



—Wyatt Mays Photo

KISSIN COUSINS—Of all the fruitless man-hours spent in the woods by Virginia bowmen, maybe they just didn't look in the right place, as this picture testifies. The young doe was photographed in pasture in Amherst County.

SLATE OF OFFICERS NAMED

A slate of officers for the 1967-68 term in the VBA have been chosen by the nominating committee. Their names are as follows: President, Ralph Stevens; Executive Vice President, William Bolt; Field Vice President, Bill Marshall; Hunting Vice President, Harold Street; Conservation Vice President, Woody Woods; Recording Secretary, Hugh Darnell; Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Western; Treasurer, C. D.

Tarter; NFAA Delegate Ted Grefe; VBA Field Governor, Frank Cohn.

The nominating committee was composed of G. B. Booth, Jr., Bill Bolt, and William Perdue. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Board of Directors meeting in April. Ballots will be mailed to the membership and counted at the next quarterly meeting.

YOUTH DIVISION TO BE CHANGED BY NATIONAL

The National Field Archery Association, at its annual meeting, has adopted a Youth Division similar to VBA's original concept.

At the meeting, which was held in Kansas City, Missouri in February, delegates okayed a new Article IX for the NFAA By-Laws which will read:

ARTICLE IX

YOUTH DIVISION

(a) A youth division is established for all members under the age of 18 years, who are in an unmarried status.

(b) The youth division is considered an amateur division in its strictest sense.

(c) A Beginners' training program, devised and executed on a local level, should be incorporated into this division.

(d) Classification in the youth division will be as follows:

Youth Class A	350 and up
Youth Class B	200 - 349
Youth Class C	0 - 199

(e) All youths may be grouped together for competition insofar as possible.

(f) Competitors in the youth division will shoot from the appropriate adult stake up through a maximum distance of 50 yards while in Youth Classes "C" and "B" and from the adult stakes after they have attained Youth Class "A".

(g) The youth division archer shall be eligible for twenty-pin and other awards in the same manner as adult archers.

(h) The youth division archer shall receive 50-point progressive merit patches.

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SCARED AT FIRST

By BILL AYRES

This year I hunted Quantico Marine Base in Virginia. I had hunted for three Tuesdays and this was my fourth week to hunt on a Tuesday. And as you can guess Tuesday is my day off.

The weather was cool, but not too bad. I met a fellow hunter, who I knew only as a customer in the sport store where I work. He had his son with him and I decided to hunt with them as there wasn't many hunters in the woods. They had Walkie-Talkies and off we went.

Around one in the afternoon, and after a half day of seeing nothing, I went back to my truck to eat lunch. The father and son were there getting ready to leave, so I ate and sat in the truck for awhile.

About an hour later I started out again. This time down a tank trail. This trail ran alongside the main road. About a hundred yards away I saw a dog coming my way. Because I didn't want a dog following me

VBA PROMOTION
IS DISCUSSED
BY PRESIDENT

I stated in the last issue of FLIGHT that we ended the year 1966 with an increase in membership over the previous year and advised that we should make an effort to increase this figure to 2,000 in 1967. At the time this column is being written, we are about 100 members ahead of last year. I repeat, to reach our goal we must do a selling job . . . we have an excellent product which is steadily improving.

Your executive committee met the week-end of February 18 and 19 at G. B. Booth's cabin in Deerfield Valley to discuss changes made by NFAA at their recent meeting which will affect us directly. One of the most important decisions made at the NFAA meeting was the acceptance, with modifications, of VBA's youth program. We have not yet received this new program in writing giving the modifications, effective date, etc., but as soon as it is received all clubs will be notified.

We also had a lengthy discussion concerning a new annual handbook to be printed somewhat like the new NFAA supplement. This handbook cannot be completed until we get our by-laws up to date to correspond with changes made by NFAA, however, we hope to get everything lined up for publication by the end of this year or earlier if possible. Preparing an annual handbook at a cost that is not prohibitive is not as easy as it may appear and requires quite a bit of thought to present duplicating information that appears in the NFAA supplement.

Wythe Bowhunters advised that at their recent indoor shoot they had 116 participants who shot a total of 240 times or rounds. Clubs having a building available for indoor shooting during the winter months and not taking advantage of it may be missing out on some fun and profit.

—CLINTON WESTERN

I stepped into the brush, hoping he would not see me. About 50 yards away he turned left on the main road, then I saw it wasn't a dog but a fox.

Now I got set for him to go across the road. I waited and waited. It seemed like twenty minutes, but I know it was only about two minutes. I took one step out to look down the road, thinking Mr. Fox had seen me and gone the other way. Then, out of nowhere, he popped up 25 feet in front of me. Now my heart was pounding so hard I thought the fox could hear it.

Then Mr. Fox looked straight at me. I hadn't started to draw yet. He then did a funny thing. After looking at me, he drop-

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COR. SECRETARY
APPEALS FOR
MORE INFORMATION

Again, we are entering the season when many of you will be applying for 20-pins and bars. For prompt service and the least correspondence, it is necessary that you give COMPLETE and CORRECT information. Make sure that the target twentied coincides with the target shown twentied on your score card insofar as target number and distance are concerned.

It is the responsibility of each club secretary to send in applications for ALL 20-pins shot on his or her range. Secretaries other than the host secretary have no way of knowing if the information given is correct, since they would not have target numbers of other ranges.

It was decided at the executive committee meeting, February 18th and 19th, that this office would keep N.F.A.A. patches and big and small game application forms on hand to give V.B.A. members quicker service. The patches have been ordered and we hope to have them available at the April V.B.A. meeting. The big and small game applications will only be issued from this office. They will have to be sent in to the National Field Archery Assoc. office in California to receive your awards.

NANCY LEE WESTERN
Cor. Secy.

SHERWOOD ARCHERS

THIRD ANNUAL
STUMP SHOOT

March 19, 1967

28 Stump Targets in the morning
28 "Krazy" Targets in the afternoon

Newly designed stump trophies for
1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all classes.

Registration fee:

\$2.50 adults

\$1.75 Jr. and Inter.

Charcoal broiled hamburgers, hotdogs,
soup, etc., available on the range.

NEWS FROM WARWICK BOWMEN UPCOMING SILVER BOW SHOOT

By HERMAN HELBERG, JR., DVM

As of this writing, and our last club meeting we are busy here in Newport News cleaning up the winter debris from our range.

Bales last only so long, as you all know, and ours will soon get a much needed refurbishing, re-baling, rewiring, recovering job. Our working members, and they always seem to be the same ones, will get much week-end exercise.

Hammers, nails and rakes will be substituted for sticks and strings until the range is in shape for our "Annual Silver Bow Shoot." Y'all dont want to miss this one.

It is hard to list names doing all the rugged work without listing them all, and they all certainly deserve credit, but in limited space this is not possible. Let it be sufficient to say that Rudy Davis' garage and service station is the scene of some mighty busy metal-smithing.

It is really a professional sized job to cut, cast, grind, smooth, polish, chrome-plate, and polish again the seventy-five bows necessary for shoot awards. For those of you who have not seen them; these are almost perfect miniatures of a regular recurved, reflexed bow, handle and sight window included.

They average eight inches long, and are mounted on good hardwood. in a variety of novelty positions. Size is sorted pretty much according to the place of award. It's tedious work, but they are as nice an award as any club trophy I have ever seen.

We will have everything in order, including the refreshment department. Given some good weather we should have a good turn-out. It has been getting larger every year.

We, here in the practically snowless tide-water, extend our sympathies to you in the

rest of the state for your recent snow-bound situation. We have had good shooting weather all winter, except for one snow Christmas Eve, and one in early February. Neither snowfall lasted more than a week.

One more item: We discussed the aspect of the VBA helping finance the sending of our National Champions to the NFAA National in Mississippi this year.

As many of you realize we sport four national champions in this state. Our club is very proud of our member Mary Lee Craft. It is our suggestion, and this is thrown up for exactly that, a suggestion, that every club in the state contribute ten dollars to a fund to assist the Virginia Champions in defraying the expenses for such participation.

We may never have champs again . . . you never know, and we should be mighty proud that archery in Virginia is able to produce these we have. We'd like to hear from you.

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ped his head and walked straight for me. Now everything was going through my mind. Was this fox Rabid? He kept coming at me, and about ten feet away I thought this was close enough. I scraped my foot on the ground. He stopped and looked at me again. I then drew and let my arrow fly. Before you could bat an eye, I saw my arrow hit the ground behind Mr. Fox. I said how in the h — — I could miss at ten feet.

I began to get another arrow from my quiver. The fox just looked at me. His eyes were very watery and squinty. I could see him jumping on me and biting me any minute. Instead, he ran down the main

PERFECT SCORES RECORDED AT INDOOR SHOTS

This past winter has seen an era in which indoor archery has become much more popular and its not enough just to shoot good any more.

In one recent shoot held at the Flat Top Archery Club in Bedford there was a tie for first place shooting a modified Flint Round with identical perfect scores of 300.

The two "perfects" were shot by James Mitchell, Bedford, and B. C. Atwell, Wythe Bowhunter archer.

One week later Dr. W. R. Dillow, Wytheville, also racked up a 300 on the same round. In both shoots several rounds of 298 were also recorded.

The Wythe Bowhunters drew 116 participants from four states for their annual Valentine indoor shoot Feb. 11 and 12 at their new club building at Stony Fork.

The archers came from Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia to make it the largest gathering for an indoor shoot in Southwest Virginia.

The Flat Top Archery Club has been holding indoor shoots every two weeks in the Jaycee building located at their Bedford range. Turnouts for the shoots have been very good.

road.

About this time, I had another arrow out, so I shot at him running. I shot low. If you had sneaked up behind me now and said "boo" I would have died.

I couldn't get over how I had missed at ten feet. I went over to pick up my arrow. But wait . . . My arrow was covered with blood from end to end. I was using a fifty-pound, sixty-six inch bow. The arrow had gone through Mr. Fox length-wise. I went into the road and picked up my other

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THE ANNUAL FREDERICKSBURG MANAHOAC BOWMEN TOTEM POLE SHOOT

Will be held March 19

at the club range.

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Shoot Starts 10 A.M.

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ANNUAL SHOOTS UPCOMING IN CROWDED CARD

If you haven't noticed your schedule card lately, this is just a reminder that with Spring just around the corner, a flurry of annual shoots are in the offing.

Every weekend, with the exception of one, for the next two months will find clubs offering their finest trophy shoots.

March 19th—Annual Totem Pole Shoot, Manahoac Bowmen, Fredericksburg, and the 3rd Annual Stump Shoot, Sherwood Archers, Roanoke.

April 2nd—Annual Big Trophy Shoot, Barteo Archers, Danville, and the Annual Shoot, New River Valley Archers, Rich Creek.

April 9th—Annual Shoot, Beaver Creek Bowman.

April 16th—VBA meeting.

April 23rd—Annual Silver Medallion Shoot, Bowmen of York, Yorktown.

April 30th—C. I. Van Cleve Annual Shoot, Walton Park Archers, Lynchburg.

May 7th—Annual Silver Bow Shoot, Warwick Bowman, Newport News.

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arrow and there was my trail. I followed it about fifty yards down the road and into the woods. There he lay. Mr. Fox was dead. I was so excited I had to sit down. No deer, but to me, this was a very exciting day.

20-PIN WINNERS Jan.-Feb. 1967

Judith Anne Ogburn, Newport News
Fred E. Church, Newport News
Ira Leroy Brown, Virginia Beach
Cliff Lewis, Winchester
Charles Wilson, Newport News
Kenneth Knapp, Lee Hall
Jerry Hendrick, Lee Hall
Louis J. Fourney, Lee Hall
T. F. Kendal, Front Royal

JR. 20-PIN WINNER

Steve Drummond, Strasburg

YOUTH DIVISION

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(1) Upon reaching a level of shooting proficiency equal to the adult "A" Class, the youth may elect to compete in the Adult Amateur Division with parental consent.

What this will mean insofar as shooting stakes already installed will be, that our present Junior stakes will be taken out and 50-yard stakes added to the 55, 60 and 65 yard targets. On the 80-yard walk-up, all four arrows will be shot from the 50 yard position.

This new system will become effective April 5 of this year.

FLIGHT ADVERTISING RATES

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Rates are very reasonable and there is one designed for every type of advertising requirement.

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Standard type advertising, "Block Style," is \$2.50 per column inch. Write for information on a discount for ads running for extended periods.

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