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1978 State Indoor Championship

**Christiansburg National Guard Armory
March 3, 4, and 5**

Triangle Bowhunters will hold the State Indoor shoot on March 4 and 5, 1978.

The tourney will be held in the Christiansburg National Guard Armory under the direction of the Christiansburg Recreation Department.

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No pre-registration accepted. If you can't be present at one of the registrations times, then have a friend register for you. If you have car trouble and are going to be late, then call us. We want everyone to participate in this tournament and enjoy themselves. Registration fees are \$8.00 per archer and \$20.00 maximum per family, but will be limited to N.F.A.A. members.

A coin will be tossed to determine which day's score will determine class. If heads, Saturday's score will determine class. If tails, Sunday's score will determine class.

Score from both days will be added together and this composite score will determine place.

Closed to all except 1978 NFAA Members, holding handicap cards.

ALL DIVISIONS & CLASSIFICATIONS
WILL BE RECOGNIZED.

Schedule

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

6:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.
Registration and Practice

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

6:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
Registration and Practice
8:30 A.M. - Opening Ceremonies
9:00 A.M. - 12 NOON - 1st Round
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - 2nd Round

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. Practice
8:30 A.M. - Invocation
9:00 A.M. - 12 NOON - 1st Round
1:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. - 2nd Round
4:30 P.M. - Awards Ceremony

NO PRE-REGISTRATION
DON'T BE LATE!

The Virginia Pro Division will hold their first money shoot at this tournament. To qualify for the money you must be a 1978 member of the NFAA Pro Division and of the Virginia Pro Division.

NOTE:

THE TARGETS WILL BE THE 40cm. INDOOR FACE (LIKE WAS SHOT LAST YEAR) INSTEAD OF THE NEW PROPOSED 4 FACE NFAA CHAMPIONSHIP TARGETS.

Virginia Pro Division

by Norman Sparks

With the beginning of 1978 there will be a Pro Division in Virginia. It will be called the Virginia Pro Division. To join, you must be a current member of the NFAA Pro Division. All rules and award breakdowns will be the same as the National Pro Division. The annual dues for the Virginia Pro Division is \$25.00. The \$25.00 fee will be used in the following manner:

1. \$10.00 for each member will be placed in a prize purse for the State Indoor Championship.
2. \$10.00 for each member will be placed in a prize purse for the State outdoor Championship.
3. \$5.00 for administrative costs (mailing, etc.) with the portion not used building up to make a purse for another Virginia Pro Shoot.

There will be outdoor tournament scheduled with clubs throughout the summer. Most of these tournaments will be held at annuals. This division will be in effect for the 1978 Indoor Championship on March 4 and 5.

To join the Virginia Pros, send a check for \$25.00 payable to the Virginia Pro Division, % Nancy Lee Western, Cor. Secretary, Rt. 2, Dogwood Lane, Vinton, Va. 24179.

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Bits and Pieces

by: Ann Boyd

WOW, what a VBA meeting we had in Charlottesville recently. An enthusiastic crowd of about 50 members attended representing 19 VBA clubs. That's a super turnout compared to what we've had in the past. I certainly don't know what created all the interest but let's keep it up!!!

Warwick Bowmen will be doing their thing again in May. That club will host our own Mid-Atlantic tourney. This will go to a 3-day shoot and will be held on Memorial Day weekend, May 27, 28, and 29, 1978. Don't forget that Warwick will also host the State Closed in September. That's going to be one busy club this year and a very capable one to be asked to host these shoots.

The total membership in VBA for 1977 was 1241 members. This

is the highest membership we've had since 1969 and in 1978 let's aim to have at least 2000 members.

One of the major agenda items at the VBA meeting was tabled. A committee was formed to review what possibilities there are concerning the animal round in state closed championships. This committee, with a member from each of the 4 major shooting divisions, will meet before the April VBA meeting to discuss and offer their solution to the animal round issue. As this writer is a member of that committee, I am open to your personal opinions on this matter and will appreciate and be eager to hear from all as to how you feel about the animal round. I am sure that my co-workers would also welcome outside opinions. The other committee members being Dickie Hall, chairman, Bobby Noris, Prince William, and Roger Firth, Warwick.

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1977 V.B.A. Bowhunting Report

by: John Stockman, Hunting VP

To date, fifty-three Bill Bennett applications have been received for deer taken during the 1977 season. Following are some statistics derived from analyzing the information included on the application.

Thirty-two bucks and twenty-one does were taken. The largest deer taken was a 13 point 225 pound buck. Bill Hurley of Lynchburg was the fortunate hunter. It was his first deer in Virginia with bow and arrow. What a way to start your bowhunting experience. Bill's application indicated that the buck scored 133½ on the Pope and Young measuring system. That is several points above the minimum to take the record books.

Of the 53 deer harvested, 31 were taken in the afternoon and evening as compared to 22 taken in the morning.

The trend towards use of broadheads with replaceable blades continues this year. The Bear Razorhead was finally displaced as the most popular head. Following is a list of the number of each type broadhead used:

Savora Super S	13
Satellite	11
Bear	10
Razorback	5
Black Diamond	5
Wasp	4
Missile Spike	4
Snuffer	1

Heads with replaceable blades accounted for 33 of the total 53. Another trend that was obvious was that an increasing majority of hunters are using aluminum shafts. Forty-nine used aluminum; three used fiberglass and one used graphite. Although the present award application doesn't request information as to type of bow used (a new application is being prepared for next year which will) some bowhunters write in that useful bit of data and it indicates that the majority of VBA hunters are using compound bows versus other types.

The average bow weight used was 56 lbs. (compared to 55 lbs. last year) with the lightest being 39 lbs. (used by a 15 year old girl) and the heaviest 70 lbs.

The longest shot was 51 yards; the shortest 3 yards; the average 22 yards. The average is the same as last year and is consistent with averages in the Eastern part of the nation. It appears that increased use of compound bows is not increasing the length of the shot.

The longest distance any deer traveled after being hit was two miles. The bowhunter who hit it enlisted the aid of two friends after he saw how difficult a tracking job faced him. They persisted and eventually recovered the deer. Their efforts were commendable. Several deer were dropped immediately with spine or brain shots. The average distance traveled was 101 yards.

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BREAKDOWN

<u>NO. SHOOTERS</u>	<u>PLACES</u>	<u>% PAY</u>
1-3	1	100
4-7	2	70,30
8-12	3	55,28,17
13-16	4	50,25,15,10
17-OVER	5	50,24,12,8,6

TROPHIES

ENTRY FEE — \$6.00

BREAKDOWN

<u>NO. SHOOTERS</u>	<u>PLACES</u>
1-3	1
4-6	2
7-OVER	3

DIVISIONS — MEN & WOMEN

FS ————— REL. & FINGERS
 BH. ————— BH & FSBH
 BB.

PRO'S NOT ALLOWED TO
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SHOOTING SCHEDULE

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10 A.M.

2 P.M.

6 P.M.

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Econo Travel Motor Hotel
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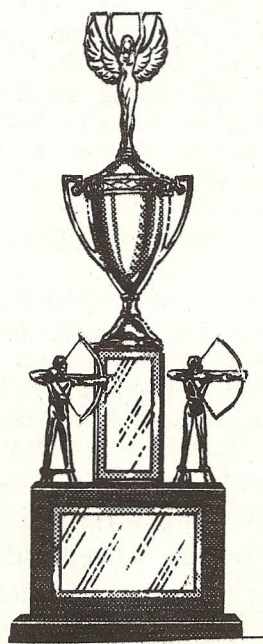
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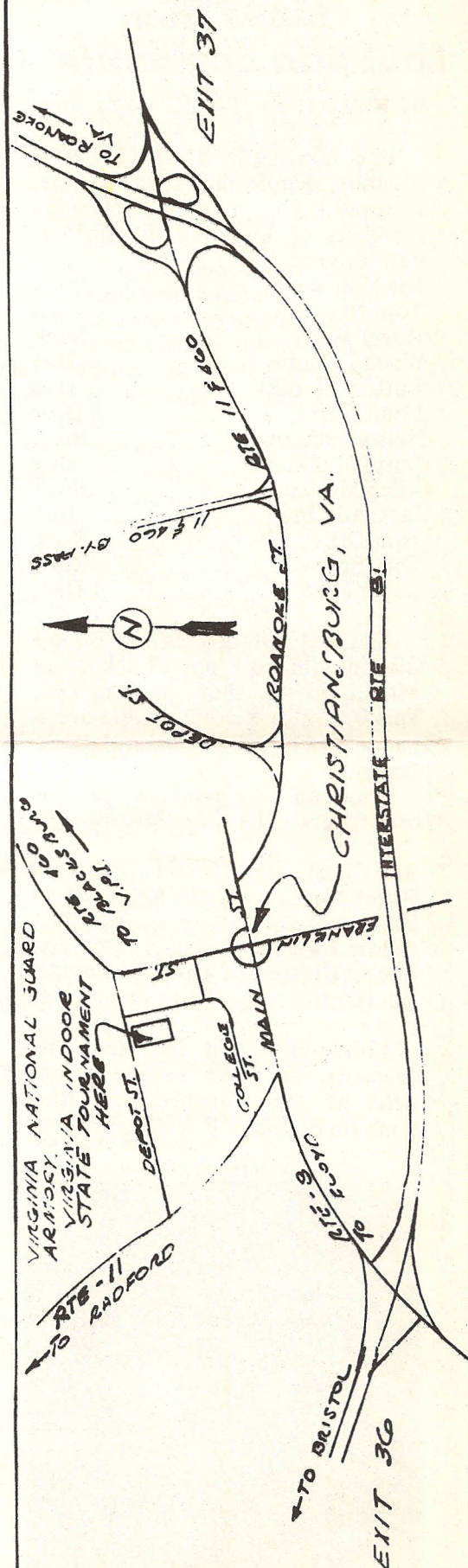
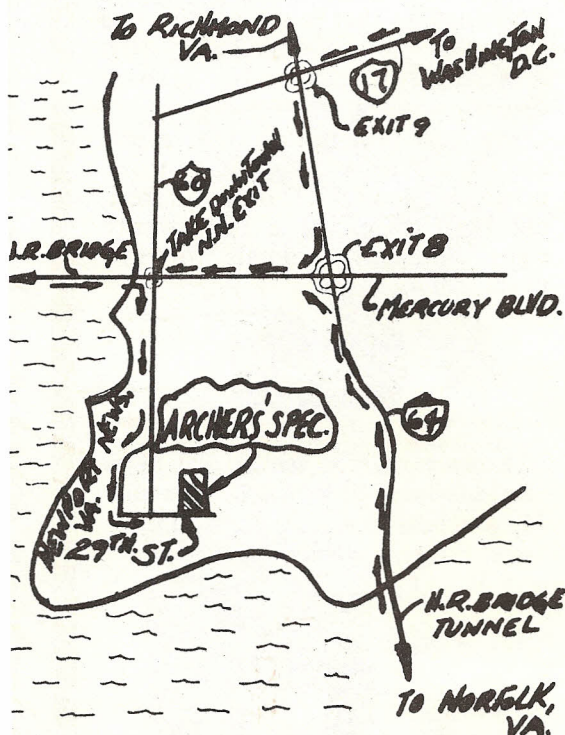
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Map for Pennsula Open



CLUB NEWS

Lines from Loudoun Bowhunters

by Kathy Cissel, Publicity Chairman

Deer hunting for 1977 was better for most people than it was for me. I missed my deer but the following members of Loudoun Bowhunters didn't miss.

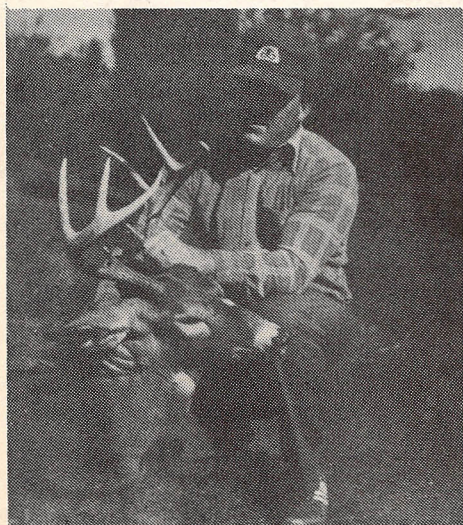
Joe Vinoske.....	Buck
Tom Hancock.....	Buck
Roger Mock.....	Buck
Woody Cooper.....	Doe
Luther Vinoski.....	Doe
Louis Carr.....	3 Deer
Nelson Ellmore.....	Buck
Daryl McKenzie.....	Doe
Allen McKenzie.....	Buck
Jack Adrain.....	Doe
Tom Ott.....	Buck
Tom Frye.....	Buck
Roger Pearce.....	4 Deer

And last but not least is Bobby Gibson with his 8 point buck taken with a 30 yd. shot, walking fast. This beautiful 8 pointer field dressed at 181 lbs. Congratulations, Bobby.

Loudoun just held its election of officers. The new officers are:

Bob Cissel.....	President
Roger Mock.....	Vice President
Ray Grogg.....	Secretary
Nelson Ellmore.....	Treasurer
Bobby Gibson.....	Range Captain
Bill Hagen.....	Tournament V.P.

Loudoun would like to invite everyone to their indoor shoots held at the Purcellville Skating Rink on Sundays at 1 P.M.



Bits from Warwick Bowmen

by Leslie Holmes

The Warwick Bowmen wish to extend a warm invitation to everyone to participate in our upcoming indoor club shoots which will be held on Sunday, January 22 and 29 February 12 and 26, and on March 19.

All tournaments will begin at 2 P.M. and will be held at the Archer's Specialty Shop located at 417 29th St., Newport News, Va. All pros will have the option to shoot the "Vegas" face or the official NFAA indoor target.

We always have an enjoyable time and REMEMBER, the Indoor State is just around the corner. Hope to see you there.

PRO SHOOT AT ANNUALS

Bugg's Island Archery Club, a new VBA this year, will host a pro shoot at their annual Broken Arrow Shoot, July 9, 1978 at 10:30 A.M. Their range is located in Clarksville, Va. Take a left turn onto Rt. 15 south and go about 2 miles, take another left on Rt. 804. The club plans to post signs to direct you to the club.

The Princess Anne Bowmen Annual Silver Quiver Shoot scheduled on June 10-11, 1978 will recognize a pro division. Tournament fee will be \$10.00 for pros. Percentage according to National guideline. Registration on Saturday, June 10 is from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and on Sunday, 8 A.M. to 12 Noon.

MAY TOURNEY CANCELLED

Because of the conflict with the Mid-Atlantic tournament the Military District of Washington Bowhunters (listed on VBA schedule as Middle District of Washington) have cancelled their shoot on May 29th.

DEADLINE DATES

The Deadline Date for the March - April issue of "Flight" is March 10. This issue should be in the hands of the members by the last week in March.

News from Two Rivers Archers

The Two Rivers Archers started the new year January 21 with a gala buffet dinner at the Virginia Gentlemen restaurant in Front Royal with forty members and friends attending despite the cold and disadvantages made by the snow.

Their new officers are:

Bill Athey.....	President
Mark Sutherly.....	Vice President
Diane Sutherly.....	Cor. Sect.
Mertie Shultz.....	Rec. Sect.
Joe Bowers.....	Treasurer
Billie Bowers.....	Reporter
Omer Wiles.....	Range Capt.
Herman Sutherly.....	Assistant

At this writing we have seven new members, 22 renewals on our last years forty-five membership.

Six were lucky deer hunters with Bill Athey getting the club trophy with his 117 pound six point buck. The others were David Dolly, Donald, Dolly, Joe Bowers George Johnson and Stanley Delawder and Diane Sutherly couldn't find one with her bow but did get one with the rifle.

"Dutch" Shultz had made an examination that is accepted by the extension service here for first year students at various archery camps he instructs.

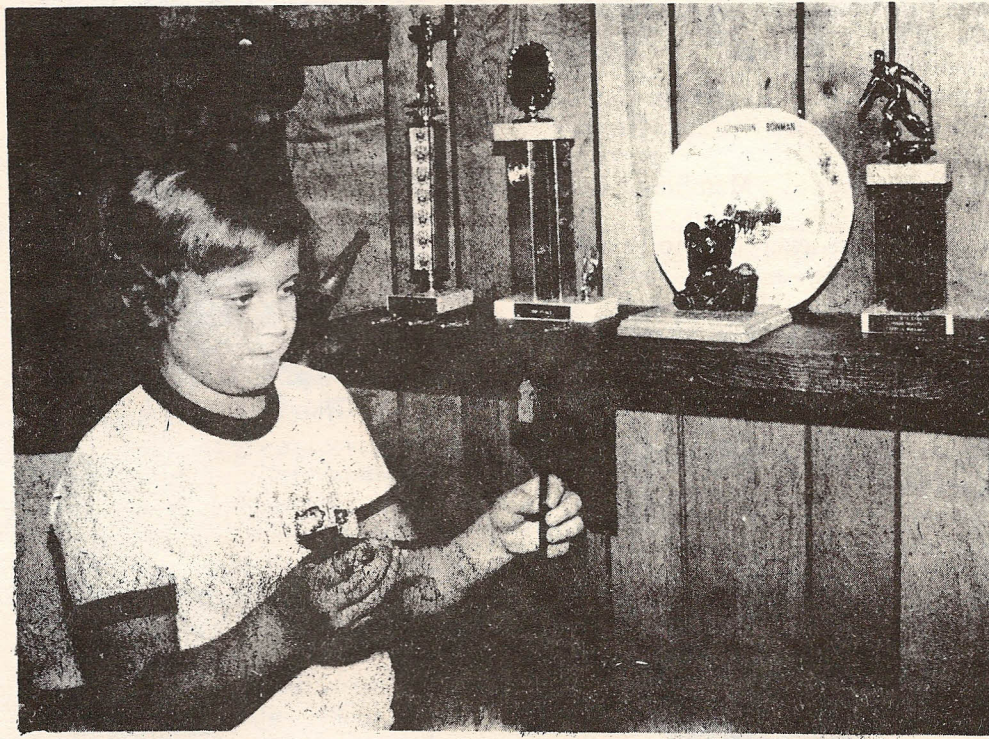
We now give notice that several ideas are being worked on to make our scheduled shoots more interesting besides having a full twenty eight target of animals for this years trophy shoot.



Thanks to all who sent in club news for this issue of FLIGHT. We would like to hear from more clubs in the next issue so send in your news.



4th Grade Archer Gets His Deer



Daryl McKenzie 9, shows the arrow that he broke when he shot his first deer. In the background are trophies Daryl won during his first year of Archery competition. He is a member of Loudoun Bowhunters.

Daryl McKenzie, a 9 year old Loudoun Bowhunter, has already surpassed the fondest goal of many adult archers - he has bagged his first deer with a bow and arrow, a shot of about 35 yards with the first arrow.

Daryl and his dad were hunting near Leesburg, Va. and he made the shot from a tree. Daryl shoots a compound bow with a 28 lb. pull and 1816 aluminum arrows. He is a VBA and NFAA member, and may well be one of the youngest archers in Virginia to take a deer with bow.

Daryl did really well in the tournament divisions in 1977 too. He placed second in several shoots, but captured first place at the Prince William Black Bear shoot and the Northern Virginia Championship in Fredericksburg.

One other trophy that appears on the family hearth shows that Daryl is not a one-shot enthusiast. That is a trophy as a 3rd baseman on the Loudoun Raiders 1977 Minor League Champs.

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Christmas With Warwick Bowmen

by Leslie Holmes

The Christmas holidays were celebrated in style when members of the Warwick Bowmen congregated at the Archer's Specialty Shop for a festive evening of fun on December 17th. The shop was beautifully decorated for the seasons holiday; Christmas tree and all.

Everyone put on their dancing shoes for the night and really gave them a work-out. It was a casual affair for fun and relaxation with the music being furnished by stereo and the best of albums. We all exchanged novelty gifts, and believe me, you can let your imagination roam far to encompass all the crazy gifts we all received. What fun and laughs we had.

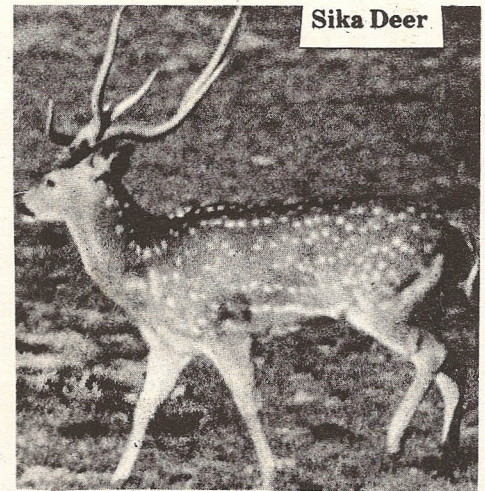
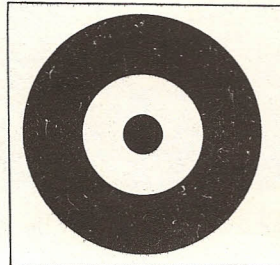
We also had a serious moment when our own VBA officer, Roger Firth, presided over the installation of our 1978 officers. They were:

Steve McGuire President
Mike Tierney Vice President
Karen Firth Secretary
George Scherer Treasurer
Ron Hatchett Range Captain
Dottie McGuire Corresponding
Secretary

Leslie Holmes . . . Member-at-Large

I am sure everyone joins us in congratulating each of them and wishing them all the luck and support for their 1978 term.

In addition, all of us of the Warwick Bowmen would like to extend a warm wish to everyone for a happy holiday season. See you all next year.



In the winter the Sika deer is a dark smoky brown; then as spring and summer roll around, his coat lightens to a reddish brown with white spots. Sika, originally from Japan, very seldom have over eight points and their antlers resemble the elk's, only in miniature size. This is a very short and stocky deer, not much more than thirty inches at the shoulders, and weighing from a hundred and forty to one hundred and fifty pounds.

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