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YOUTH DIVISION

Sometime ago, Hunting Vice President Booth was asked to draw up a set of rules for a Bowhunters Round which could possibly be used as a special round to be held just before hunting season. If this round is acceptable, and the majority of the bowhunters in Virginia wish to do so, this could probably be an annual event.

Bowhunters Jamboree Round

Below is a rough draft of the Bowhunters Jamboree Round as proposed by Mr. Booth. This draft is subject to change and approval by delegates at the next VBA meeting:

"This round consists of a roving course without shooting stakes, as such, at 20 animal and bird targets suspended in front of earth backstops. Hunting bows and broadhead arrows shall be used. Stress is on fun and very few rules.

COURSE

"Course shall consist of a roving 20-target round of 5 to 60 yards distance, approximately, over hilly or rolling terrain. It shall consist of walking lanes and a shooting path. Two stakes or markers shall be used for each target. One stake shall be marked 'Start of Shooting Path #1,' etc., and the other marked 'End of #1,' etc. Markers shall be placed approxi-mately 10 feet to 30 feet apart. Progress along this path shall be progressive and two arrows shall be shot at each target. At no time may a shooter back-track to shoot from a more advantageous position. All walking lanes to targets shall be along a diagonal line in full view of the shooting path. Walking lane away from target shall be in view of shooting path until a safe distance is covered. Target butts shall be of earth or dirt, dug vertically to stop arrows. Target shall be suspended by ties from the top and by rubber bands at the bottom to facilitate removal of arrows.

TARGETS

"Regular animal targets may be used. These should be cut $\frac{1}{2}$ " from animal or bird outline and glued on at least 2 plys of cardboard. Targets shall be placed 6 inches to 10 inches in front of vertical backstop.

RULES OF PLAY

"Course to be shot in foursomes. Target assignment shall be left to the discretion of the tournament chairman. (Suggestion: If there should be a large number of contestants, assign targets and all start

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More On The State Shoot

Work is progressing very well for the forthcoming State shoot. Our range has been a beehive of activity every weekend, when weather conditions have permitted, since January. Due to the recent extreme fire hazard, we had quite a scare and thought at one time that our range would surely be wiped out by fire. But let me digress for a moment. Even though there had been quite a number of fires all around our range during the extremely dry weather, in the back of our minds we thought that surely we had nothing to worry about. However, on a Thursday morning (I believe it was April 26th) fire broke out for the second day in a row on Brushy Mountain, which is located somewhat in excess of one mile behind our range. At about 2:30 p.m., I received permission to leave my job and go I received permission to leave my job and go up on Brushy to see what the conditions were and also to see if I could be of any help. I was joined by Ed Foster, Ed Humphries, George Goodwin and Tom Clifton, all mem-bers of Sherwood Archers. We helped battle the blaze until about 5:30 p.m., at which time quite a few other people arrived and we decided to go down to our range by car, around the fire trail. We arrived at the park-ing lot at about 6:00 p.m. and were met by Clay Dillon and Bob Hite. They advised that our President, Bob Terry, and a couple of other members had gone to the back portion of our property, which was the direction the fire would come, if it came. The smoke appeared to be quite some distance away and at one time we almost decided to go on home but after deliberating a bit we felt we should walk up to the back of the range (about 1/4 of a mile) to see just what the conditions were. Before we got in sight of our property boundary, we could see the fire coming our way, stretched out on either side as far as the eye could see, with the wind sometimes whipping it up into the tree tops. Coward that I am, I was ready to head for the car and let'er burn. Frankly, I didn't think we had the slightest chance of stopping such a wall of flame. However, President Terry, "Doc" Mo-ran and Tom Clifton insisted that we dig a fire lane, set a back fire, and do our best to stop it. That's just what we did. Frankly, I never worked so hard in my life and I'm sure there were others there who felt the same way. After about fifteen or twenty minutes of furious and frantic digging, the wind suddenly abated. In the meantime quite a few of our other members and some outsiders arrived on the scene and our fire line held. Results, the fire only burned about 80 to 100 yards into our property. A couple of prospective target

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There still seems to be a bit of confusion concerning pins for the new Youth Division that will become effective July 1, 1963.

This Division is set up on the same basis as the adult division. That is, the Youth Division boys will be classified the same as adult men, and Youth Division girls will be classified the same as adult women.

All clubs should place their order with Field Vice President W. T. Marshall for a complete set of the new Youth Division pins, which will include Free Style, but will not include the Hunter (heavy tackle) Division. Although you may not anticipate having someone shooting in each class of the Youth Division, your club secretary should stock a complete set to take care of any possible winners.

Tournament Schedule Card

Your attention is called to the Sanctioned Your attention is called to the Sanctioned Tournament Schedule card, July through De-cember, 1963, which is enclosed with this issue of FLIGHT. You will note that the "An-nual" shoots are not printed in bold face type as has been done in the past. The printer ad-vised that it was not possible to print the annuals in bold type on a card of this size and still list all of the shoots.

Your attention is also called to one misprint on this schedule. On September 22nd, Seminole Archery Club is holding a shoot at Danville and not at Woodstock as shown on the schedule.

Course Approval Standards

The following changes in Course Approval Standards will, I am sure, be of interest to many clubs. The strict, and in some cases unrealistic, rule stating that "Distance on either side of a target to be free of archers shall be 30 degrees from the shooting posi-tion " has now been amended to read as follows:

"Distance on either side of a target to be free of Archers shall range (depending upon conditions, and length of shot) from 15 to 30 degrees from the shooting position.

Part 2, Sec. A, par. 5 of Course Approval Standards which read: "Minimum of 49 feet must be provided between any paths or shooting lanes paralleling another target shooting has now been amended to read as, lane . . . follows:

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News and views of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc.

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Bowhunters Jamboree Round

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at once. A small number of contestants, start all foursomes on No. 1 target as fast as shooting makes this possible.) Two arrows are to be shot from each shooting path. Both arrows carry the same value and count 2 points each for vital area and 1 point each for fringe area. To count, arrow must penetrate target and remain in target until scored.

PURPOSE

"It is our hope that this round will appeal to those archers who have become 'bogged down' with the necessary rules and regulations of regular field archery. Therefore, we stress fun and hope there will be no need for future rules. Keep in mind—all possible safety precautions shall be observed."

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Course Approval Standards

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"A minimum ranging from 25 ft. to 50 ft. must be provided between any path or shooting lanes paralleling another shooting lane. This minimum range permits tolerance to be used depending upon terrain, length of shot, and any distance used must preserve absolute safety."

Although we can now relax somewhat with this easing of course approval standards, our ranges must still pass the inspection of the V.B.A. Field Governor or his deputy. We have an excellent safety record in Virginia that we would not want to jeopardize with unsafe shooting conditions.

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State Shoot

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sites were burned out but we did not lose any of the targets that had been completed.

And now back to information concerning the Seventeenth Annual State Shoot. We have now completed 28 targets, most of which are new ones. Fourteen of these targets, and access to same, were very difficult to build due to the fact that about eight fairly long bridges had to be constructed.

We are going to try very hard to have the second 28-target course completed in time for our June invitational but don't know if this will be possible. A lot depends on the weather, willing workers, etc.

Our parking lot is in the process of being enlarged, as is our camping area.

Work is under way on our "shed" which will be used for registration purposes, housing of trophies, etc.

Elsewhere in this issue of FLIGHT will be found a form to be filled in for room reservations at motels near the range. Since this will be a holiday weekend, it might be well to make reservations for rooms sometime in advance.

In the near future, your club secretary, or other representative, will probably receive a questionnaire to be filled in if you plan to attend the State shoot. There will be questions concerning camping, meals, etc. When you receive this questionnaire, it will be appreciated very much if you would complete same and forward it to the person named thereon. If you do not receive a questionnaire by some means prior to July 15th, and desire to attend the State, please write to: Clinton Western, 4041 Virginia Ave., N. W., Roanoke, Va., and a form or forms will be mailed to you.

We have received some door prizes and have promises for more. A list of these will appear in a later edition of FLIGHT, along with more State shoot information.

> CLINTON WESTERN Secy.-Treas. Sherwood Archers

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NOTICE

Your Corresponding Secretary and family will be vacationing through the Middle West for three weeks during the month of July.

Club Meeting Attendance

How is the attendance at your club meetings? Have you had one-hundred per cent attendance since your organizational meeting? Fifty per cent, maybe? Probably, if your club is like most clubs, you do well to get fifteen to twenty-five per cent of your members to attend a meeting. To those of us who feel we are dedicated to the sport of archery and want to see it grow, it is hard to understand why a person who is interested enough to spend \$50.00 to \$200.00 or more in equipment and dues, will not take enough trouble to attend a meeting and thereby have an opportunity to further promote archery as a hunting and competitive sport, simply by being well in-formed. If for no other reason, a person should attend these meetings so he will know what is going on in his own club, and if his club has a good representative attending VBA meetings, he will be informed on the happenings at the State level.

In our own club we have taken the following three steps to increase attendance at club meetings:

- Most people do not like to come to a meeting and hear a lot of arguing, bickering, etc. We have eliminated all but a minor portion of this through our Board of Directors, (7), who are elected through stock vote by stockholders in the club for the express purpose of handling the financial and business affairs of the club, and through the use of committees appointed by the President or by the Board.
- 2. We try to have an interesting movie, 15 or 20 minutes long, as entertainment. These are available through your public library, the State Library in Richmond, Bear Archery Company, Ben Pearson Archery Company, etc. Of course, a 16mm projector will have to be procured.
- 3. We have a drawing for a door prize. This starts with \$1.00. All members' names are put in the hat. One name is drawn at each meeting and you must be present to win. If there is no winner, \$1.00 is added to the "kitty" for the next meeting. If your attendance is like some clubs, you can see where this might build up into a sizeable amount, since you must be present to win.

The above has been tried and found to be very effective. If you have a good method to increase attendance, drop a line to the Editor and it will be printed in the next issue of FLIGHT for the benefit of other clubs.

AUGUSTA ARCHERS DANCE AND FOURTH OF JULY SHOOT

The Augusta Archers are holding a dance on July 3rd as recreation for archers attending the Fourth of July shoot. This dance will start at 9:00 p.m. Any archer coming and bringing a guest is held responsible for their guest. Price—\$1.00 per couple or 75c single. On July 4th we are having our annual 4th of July Trophy Shoot. Trophies in all classes, including the Youth Division which becomes effective July 1, 1963. Some type of luncheon will be served on the range July 4th.

Morning round 9:30 a.m. - Afternoon round 1:30 p.m.

GILMER A. NUCKLES, JR. Corresponding Secretary

V.W.F. Patches and Decals

After a short delay, a small order of V.W.F. patches and decals was received in the Corresponding Secretary's office. However, nearly the whole order has been sold, so rather than V.B.A. ordering them again from the Virginia Wildlife Federation, we feel it would be easier for clubs and individuals to order direct from the V.W.F. The price of patches is \$1.00 each and for decals 25c *each*. You may send your checks to Virginia Wildlife Federation, c/o Lewis R. Gardner, 853 Wedgefield Court, Norfolk 2, Virginia.

All V.B.A. members are also members of V.W.F.

Let's Publicize Archery

Quoted below is a proclamation that has been used by The Warwick Bowmen Archery Club to bring the sport of archery before the public. Perhaps you could use something similar in your area:

"Proclamation

"WHEREAS, the sport of archery may be indulged in by all members of the community and as a healthful organized sport is in keeping with the President's program to increase the health and welfare of the populace; and

"WHEREAS, Archery, with more than 50 clubs in the State of Virginia, has been practiced by member clubs of the Virginia Archery Association, the Virginia Bowhunters' Association and the National Field Archery Association for more than 20 years and provided a safe, organized, healthy sport in the State, and

"WHEREAS, The (name of club) of this area has been one of the leading archery clubs in the Nation and has become an integral part of this community and a civic asset:

"NOW, THEREFORE, I (name), Mayor of the City of (name), do hereby proclaim the week of (date) as (appropriate name) Week, and do call upon all citizens and organizations to join in paying tribute to the good works of organized archery, and to participate in field archery at your local club.

CUB RUN ARCHERS

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4th ANNUAL TROPHY SHOOT JULY 21, 1963 — 9:30 A.M.

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MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STATE SHOOT

Mayor

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