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1977-1978 Schedule of Indoor Shoots

January 7, 1978	Christiansburg **
14, 1978	WYTHE**
21, 1978	Christiansburg **
28, 1978	WYTHE **
February 4, 1978	Christiansburg **
11, 1978	WYTHE **
18 and 19, 1978	WYTHE **
25, 1978	Christiansburg **
MARCH 4 and 5, 1978	STATE CLOSED

Shoots will start at 1:00 P.M. till 11:00 P.M.

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News From Zone III Bowhunters of Rockingham

The Bowhunters of Rockingham had a most successful year under the guidance of Bill Bedall as President and Dave Proctor as Range Captain. To start the year off, we had a bond burning affair on the mortgage of our land which had taken 20 years to accomplish. We also moved into our new club house which is a 60' x 10' house trailer. This is real nice and meets our needs. Irvin Bodkin was mostly responsible in bringing about this club house.

The club held 5 fun shoots during the year in addition to it's 4 scheduled shoots; shoots such as calendar and night shoots. The club also hold's a club jamoree in September for the bowhunting public on life size deer targets. Also to keep the interest up on target shooting, they have a scalp shoot among members who challenge each other. At the end of the season, a trophy is awarded to the most scalps.

The club also awards a carp award and big buck award annually.

The Club is proud of it's hunting members who this year have 14 members who have killed deer with a club membership of only 48. We wonder if any other club can top this percentage? The club honors its members with a deer award for a kill and is named after the club founder and past VBA President and charter member of the Golden Feather, Ross Garletts.

In Memoria

The VBA wishes to extend sincere sympathy to the family and friends of VBA member, James Bridges, who passed away recently. Jimmy's untimely death leaves a void within our state archery organization. He was a member of the old Broken Arrow Archery Club in Boyce and more recently Shawnee Bowmen and Loudoun Bowhunters. Jimmy's hard work within these clubs and state participation will be most sadly missed.

VBA Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the VBA will be held at the Mt. Vernon Hotel, Intersection U.S. 29 and 250, Charlottesville, Va. on January 8, 1978 at 9:30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Officer's Report
 2. Committee Reports
 3. Next Quarterly Meeting Site
 - 4.** Travel expenses for NFAA Delegate (and Alternate (?)) to attend NFAA Annual meeting.
 - 5.** Proposed increase for 1978 State Tournaments
 - 6.** Substitute a Qualifying round for the animal round in State Championship Competition only.
 - 7.** Create Virginia Pro Division with a VBA officer.
 8. Unfinished Business
 9. New Business
- ** Agenda items number 4,5,6, and 7 are VERY IMPORTANT. Each one of these items will be presented to the delegates. It is very important that each club have a delegate present as these agenda items WILL be voted on.

Bits & Pieces

by: Ann Boyd

I would like to thank all VBA members who responded to our plea last issue for articles and pictures for Flight. As you have probably noticed by both the lateness and size of Flight, this time we were overloaded with articles. This issue is late because the editor has been waiting patiently for something to write about! We do however appreciate the effort of Bowhunters of Rockingham who did contribute a most interesting article. *Con't on pg. 2*

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BITS AND PIECES *Con't from pg. 1*

We can't give you much information on how many VBA members have killed deer this season. Tink and Jeff Nathan have had a good year. Tink writes us that he has killed a 6-point buck, a button buck which was 99% white and a doe. He also killed a pronghorn antelope. His son, Jeff, killed two doe, one weighed 115 lbs.

Flight editor, Norman Sparks, killed a 8-point buck. Good going, Norman, but what pound bow did you say you used? A 30-30 compound?

So that's it folks for the deer kill this year. I'm sure there may be a few more bowhunters who took game but we can't tell you more about this until we hear from them.

I have a little information that might be of interest to those who enjoy indoor shooting. Loudoun Bowhunters is holding their indoor on Sunday afternoon at 1 P.M. at the Purcellville Skating Rink. Being that Purcellville isn't such a hugh town, I'm sure if you ask one of the local residents they can direct you to the place.

Luray (Broadhead Archers) is hosting their indoor shoots on Saturday nights, beginning at 8 p.m., same location as last year.

Norva holds a Thursday night shoot at Logan Ford in Springfield at 7:30 p.m.

Warwick Bowmen is holding an indoor shoot a couple Sundays each month and I'm sure if you are in that area you would be most welcome. I understand they hold their shoots at a local archery shop in Newport News.

I'm sure all these clubs would love for you to join them anytime.

If all this information seems a little vague, don't ask me why! If you need more information on these shoots, contact any club member for details.

Start getting in shape now by attending some of these indoor shoots as the state indoor championship will be held March 4-5 in Christiansburg. More details will be published in the January-February issue of Flight.

Please mark these 1978 state tournament dates and VBA meetings on your calendar.

Va Indoor-March 4&5

(Christiansburg)

Va Open-May 13 & 14

(Augusta Archers)

Va State Closed - Sept. 2 - 3 - 4

(Warwick)

Bowhunters Jamboree East & West
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1978 VBA meetings:

January 7 - 8

June 24 - 25

April 1 - 2

Sept. 16 - 17

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We can't stress enough the importance of having a delegate at the January VBA meeting. Some of the issues voted on then can very well decide the future of tournament archery in our state. One important agenda item is creating a Va. Professional division. The very future of archery could be within the

creation of this division as it will not only promote more interest within our state but also make us more aware of what is happening nationally to our sport and how our own state can benefit from this division. The entire format of this Professional division will be presented at this meeting and voted upon. It is therefore important to

have a responsible delegate there who understands this item and can vote in favor of creating this division.

Another important agenda item is to substitute another qualifying round in place of the animal round in state championship competition, this being our Va. State Closed only, as the Va. Open already consists of 2 qualifying rounds. It is the opin-

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ion of many statewide archers, bowhunters and barebow shooters as well as Freestylers, that the animal round is unfair in deciding a champion, especially since the targets have been changed. With the new targets we are now shooting a more skillful round at our state shoot, and why should perhaps one badly shot arrow eliminate the true champion. Let the animal round remain a fun thing at local shoots.

VBA members voted on this issue a couple years ago on a special mail-in ballot at election time. Less than 200 ballots were returned. This is NOT a majority deciding what goes for the entire state.

Your delegate was asked to bring this agenda item back to his club to be discussed and voted on by each club member. We feel this is the only true way to see how the majority of VBA now feels about this issue as this should enable us to reach far more VBA members than the 200 that decided this before.

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