



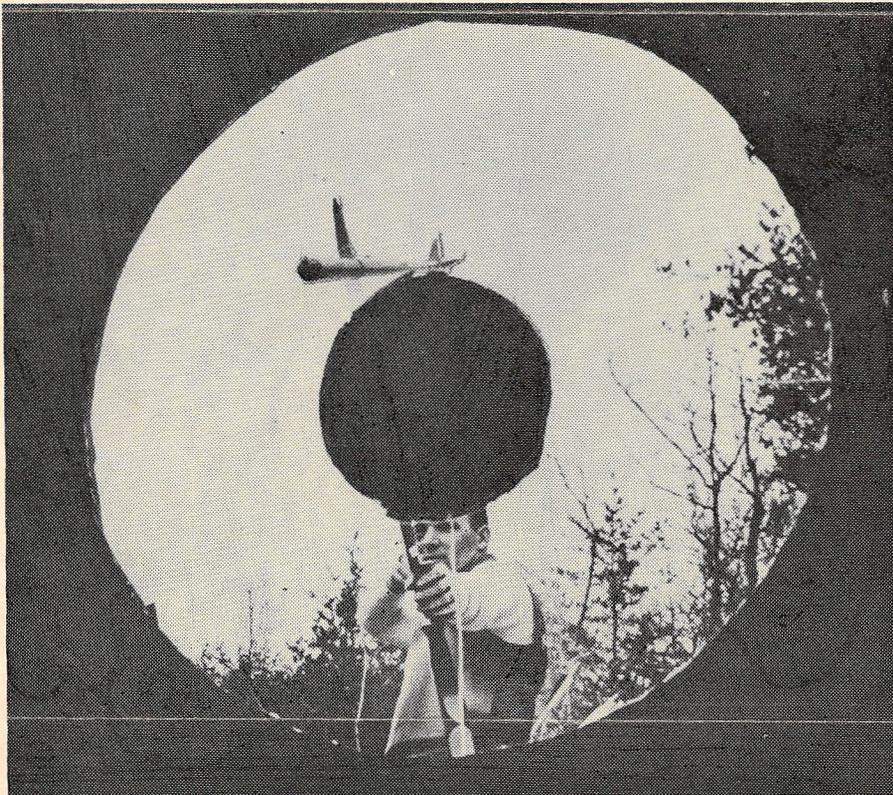
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—Wyatt Mays Photo

If you have ever wondered what it might look like being shot at from the target's point of view, this might just be the picture. James Mitchell of Flat Top Archery Club in Bedford is sending the arrow towards the 5.

## IMPROPER CLASSIFICATION DISCUSSED

Improper archer classification has again been brought before the VBA Board of Directors.

Several instances occurred at the State Shoot in which archers obviously were improperly classified according to their ability. As a result, they were reclassified upward by the Executive Committee.

All clubs are again warned that they must assume their responsibility for classi-

fication of their members; otherwise, the Executive Committee will take action to advance, at any time, (including during conduct of the State Shoot), any archer found to be shooting in the wrong class.

All clubs should also note, it was decided that, if any three or more members register with VBA a complaint of improper classification of an archer, action will be taken to correct the situation.

## AUGUSTA ARCHERS GAIN BID FOR 21st STATE SHOOT

The Augusta Archers, of Staunton, have been awarded the bid for the 21st Annual VBA State Championship.

The Staunton club will also have a 2-year option on the annual event to be held September 3 and 4 of this year.

The Augusta Archers last held the shoot in 1964 and promise for this year such things as; three 28-target courses, a large cinder block club house to be used for registration and entertainment, ample parking area, spacious camping area, water on range, 14 practice targets, and motels and restaurants within short distances of range.

There were two bids submitted this year. Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, being the other. A tie vote resulted when the Board of Directors were balloted. A flip of a coin decided for Augusta.

Augusta will be the first club that could take advantage of the 2-year option. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the host club can conduct the shoot for two years in succession.

Reasoning on this is that a club realizes such a small profit from the shoot, on a one-time basis, they are reluctant to tackle the job and all the back-breaking work that goes with it.

However, if the club should host the shoot the second year, the pro rata cost of materials would be lower and labor would be minimized.

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WARDEN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

During 1965, Virginia's 129-man fish and game warden force put in 356,299 man-hours of law enforcement work, covering over 3 million miles by road and 92,000 miles by water in performance of their duties.

They checked the equivalent of about half of the licensed hunters and fishermen in the state and over half of the registered boat owners.

They apprehended 6,810 persons for violations of the game fish and boating laws, of which 6,340 were convicted. Trespass was the most common cause for ar-

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 1966 is now history and insofar as organized archery is concerned it is a year that will be remembered for the action that was taken by the various States in reorganizing NFAA into a federation of States. For the first time in what seems like many years field archery went through a twelve-month period without a change in classification procedure or tournament rules. In addition to this, field archery as an organized sport was standardized throughout the country. All of this must have been for the better because VBA membership increased for the first time since 1962. This was in spite of the fact that everyone paid an additional \$1.00 in dues for NFAA membership. We can only speculate as to the benefits that will accrue to organized archery in the future as a result of this action.

With the mechanics of reorganization now in very good working order, we can look to a future increase in VBA membership in the year 1967. With every member doing a selling job, we should end the year 1967 with close to 2,000 members. But, make no mistake about it, we will have to promote our sport by every possible means because of the numerous other sports that are competing for an individual's leisure hours. Fortunately, we have a good sport to sell, one that offers something for every member of the family from grandchild to grandparent in the form of hunting, bow

fishing, instinctive and freestyle field shooting, or just shooting a round at the local club for the pure joy of seeing the beauty of a bent bow and watching the flight of an arrow. We can also offer competition to anyone desiring it as evidenced by our four 1966 National champs, and we can offer a mixture of competitive shooting, non-competitive shooting and hunting practice, as well as other interesting subjects, all in one two-day shoot, through our Bowhunters Jamboree.

Regardless of all of the gains that were made during 1966, there is still progress to be made on the national level which will benefit all archers. As the old saying goes, there is strength in numbers. In our particular case the greater number of members in VBA, the greater our voting strength at the national level. With this thought in mind, I challenge each of you through your individual and combined efforts to end the year 1967 with the largest, strongest and most progressive VBA since its inception.

Clinton Western, *President*

C. D. TARTER WINS BIG GAME CONTEST

Winners have been announced in the Trophy Head contest judged at this year's Bowhunters Jamboree.

First place was awarded to C. D. Tarter, second to J. W. Rhodes, and third Cody Walker.

HITE'S ARCHERY

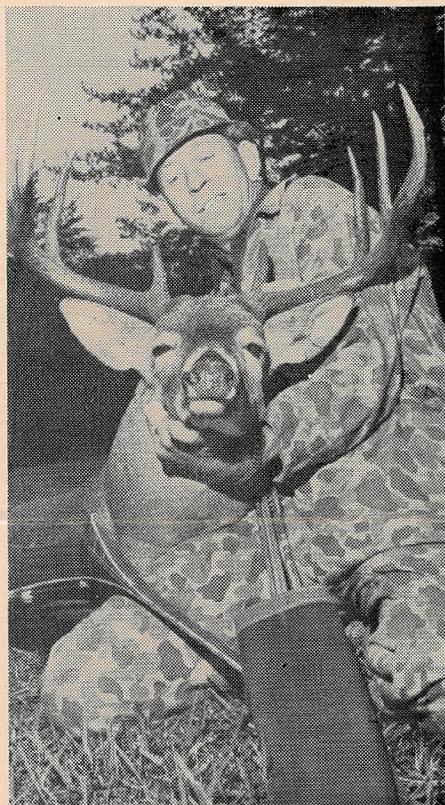
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Robert B. Chenault, Amherst County archer, holds one of the fine bucks bagged this season by Virginia bowhunters. Chenault's deer was an 8-pointer and tipped the scales at 154 pounds, field dressed. He killed the deer in the George Washington National Forest in Amherst County the second week of bow season.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORTS ON 20-PINS

Nancy Lee Western, your Corresponding Secretary, reports that she now has on hand National Field Archery Association Junior 20-pins.

These pins can be won by juniors or cubs, shooting from the junior stakes. It makes no difference as to the yardage as they can be won from any distance. This pin can be won only once and there are no bars available for it.

Cost is \$2.00 each and are shaped like Robin Hood's hat and are red in color.

All 20-pins, both National and VBA, are now in and are available through the Corresponding Secretary.

Nancy would also like to put out an appeal for any changes of address.

### AMATEUR COMPETITION COMMENTS ARCHER

The following is a letter from Tim Daley, an archer very much interested in amateur competition.

In the National Field Archery Tournament, Virginia had six shooters registered as amateur, and in the State shoot, only one was registered as amateur. Our records indicate that there are only three declared amateurs in the V.B.A. Out of the 1225 members in the V.B.A., I am quite sure there are more than three that do not want to classify themselves as professionals.

Why, then, aren't there more amateurs? There could be various reasons why: one, lack of knowledge or the awareness that the amateur status exists in archery, two, possibly there is no incentive (why should an archer compete for a piece of paper when his buddy is competing for a trophy), or three, he doesn't really care. The latter could be quite dangerous if the archer does possess the skill that would enable him to be eligible for the Olympics.

I feel that we should have the Amateur as well as the Professional. This makes room for ALL those interested in the sport. To have both the State and local organizations should recognize both, not by thought or word but through suitable awards as well. You, as an individual, should signify which you wish to represent.

I am currently holding the title of V.B.A. Amateur Champion, a title I am quite sure should belong to someone else with more ability, especially since I am only a "B" shooter. I am looking forward to the 1967 V.B.A. State Championship Tournament where I hope to find a lot of competition to defend my title.

Tim Daley

### WARDEN'S WORK

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rests in the 2,626 convictions for game law violations followed by hunting without a license and hunting during the closed seasons. Of 2,864 convictions for fish law violations, well over half were arraigned for fishing without a license. Equipment violations accounted for the majority of boating law convictions.

### WYTHE BOWHUNTERS WILL HOST BOWHUNTERS JAMBOREE

The Virginia Bowhunters Association annual Bowhunters Jamboree has again this year been awarded to the Wythe Bowhunters of Wytheville.

Last year's affair attracted some 110 participants who sharpened their sometimes dormant hunting skills prior to the opening of hunting season.

Bowhunters have a chance at this event to shoot at animal targets under simulated hunting conditions. The event is open to all bowhunters not just to VBA members.

### CHESAPEAKE BOWMEN Club Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, we come to thee in prayer, we thank thee for this world thee have given us to share.

We are like the small arrows, and thee the mighty bow, aim us down the right path, so through it we may go.

If we should falter from the path, as arrows sometimes do, please straighten us up "O' Lord" so some day we will fly true. Amen

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## WYTHEVILLE OPENS INDOOR SEASON

The Wythe Bowhunters of Wytheville, Va. opened the winter indoor archery season Sat., Nov. 19th. Ninety-eight archers took the line, firing for that perfect 300 in the Freeman Round.

The states of North Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Virginia were well represented by their state champions. High scores were captured by Virginians' James Mitchell with a 294, Phil Tillison 293, and B. C. Atwell 292.

Most of the other class winners were determined by counting the 5's and 4's as ties developed in about all classes.

Our youth really turned out for this shoot with 19 competing. Young Butch Burchette, Freestyle, took top honors with a 289, followed by Ronald Weddle, Instinctive with a 279, and Jeff Stanley, Freestyle, with a 275.

The ladies were well represented with high scores as follows; Penny Shannon 273, Virginia Dillow 268, mother and daughter, Mary Shaw 265, of North Carolina. The Wythe Bowhunters schedule is Jan. 14, Feb. 11-12 a 20 yd. Flint, and March 11 a 20 yd. walk up. We are in hopes to have as good a turn out for each shoot as the first and play host to as many champions.

## ONLY FIRST 20-PIN WINNERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FLIGHT

The VBA Board of Directors has voted to discontinue the practice of publishing complete listings of 20-pin winners in FLIGHT.

It was noted that this practice costs VBA hundreds of dollars each year and often involves voluminous lists.

In the future only those winners of the 20-pin and first bar will be published.

## 20-PIN WINNERS August-December, 1966

Ernie D. Crack, Hampton  
Douglas Shenk, Berryville  
Charles Shatzer, Warrenton  
Ira L. Brown, Virginia Beach  
Michael Gilliland, Hampton  
Tim Daley, Sterling  
William Boden, Brucetown  
Donald E. Miller, Radford  
Douglas Brown, Winchester

Carroll Rhoden, Berryville  
Norman Tavenner, Jr., Berryville  
William Taylor, Fairfax  
Donald Oxley, Alexandria  
Ronald Pennington, Radford  
William L. Darou, Jr., Ft. Belvoir  
John Rauch III, Inwood, W. Va.  
Eugene Updike, Roanoke  
Denny Fry, Manassas  
Samuel Johnson, Front Royal  
G. L. Robertson, Christiansburg  
Clarence B. Lineberry, Galax  
Lucian Butler, Falls Church  
Calvin Elliott, Alexandria  
Douglas Daniels, Danville  
Betty Crone, Sterling  
Richard Akins, Petersburg  
M. Lloyd Kell, Fredericksburg  
Robert Hainstock, Hopewell  
Dwight Stewart, Bailey's Crossroads  
Cecil Watkins, Appalachia  
Alton Turner, Bedford  
Lester E. Yeates, Fort Eustis  
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