copies of the petition to the representatives in your area.

It would also help if members would send post cards to their representatives with a condensed explanation of the proposal and request their help.

This is an opportunity for the bowhunters in the state and for the VBA to let them know that we are out there and would like to be heard.

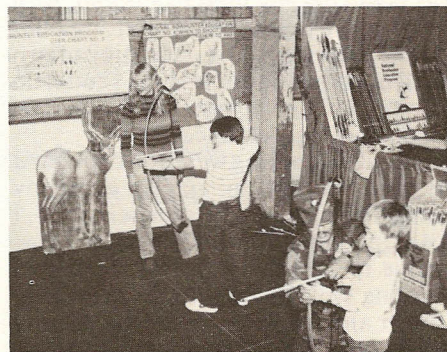
Owen Shifflett, Chairman

Bowhunting Committee

## NFAA Barebow Fraternity

Insert: At the 39th NFAA Outdoor Nationals, a new National fraternity of barebow archers was formed. This is for all BB-archers—whether they shoot longbows, recurves, or compounds; whether they shoot 'instinctive' or 'string-walk'. We want to reach every BB-archer in the U.S. Please send your name, address and phone number to K. Newton, P.O. Box 852, St. Charles, IL. 60174.

## Virginia Hunter's Day



Both VBA and IBEP were among the many exhibitors at the first annual Virginia Hunter's Day held at the Richmond Fairgrounds, October 13-14, 1984. Both booths were crowded with visitors. The IBEP provided a 10 yard indoor archery shooting experience for well over 200 children. Many first time shooters returned again and again for the joy of the sport and to receive excellent instruction from Tom Schanbacher and Benny and Leela Villorente, all of Princess Anne Bowmen.

The VBA was "personed" by Steve Trent (Buggs Island Archers), Lenny Moran (Manahoac Bowmen), and Van Venek (Blue Ridge Archers). During the two day event, a petition supporting VBA's recommendations to the game commission was signed by over 900 people! Interest in both the VBA's bowhunter division and the network of local clubs was high. (Photographs courtesy of Steve Trent).





Hi Bob!

This letter is in regards to the "swing-ing" hunting sights you sent me.

My first hunting experience with this sight was in Potter County, Pennsylvania this past October. The first morning we found ourselves in an area that was heavily used by bowhunters and by 7:30 a.m. there were approximately 40 walking bowhunters there. All day Sunday we checked for a new area to hunt in on Monday and the following days of our week's hunt. I found an apple tree that was being heavily used by deer so, with the help of a fellow bowhunter, we built a make-shift tree stand consisting of two small boards so the only thing I could do was stand in one position with plenty of good shooting clearance.

Monday morning was rainy, I donned my gear putting a rain jacket under my camouflage. At approximately 7:30 I heard a crunch, crunch behind me—unable to turn around I just remained standing still listening to more crunch, crunch and looking down between my feet, a small deer appeared approximately 10 ft. below me. I had never took a neck shot at a deer before, but I felt confident with this new sight so I had a 4 in. by 8 in. clearance and I drew back and released but in my haste in dressing that morning earlier I had neglected to button all of the buttons on my camouflage jacket. There was a bang as a result of the string hitting my rain wear. That was a "bougie, bougie."

My next encounter, after moving to my son's portable stand in the same area, was a nice buck at dusk on Tuesday at approximately 32 yards. I took another shot that was also a "bougie, bougie."

On Wednesday afternoon in the same area, I put up my own portable tree stand and at dusk a little button buck appeared at approximately 20 yards. I released the arrow which was a clean miss. The deer jumped approximately 4 feet but it was still standing broadside so I fumbled around and got another arrow, knocked and shot again, another clean miss. The deer jumped about another 4 to 6 feet, getting closer to me each shot I made. I hastily knocked another arrow and being very upset, I made darn sure I put the ball dead center on the deer's chest—this time I was confident of a perfect hit, which I did make. A deer, which I had not seen, ran up to the deer I had just shot; my deer was still standing where I hit it, the deer that had just arrived on the scene ran off followed by the deer I had shot; going approximately 30 yards before collapseing.

Back in Virginia, I had three more shots that were "bougies," but at longer distances.

The last day of bow season a nice 100

lb. doe ran up and stopped 20 yards from me. I made another center shot bagging this deer. To sum it all up, I've had a very exciting bow season.

I still like this sight and as all of us need a crutch to make us better hunters, I intend to use it for hunting in the future. I have previously been an instinctive bowhunter.

I do believe that this swing sight would be more proficient on a bow exceeding 50 lbs. My bow is approximately 48 lbs.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Day

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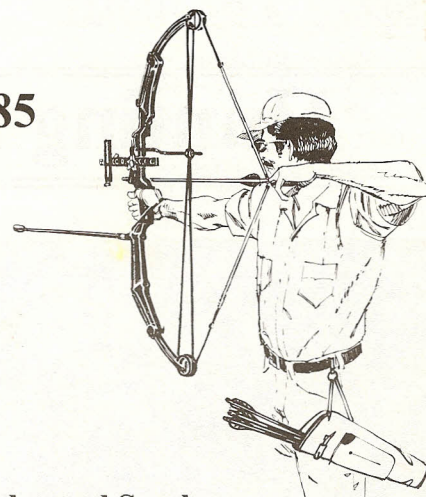
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cub \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Male-Female \_\_\_\_\_

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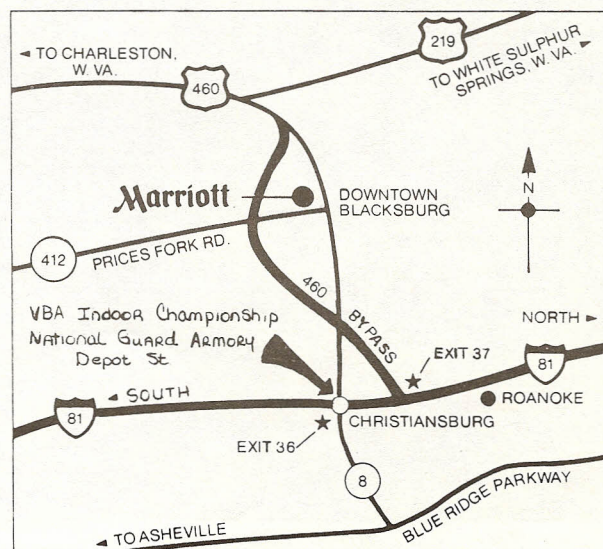
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Jan. 26—Triangle  
Feb. 2—Wythe  
Feb. 9—Wythe  
Feb. 16—Triangle  
Feb. 23—Triangle

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2 points for 2nd.  
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## Dates To Remember

March 10-11	Triangle
State Indoor	
May 18-19	
State Open	Augusta Archers
June 15-16	
Mid Atlantic	New Jersey
August 31-September 1	
State Closed	Buggs Island
September 14-15	
Bowhunter Jamboree	

## VBA Meetings

January 12-13  
March 23-24  
June 22-23  
September 21-22

## 20-Pin Winners Sept.-Dec. 1984

### Field

Doug Carico, Wise  
Bill Malone, Purcellville  
Anita Webb, Manassas  
**Hunter**  
Patrick Kelly, Hamilton  
Wayne Kellum, Highland Springs  
William Orndorff, Bunker Hill, W. Va.  
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The deadline for the Jan.-Feb. issue of FLIGHT will be February 1, 1985. 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.*

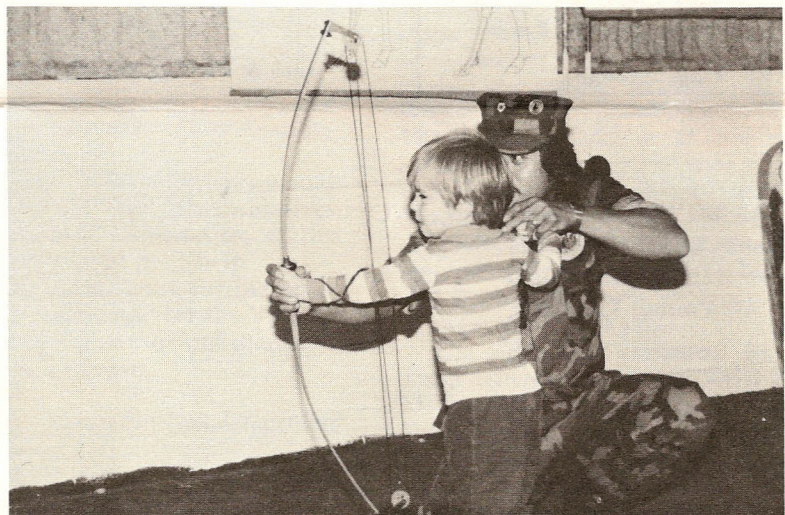
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