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Triangle Bowhunters Host **STATE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP** at Christiansburg Armory **March 10 & 11, 1983**

	Rounds		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Sat.	8-11	11-2	2-5
Sun.	7-10	10-1	1-4

Registration Fee \$10.00 each
\$20.00 family.
Register Early - 192 Shooters only

Pre-registration accepted. Call to
verify if your round is full.

Registration Friday 3/9, 6 p.m. to
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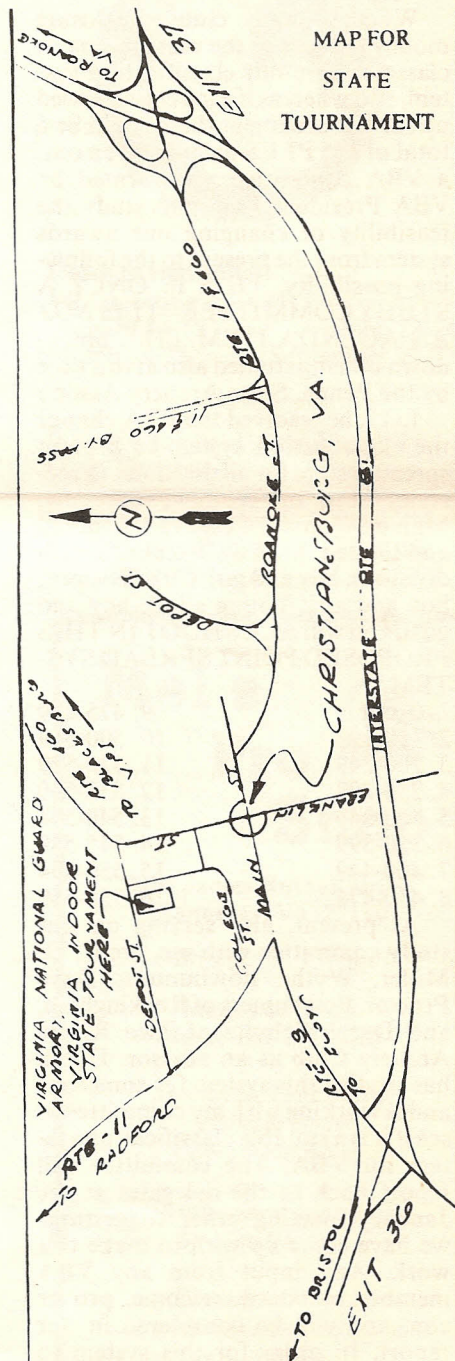
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Pre-registration Form State Indoor Championship

Name _____

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club _____

VBA-NO. _____

Division _____

FS, BH, BB, CFBH _____

Send to Jim Overfelt (Address above)

Limited (Finger shooter) (yes, no) _____

Unlimited (Release) (yes, no) _____

Adult, Young Adult, youth, cub _____

Birth Date _____
(Cub, Y & YA)

Male-Female _____

Which Round 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____
same round both days

VBA Highlights

Proposal For Possible Change In VBA Classification Breakdown

by Ann Boyd, Chairperson

Whereas many clubs are losing money because of the vast amount of classes within our classification system, and whereas if each class showed up for a tournament there could be a total of 165 PLUS awards given out, a VBA committee was formed by VBA President Vanek to study the feasibility of changing our awards system from the present to the following possibility. **THIS IS ONLY A STUDY COMMITTEE—IT IS NOT AN AGENDA ITEM.** (This breakdown is being studied also at this time by the Penna. State Archery Assoc.)

Let it be resolved the VBA change the classification system to a point spread system for all divisions. (Free-style, Man or Woman; Barebow, Man or Woman; CFSBH-Unlimited and limited, Man or Woman; Youth divisions, boy and girl; Cub divisions, boy and girl; Young adult, boy and girl), you will **ALL SHOOT IN THIS PROPOSED POINT SPREAD SYSTEM.**

1. 0-149	9. 475-499
2. 150-199	10. 500-519
3. 200-249	11. 520-529
4. 250-299	12. 530-539
5. 300-349	13. 540-544
6. 350-399	14. 545-549
7. 400-449	15. 550-554
8. 450-474	16. 555-560

At present, also serving on this study committee with me, are C. D. Miller, Wythe Bowhunters; Dave Proctor, Bowhunters of Rockingham, and Dutch Schultz of Two Rivers Archery Club as an advisor. Dutch has studied this system for sometime and is working with my committee to see if it is a suitable classification system for VBA. The committee will report back to the delegates at the January meeting other suggestions we have come up with to make this work. Any input from any VBA member is indeed welcome, pro or con, and will be considered in our report. In order for this system to work it will take considerable time, work, and suggestions by all the membership; so we are open to your individual thoughts on this.

By changing our classification system to 16 divisions with 3 awards in each division would indeed be a significant reduction in the number of awards given out, thus saving and making clubs money.

Office of Corresponding Secretary

Another year is almost gone! All club charters and membership dues expire December 31. Make your secretary's job easier by sending your dues in early. Club officers dues must be sent in with the Charter application before the deadline of January 31.

The necessary papers to re-charter will be mailed to the secretaries the first of December. 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!

I have received a letter from NFAA asking that the member's name be sent in the same each year—not William one year, Bill the next and "Shorty" the next. This has been the request of VBA for years and we would like to ask again that you try to help us keep our records straight by doing this.

You will now have two ID numbers. One for VBA and one for NFAA. Example: 0528-3460. The 0528 would be the VBA number and the 3460 the NFAA number. If you are an additional member of a family your NFAA number would be the same as the head of the family. These numbers are to be sent to me from NFAA every six months so if you joined after the numbers were mailed to me this time or are a new member, your new handicap card for 1984 will *not* show the NFAA ID number.

Secretaries should mail in the membership dues often, (several times a month) and NEVER send in a name without a COMPLETE address. It is necessary for the member to receive his card as soon as possible.

The 1984 dues breakdown is as follows:

NFAA
\$15.00—1st
2.00—2nd
2.00—3rd
\$19.00—Maximum

VBA

\$ 7.00—1st
7.00—2nd
2.00—3rd
\$16.00—Maximum
\$ 4.00—Youth

Total family membership	\$35.00
Man & Wife	31.00
1 Adult & 1 Youth	28.00
Individual Youth	19.00

Membership as of October 30 is 1692 with a total of 34 clubs. Lets make 1984 another great year!

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

Nancy Lee Western



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In 1983 we have run behind last year in Bowhunter Classes. I've heard good reports on classes held. Ken Sorrels has traveled the western side of Va. from Wise to Staunton putting on classes. Tom Kidwell has made some miniature tree stands to demonstrate with and I hear he has some outstanding slides for classes. Area one has come closest to the class A month requirement. They have had 8 classes since January. The one that was cancelled had 3 students report.

It was my pleasure at the Sept. 25 VBA meeting to award 7 pens for 100 students. These went to Van Vaner, Dist. 2 Supervisor; John Emerson, Dist. 1 Supervisor; Richard Dunn, Dist. 1; Mac McGuire, Dist. 1; Dot McGuire, Dist. 1; Ron Sheets, Dist. 1, Bill Reeves, Dist. 1 and State Chairman. Congratulations and thank you to all instructors giving their time to teach our sport to our fellow bowhunters.

Inquiries about an instructor training class have prompted me to schedule a class. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a certified instructor, drop me a postcard. This is a sign-up class. Deadline for sign-up will be Jan. 12, 1984.

Out of the training classes held last year I have 27 associate instructors that never taught a class. If you are interested, please attend! We need *active* instructors all over Virginia.

Bill Reeves

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The deadline for the Jan.-Feb. issue of FLIGHT will be Feb. 1, 1984. 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.



Dates to remember:

VBA meeting in 1984
January 14-15 June 23-24
March 24-25 September 22-23

Shoots—

Indoor Christiansburg: March 10-11
Open Sherwood June 2-3
Closed Buggs Island Sept. 1-2
Bowhunter Jamboree Sept. 15-16
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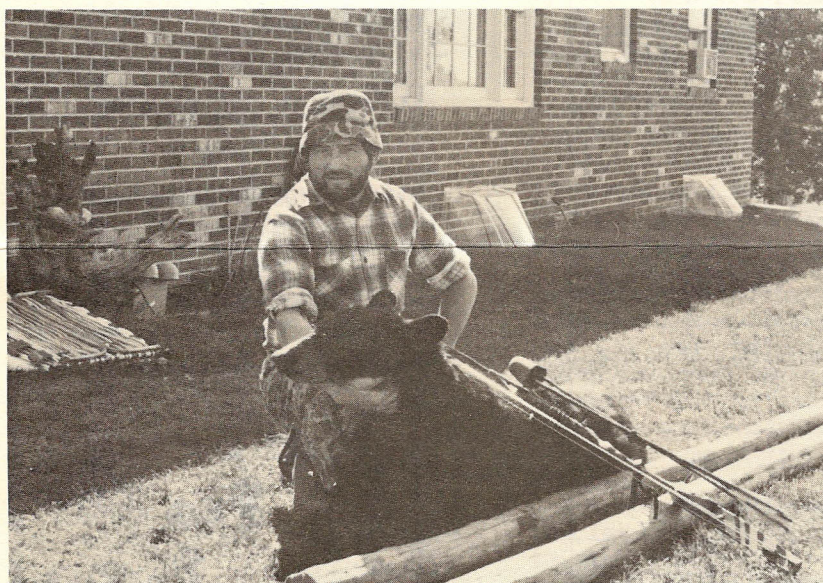


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**SOME SUCCESSFUL
VBA HUNTERS**



Club News

Princess Anne Bowmen extends a hearty thanks to all who participated in the 1983 Bowhunter Jamboree-East. Thirty-nine shooters participated on September 17 and 18 and the finalists were:

VBA	
Denny Cline	420
C. L. Turner	405
Don Frenier	395

OPEN	
Robert Kinkerwater	380
Tom Bruce	375
Ken Martin	370

1983 Grand Coon
Don Poteat

Dart Champion
Len Zeigler

Turkey Shoot Champion	
John Peregoy	first
Don Poteat	tie for second
C. L. Turner	tie for second
Don Boyd	third

Horseshoe Champions
C. L. Turner
Benny Villoriente

Saturday Fun Shoot
Don Poteat

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Kingsboro Bowmen will host a pre-state 20-yard indoor tournament on March 3, 1984. A single 300 round will be shot. Target face will be either the NFAA Championship face or regular NFAA indoor face (shooter's choice). 15 ends - 4 arrows each end. 4 minute time limit each end. A break will be taken after the 8th end. Registration will be from 8 AM to 10 AM. Shoot starts 10:30AM.

VBA indoor classification will be used. Flyers with more specific information will be sent to each club secretary in December. This will be a Ben Pearson Pays Shoot.

Successful Season For "Wild Horse"

W. H. "Wild Horse" Thompson has been shooting a bow all his life and hunting with a bow since 1950. This year, during the week of Oct 23-29, W. H. enjoyed his most success ever while bowhunting.

On Tuesday, in the Gathright area of Bath County, W. H. downed an 8 pointer with a 45 yd. heart shot. While hunting on Potts Mountain in Craig County on Friday, the V.B.A. veteran killed his second buck of the season, a nice 6 pointer at 25 yards. Both deer were killed while stalking.

W. H., a member of Triangle Bowhunters and Sherwood Archers, is well known throughout the state. His enthusiasm and love for the sport of archery are an inspiration to us all. Congratulations to W. H. on a most successful season.

Triangle - Wyth Indoor Schedule 1984

Jan. 7	Wyth
Jan. 14	Christiansburg
Jan. 21	Wyth
Jan. 28	Christiansburg
Feb. 4	Wyth
Feb. 11	Wyth Valentine Trophy
Feb. 18	Christiansburg
Feb. 25	Christiansburg
March 3	Wyth
March 10 & 11	State Indoor, Christiansburg

\$4.00 1st Round
#1.50 Additional Rounds
Time: 12:00 Noon till 11:00 p.m.

Opening Day With Triangle Father And Son

Jim Overfelt and his son Tony, both members of Triangle Bowhunters, left camp early on opening day of bow season. They had scouted the "sanctuary" section of the Bathright Wildlife Management Area in southern Bath County weeks before and both felt it was the perfect area to begin the season. By 8 a.m. Tony had bagged his first deer, a nice 4 point buck. Jim, passing up shots at doe all morning, had his number 1 deer tag on a nice 6 point buck by 2 p.m.

Both Jim and Tony awarded their success to pre-season scouting and practice. "Shooting freestyle all summer helps also," Jim said. "It teaches you how much to add and take off when shooting up or downhill, then when you break out your hunting sightpins in the fall, everything comes natural." Undoubtedly both Jim and Tony knew how much to "take off". Tony made a 40 yard downhill shot on his 4 pointer, while Jim's 6 pointer was 40-plus yards downhill.

On Monday, the second day of the season, a nice 7 pointer passed within 15 yards of Tony. By 11:00 a.m., he had the deer field dressed and was ready to head for camp.

Congratulations to Jim for his nice 6 pointer and congratulations to Tony, who's first 2 deer were bucks. Hope your success continues.



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A Personal Opinion

Being a bowhunter for 18 years and a member of the V.B.A. for 2 years I feel President Vanek's article hit on what I personally feel to be a serious problem of the V.B.A. I am glad he has the foresight to see this. I agree the V.B.A. has some advantages for the Bowhunter, however large or small they may be, NO ONE outside the V.B.A. or target aspect of archery seems to know or heard about them. IT is very hard to spark excitement into a bowhunter and get him to join the V.B.A. A vast majority of them do not belong to or have ever hear of the V.B.A. or anything that it does for Bowhunting.

Over the past 2 years that I have been a member of the V.B.A. I have signed up some new members as I am sure most of you have but there has been many that refused for one reason or another. A great many of them feel unless they shoot space age bows, Hi Tech sights and release aids they do not belong in the V.B.A. and if we all will look at our own equipment this is easy to understand. This I think is a direct result of the V.B.A.

leaning mostly toward the target archer and the pressure to shoot a higher score. LOOK at the tournaments we hold and the targets we shoot from March through the first of September. Is there any wonder the average bowhunter is not interested? Is there any tournaments in which he can compete on a state level all during the year unless he shoots at metric targets? Of course most clubs around the state put in a few animal rounds in their shoots usually around September. Do all the bowhunters around the State leave after the closing of bow season and just happen to reappear at the first of September? I think not! They are out there the V.B.A. just does not have the right appeal or offer them enough to get their attention. We all need to try and make what ever changes we can to get them united. If they do not join our organization they probably will join one out of state and send their money out of state also.

I feel the V.B.A. should make a statewide advertising campaign explaining its position on all aspects of hunting and bowhunter education and land owner relations. Sure it will

cost money, but once bowhunters see and read for themselves they have someone working within the state for them they will want to join. There is probably more bowhunters in Virginia that belong to N.R.A. than there is in the V.B.A. simply because they read about it and know someone is working in their behalf. How many articles outside of the flight have you read about the V.B.A.? I think when these problems are addressed we will see our membership grow; after all strength lies in numbers.

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Editor's Note: The comments by Nancy Lee Western in her article "Another Point of View", Sept.-Oct. 1983 issue of FLIGHT, did not completely correspond with the article to which she was referring "Let's Put The 'B' Back Into The VBA", due to changes made by the author of the latter article just prior to printing of FLIGHT.

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