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Murray Selby Cools Cat

Murray Selby, son-in-law of the Fords from Fairfax, shot a nice Bobcat while hunting in the North River area.

It seems the Bobcat was coming up the same log on which Murray was sitting. Murray promptly shot the Bobcat, which, when hit, nearly jumped on him. However, he said he didn't believe it was trying to jump on him and, in fact, he didn't believe it had seen him. Since it would have been too dark to trail the cat, after giving the arrow time to do its work, Murray had to go back the following morning to trail his quarry. It was found dead a short distance from where it was hit.

Murray now has a trophy of which he can rightfully be proud. Most hunters never see the elusive, nocturnal Bobcat and taking one with a bow and arrow is quite a feat to say the least.

Tom Ford Bags Buck

Little Tom, that is and it happened something like this: The Fords were hunting in the George Washington National Forest and camping at the North River campground near the Staunton Dam. The morning of the first day ended uneventfully for everyone in the camping area. Some deer sighted but no meat in camp.

It seems, however, that during the day, Tom Senior developed quite a headache and did not feel like going on a stand that afternoon but elected to stay in camp. Little Tom stayed around camp for some time not knowing just what to do since they were not going out for the afternoon hunt. He finally told his mother (also a hunter or huntress) that he was going to walk up the road from camp and see if he could bag a squirrel. He had been gone from camp about 15 minutes when he sighted a buck off to one side of the road. The buck spotted him at about the same time and took off in high gear. Tom, 15 years old and former National Junior Champion, showed true championship form by taking a quick shot at the running buck. The shot looked as if it were good but after searching for quite a while and not finding his arrow or any evidence of a hit he was not too sure. By the time he had walked back to camp and told his story, it was too dark to try to find the blood trail so it was decided to wait until morning to look for the buck.

You may be sure sleep didn't come easy that night for a certain young hunter. Early morning found Tom, his mother, and some

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Jean Marie Wilkins, a member of the Warwick Bowmen, was a Class "C" archer in the Youth Division when this photo was taken in September, 1963.

At the conclusion of a recent club tournament held at the Warwick Bowmen's range in Newport News, it was announced that Jean Marie Wilkins, age 14, had won in Class "B" and in so doing had advanced to Class "A". Jean shot a score of 287 for the 28-target field round shooting from the adult stakes.

Jean Marie is a student at Newport News High School and became interested in archery approximately seven months ago. She applied to the Warwick Bowmen for membership and lessons and after the prescribed course of instruction, entered her first tournament. It was evident from the beginning that she was

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"20"-Pin Winners September-October, 1963

35 Yards

Chester Hart, Hampton
Frank Colyer, Wise
Isaac Cooper, Appalachia
Jack S. Dunn, Bland
James L. Fox, Norfolk
Aubrey Haislip, Richmond
Richard E. Harris, Windsor
Wyatt L. Mays, Madison Heights
William Minish, Saltville
Dan Newberry, Bland
Jack Odum, Bristol
Joe E. Piatt, Jr., Alexandria
Dr. W. P. Stanton, Tazewell
Robert Williams, Narrows
Jean Marie Wilkins, Newport News
Jesse R. Wilkins, Newport News
Delmar Holmes, Pulaski

40 Yards

Johnnie Berry, Danville
Harold Crouch, Lynchburg
Olin Dunford, Wytheville
Harry Edwards, Fairfax
G. O. Gowens, Lynchburg
Richard E. Harris, Windsor
Delmar Holmes, Pulaski
Willie M. Hubbard, Wise
Wyatt L. Mays, Madison Heights
Jack Odum, Bristol
Joe E. Piatt, Jr., Alexandria
Clyde Reynolds, Cedar Bluff
James F. Sowards, Bedford
Fred Tate, Jr., Bland
Robert Williams, Narrows

45 Yards

Richard Akins, Petersburg
Oliver Akins, Petersburg
Kedric Baker, Pound
Hobart Bentley, Jr., Pound
J. C. Blankenship, Narrows
Bobby Blevins, Glade Spring
Garland Catron, Wytheville
Haynes Davis, Woodbridge
Walter Dillow, Sr., Bland
Burnley Doxey, Newport News
Harry Edwards, Fairfax
William L. Enders, Norfolk
C. E. Faw, Pearisburg
James L. Fox, Norfolk (1 & 4 pos.)

Jean Marie Wilkins

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a determined archer and of championship material. Her rapid advance to Class "A" is a tribute to the instruction given new members of Warwick Bowmen and an eye-opening fact that members of the Youth Division can very often outshoot some of the so-called "old-timers."

Our new Youth Division is on a 12-months' trial basis which will end June 30, 1964. Judging from some of the scores that are being turned in by Youth Division members shooting from the adult stakes, and from conversations held with several of these Youths, it looks like the new Division is here to stay.

45 Yards — cont'd

David Hensley, Bedford
Elwood Holt, Lynchburg
Joyce Johnson, Abingdon
Kenneth M. Knott, Newington
Carson Lauder, Sr., Front Royal
William Minish, Saltville
Carey G. Price, Arlington (1 & 4 pos.)
Garnett Smith, Pulaski
Dr. W. P. Stanton, Tazewell
Renier R. Straeten, Portsmouth
Jerry Walton, Madison Heights
Harold Crouch, Lynchburg

50 Yards

Johnnie Berry, Danville
Harold Burch, Buena Vista
Garland Catron, Wytheville
Haynes Davis, Woodbridge
C. E. Faw, Pearisburg
Kenneth R. George, Lynchburg
Robert O. Hale, Roanoke
Thomas H. Haley, Va. Beach
Richard Harris, Windsor
Kenneth J. Hinson, Pulaski
James Key, Bedford
Collies E. Kidd, Matoaca
Wyatt L. Mays, Madison Heights
Urshel Miller, Meadowview
Rodney Sandridge, Harrisonburg
Murray Selby, Arlington
Thomas F. Taylor, Richmond
Robert H. Terry, Roanoke
William White, Galax

55 Yards

Kenny Adams, Chantilly
Charles H. Bailey, Newport News
Paul Brannon, Norfolk
Fred Cantrell, Pound
Olin Dunford, Wytheville
Bill Goodman, Falls Church
Robert Hale, Roanoke
Eloise Hall, Pound
Donald R. Johnson, Richmond
Wyatt L. Mays, Madison Heights
Jerry Meade, Pound
W. J. Midkiff, Jr., Herndon
James Mitchell, Bedford
R. G. Montgomery, Manassas
Douglas Moore, Falls Church
Clyde Reynolds, Cedar Bluff
Stewart Rose, Wise
Betty Zane Smith, Richmond
Fred Tate, Jr., Bland
Thomas F. Taylor, Richmond
Howard C. Turpin, Radford
Bobby L. Williamson, Lee Hall
J. M. Wimer, Marlinton, W. Va.

60 Yards

Kenny Adams, Chantilly
Bill Adkins, Galax
Wayne Armstrong, Sr., Bridgewater
Paul T. Bower, Christiansburg
Ronald Cox, Matoaca
William R. Haverty, Norfolk
Willie M. Hubbard, Wise
W. E. James, Petersburg
Jack Johnson, Abingdon
Paul A. Jones, Glade Spring
Collies E. Kidd, Matoaca
Wyatt L. Mays, Madison Heights
Lindy Randall, Port Republic
Edward Rose, Alexandria
James F. Sowards, Bedford
Thomas F. Taylor, Richmond
Fred Tate, Jr., Bland

65 Yards

James L. Armes, Lynchburg
Preston B. Hundley, Sr., Lynchburg
Jack Johnson, Abingdon
Earl W. Jordan, Lacey Springs
F. M. Lewis, Portsmouth
Wyatt L. Mays, Madison Heights
James Mitchell, Bedford
Frank Otey, Jr., Wytheville
A. Owen Shifflett, Harrisonburg
Thomas F. Taylor, Richmond
Billy Winesett, Galax

80 Yards

Jack Cantwell, Portsmouth
Billy R. Cook, Radford
Burnley Doxey, Newport News
Kenneth George, Lynchburg
Elwood Holt, Lynchburg
Earl W. Jordan, Lacey Springs
Carl E. Lewis, New Market
Marvin A. Palmer, Norfolk
Noel Prillaman, Rocky Mount

(Many of these winners earned their bars months ago, but I was out of one type or another. Thank you all for being so patient.)

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First Deer Kill of the Year

Bill McEwan brought down the first bow-killed deer of the year during an early season in Dismal Swamp. On the second day he bagged a 100-lb. doe with a lung shot. It is reported from a reliable source that while other archers in the area were still preparing for the regular season to open, they had to listen to an awful lot of talk from Bill telling them how easy it was.

STATE TOURNAMENT—1964

The following bids were submitted to the Directors at the last meeting of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, and will be voted on at the January 5, 1964, meeting of VBA to determine who will be host for the 1964 State Championship Tournament:

AUGUSTA ARCHERS—Staunton

Have the following to offer:

1. Three or four 28-target courses.
2. A 40 x 100 ft. club house which can be used for registration, entertainment, etc.
3. Ample parking space.
4. Spacious camping area.
5. Water on range.
6. 14 practice targets with distances marked.
7. Motels and restaurants within short distance of range.

SHERWOOD ARCHERS—Roanoke

Have the following to offer:

1. A desire to have a more efficiently-run tournament than in 1963 due to our recent past experience.
2. Two large shelters, with fireplaces, to be used by campers.
3. Five adirondacks to be used by campers on a reservation basis.
4. Fourteen practice targets with distance marked.
5. Three challenging courses.
6. Transportation to the top of the mountain before the start of each round, for persons who may be shooting our "B" and "C" courses.
7. A desire to receive a return on our recent investment which was necessitated by our having held the most recent State Shoot.
8. A desire to make the State Shoot an enjoyable experience, one that you will wish to repeat.

Club Directors — Be sure to send a representative to the January VBA meeting with instructions to vote for your choice of one of these two clubs to host the 1964 State Shoot.

Tom Ford

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of his hunting buddies looking for signs that would tell them he had scored a hit. After some searching they found some drops of blood. Then the hard job of trailing really began. At times the drops of blood would be as much as 50 to 100 feet apart. The blood had naturally dried during the night and spotting dried blood on the dry leaves with their many natural red spots that look like blood is a test of anyone's trailing ability. However, after a couple of hours and some estimated 500 yards later, the buck was found, dead. He was a nice 3-pointer weighing in at about 100 pounds. To say that Tom was a happy hunter is the understatement of the year.

I'll tell you something else, his mom and pop were mighty proud also.

EDITOR

Bowhunters Jamboree

The Bowhunters of Rockingham made a bid for the Bowhunters Jamboree which will be held on September 27, 1964, just prior to next year's hunting season. Keep an eye on FLIGHT for more information as to type of targets, equipment to be used by the archer, rules, etc., at the Bowhunters Jamboree.

God grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change, courage to change things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

DEER KILLS REPORTED TO DATE

Seems the cruel blow of dry weather has erased the possibility of a larger harvest of deer by the bowhunters. Of course, this is something no one could do anything about and the Governor's action in closing the forests west of the Blue Ridge is entirely understandable.

To date, the following applications for Big Game Awards have been received:

Frank Colyer	Bear Creek Bowmen	3 point buck
Floyd Frye		Doe
Walter S. McCracken	Bowmen of York and Warwick Bowmen	4 point buck
Fred McDermont	Princess Ann Bowmen	Doe
Fred C. Scott		Doe
Buck Toddy	NORVA	2 point buck
Clinton Western	Sherwood Archers, Inc.	Doe
Wyatt L. Mays	Walton Park Archers	2 point and 4 point bucks

Actually, the kill is secondary to the other benefits derived from bowhunting. The chance to sit quietly in the woods at daybreak, to hear the woods come alive, smell the woody odors, see the beautiful colors, and observe the movements of all our forest creatures is the real reward of bowhunting. For the bowhunters who camp, there are the evenings of relaxation, the recounting of the day's events, the recalling of hunts of seasons gone by, and the companionship of good sportsmen. You know, we may differ quite a bit with our hunting companions in everyday life, but hunting and camping seem to put us all on an equal footing. All traces of rebellion are put aside and good-natured joking and razzing are taken in stride. The tension of competition so prevalent in competitive archery has no place on the bowhunt and seems to be the furthest thing from our minds. What a shame this feeling cannot be carried throughout all our life. Stop and think, wouldn't it be a wonderful thing to face every day with the anticipation and excitement we feel each morning when we go bowhunting?

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Proposed Classification Changes

As you will recall, several months ago you were sent a referendum concerning classification and were asked to note thereon your approval or disapproval of the present classification system and suggest any changes which you thought would be beneficial to archery in the State of Virginia.

After carefully studying the recommendations and proposals suggested in the ballot, Ted Grefe, Chairman of the Classification Changes Committee, and his committee composed of S. W. Pannell, Carey Price and Advisors Pat Hamilton and C. J. Woods, recommend for consideration and discussion by the VBA Board of Directors, the following changes:

1. That a new classification system for all archers be adopted, whereby an archer is raised to the next higher class after shooting two official round tournament scores above his present class, or *one* score that exceeds his upper class limit by 10%. This to occur in a 12 month period (cal. yr.).
2. That down grading (classification) of an archer be made possible to the next lower class upon application of the archer to his own club, and his own club then recommending to the VBA Field Vice-President for a final approval and downgrading. Archer is eligible for downgrading after failing to shoot his class in any 9 month period.
3. That a new numerical class grouping be instituted as follows:

Instinctive Archers

Men		Women
450-up	A-Class	350-up
375-449	B-Class	300-349
275-374	C-Class	225-299
150-274	D-Class	125-224
0-149	E-Class	0-124

Freestyle Archers

450-up	A-Class	350-up
325-449	B-Class	225-349
0-324	C-Class	0-224

Youth Division (No Change)

4. That a special effort be made by clubs to eliminate improper classification of

their members by exercising their right to advance in class any member who is taking unfair advantage of the classification rules and remaining in a class when he is capable of shooting into a higher class. In other words, eliminate that "sandbagger" on a club level. Also, that the office of VBA Field Vice-President be charged with the forming of a Classification Committee to handle special cases of sandbagging where clubs are unable to act for varied reasons.

5. That a special group or division be made available at all sanctioned shoots for archers who desire to shoot noncompetitively, and strictly for enjoyment. That such a group or division be called "GREBAS" (Group for the Real Enjoyment of Bow and Arrow Shooting). This Group will be governed by the following:

1. Same tournament procedures as for other divisions;
2. Will shoot same rounds;
3. All archers eligible to participate—no class distinction;

4. Official tournament scores recorded as for other divisions;
5. This is a non-competitive group, however, possibility of future developing some type of random team handicap competition;
6. That suitable awards be given for three places, with scoring not entering into determining same, leaving the determination of "winners" up to the ingenuity and enterprise of the host club.
6. That the requirement of shooting class minimum in order to win a VBA pin be abolished.
7. That VBA By-Laws be changed to comply with these changes.

Please bear in mind that the changes that may be forthcoming from this study will affect all tournament archers. Even though your club is entitled to only one vote at the VBA meetings where this and other issues will be discussed and final action taken, every VBA member is welcome to attend and will be allowed the floor to "speak his piece." A good orator can be very effective without personally casting a vote.

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