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16th ANNUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT AT STAUNTON

From The Office Of Field Vice President

As this is the first contact I've had with you, the V.B.A. membership, as an elected officer I would like to pledge to each and every member to do my best to fulfill the duties of this office to the best of my ability. I further pledge not to show any partiality to any member or club, and all decisions required of me will be made without regard to any personal feelings. I realize that the duties of this office are many, and time-consuming, but with the help and cooperation of all clubs and their secretaries, this office and all other offices can run smoothly.

State Shoot Information

I hope all clubs have advised their membership of the 90-day rule pertaining to competing in the State shoot. By the time you read this it will probably be too late if you do not already meet the requirements. It means simply this: you must have participated in a shoot in June, July and August, OR you must have participated in three (3) shoots during the month of August. Waiver of this rule can be made only by the Field Vice President and only upon presentation of a letter by the archer involved, explaining the reason why he had been unable to attend the shoots required. This letter must be signed by the Archer involved, and the club president should verify it with his signature also. Class "F" men and women will not be opened.

Special Notice to All Clubs

There will be a special V.B.A. meeting of all club delegates at Lynchburg on Saturday, September 29th, at 3:00 p.m., preceding the regular V.B.A. meeting held on Sunday. This meeting is for the sole purpose of setting up the tournament schedule for 1963. It is very important that all clubs be represented at this meeting, and all delegates should have the dates their club desires for next year. All clubs represented will be allowed four shoots, one of which may be an annual. Any club not represented by a delegate will be allowed only one shoot for each six months' period, with their dates being assigned by the Field Vice President from the available dates after the above schedule is completed. Let's make sure

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Platform of Martin L. Smith, Candidate for NFAA Presidency

I became interested in archery, as a sport, in 1955 because it offered a challenging method of hunting and an interesting game. My interest in the sport has steadily increased and I have been increasingly active in all phases of field archery and bow hunting and in the administrative problems involved from the club level through the state association and national level. I am a life member of the N.F.A.A. and a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Wildlife Federation. I have, on a national level, served as Field Governor for Virginia, Mid-Atlantic Division Representative and Vice-President—the position in which I am now serving. I have had considerable experience in the administrative and legislative affairs of the N.F.A.A. during the past three years. Even though I do not qualify as an expert in tournament competition, I hold the N.F.A.A. big game award and the twenty-pin.

Through the years, and to a limited extent, I have and still participate in the sports of tennis, golf, hunting, fishing and tournament bridge. I find limited participation in these sports broadens my outlook on problems involving organization and finances and increases my understanding of the problems facing the N.F.A.A.

I am now 62 years of age and in sound health. I am retired and for the past two years have traveled extensively. My itinerary is tentatively complete through March 1963. If elected, appropriate changes would be made in order that I could give a full measure of effort to the Presidency—the office to which I have had the honor to be nominated.

I advocate the following:

(I) A strong, well rounded program for the N.F.A.A. that will offer training for the beginning archers; interesting competition for experienced archers; interesting and realistic hunting type competition for the bowhunters; entertainment for non-shooting members of the archery family, an incentive to prospective members.

(II) The setting of minimum classification standards at National level and supervision of the classification system by the individual states.

(III) The establishment of a National Ranking System for the purpose of rewarding

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Augusta Archers Host, Sept. 2nd & 3rd

By the time you receive this issue of FLIGHT, plans will have been completed for the biggest event of the year—the Sixteenth Annual VBA State Championship Tournament. The Augusta Archers have been working hard to get everything in tip-top shape for this event. We have bush-hogged the area, fixed our well, are working on the courses, rewired our PA system and most important of all, we have started building our clubhouse.

Sunday, July 22, members cut trees and brush, preparing the site for the building and on the following Wednesday, the bulldozer finally broke ground. Our building will be a 40 x 100 foot cinder block construction with metal roof containing skylights. We will also have a big fireplace, a complete concrete floor, and eventually will be partitioned off so that part of it will be our club meeting room. It will be a place we can use for club meetings, indoor shooting, and all sorts of informal gatherings. We don't guarantee its completion by Labor Day, but gosh, we're just as "proud as peacocks" that we have even broken ground.

Barbecued chicken will be served by the Mint Springs Ruritan Club on Sunday, Sept. 2. Those who attended our July 4 shoot can vouch for their delicious chicken. They will also serve sandwiches throughout the shoot, starting on Saturday, Sept. 1.

Don't forget that we will start registering on Saturday, September 1 at 4 p.m. and we wish to urge everyone who possibly can, to register then.

There is spacious camping area for those who wish to sleep under canvas; and for those who want motel reservations refer to the Reservation Form in this issue.

We have written numerous letters trying to get a good assortment of door prizes, and I must say that we had very good luck.

One of the donations is a trophy from Colt's Patent Fire Arms, Hartford, Conn., which will be given to the "Average Archer." This will be determined by adding all field scores and dividing by the number of participants.

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News and views of the Virginia
Bowhunters Association, Inc.

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Changes

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In archery it has been different. When Mr. A steps up to the pegs on Number 10 target, at Two Rivers, he will know, because of the experience by which he has become Mr. A, that it is a fifty-five yard target. He will then hold thus and so and score a sixteen on it. A Mr. A from neighboring Fredericksburg, by the same token, will probably score a sixteen on it, too. But what of Mr. E from Bridgewater? His experience is not equal to that of any of the Mr. A's. When he steps up to the Two Rivers' No. 10 he is puzzled. "What is it? A fifty or a fifty-five yard shot? I think it's a fifty, so I'll hold so." He shoots. "Oh, nuts! It's under."

This is laughable to his companions. They kid him about it and, being a good sport, he laughs with them. But he has missed a shot. A three, at least, is not added to his score and so, at the end of the tournament, he is that much farther down the line. Perhaps that three would have put him in third place, or second or even first. Let's hope that he laughs and shrugs it off, resolving to do better next time. But who doesn't think about that shot later, at some time or other? If he says to himself, "I could have had another three if I had scored with that arrow, but I didn't know the difference." What is going to happen? Will he keep on practicing until, a year or two later, he knows that it is fifty-five yards? If he is a really interested archer, he will. If he is one of those who are "trying it out," will he?

Those of us who have been in the sport a long time know that he may be one of that sizeable group of "ifs." Think back a bit. Try to count all of those aspirants that you knew who shot a while but have dropped out. Why did they do it? If they were shooting now, would your club have forty members or would it have sixty? When the writer came to Winchester, the club roster had seventy-two names on it. Now it has fifty-three. We have new members, yes. We've had new members come in every year. But where are the seventy-two original ones? Some dropped out because of economic or family or health reasons, it's true. But didn't a lot drop out because of the game? They liked the challenge when they started. It was something totally different from anything they knew. It was fun trying to hit the target. In a little while something began to happen. They liked to shoot and began to go to tournaments. But something was wrong. They

could hit the targets fairly well at Winchester, but why couldn't they do as well at Harrisonburg? They knew that the distances were similar on all courses. They had been told about the game. Yet, to their unpracticed eye, it was not the same. Fifty-five yards down hill was not the same as fifty-five yards up hill. They couldn't bring themselves to believe it and their short experience hadn't yet convinced them. It became work to keep up with the others. That's not what they wanted. They wanted the fun of shooting and, not being of the same mold as others longer in the game, not the work of having to guess the yardage and, perhaps, wrongly. They wanted to be more sure that what they were doing would bring them pleasure instead of disappointment.

Ours is not an easy game. It is a challenging game. We older shooters accepted that challenge when it was greater than it is today. We liked it then, and we still like it. As the numerous facets of tackle and methods have undergone a change, why not accept, too, the fact that the temperament of the newcomers to the game is different? They, too, have accepted the challenge of the bow and the shaft. The bows are now laminated maple and glass and the shafts are of glass and aluminum. Why, then, should they still have to shoot in the age of the ash shaft? Why should they, or we, still shoot at questionable distances with precision equipment? It is the opinion of the writer that, even tho the sport of archery has grown, we are losing would-be archers to this very fact.

NOTICE

Your Editor for the coming year is:
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Roanoke, Virginia

All ads, articles, etc., should be sent to the above address.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

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that we have 100% participation and set a record, making this the largest V.B.A. meeting to date.

Good shooting to all, and hope to see everyone at the State Shoot.

WM. T. (BILL) MARSHALL

(Editor's Note—Ike Lewis, NFAA and VBA Field Governor, advises that the THIRD QUARTER inspection must be made before the VBA meeting in September so all clubs can be included on the schedule for 1963.)

PLATFORM OF MARTIN L. SMITH

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individual achievement in competition at club, state, invitational, state championship, regional championship and national championship levels. Ranking points to be awarded on placing one (1) through six (6) in any class and not on the score shot. The classification system to establish classes as at present. The National Ranking System to establish the competitive achievement of the individual in relation to other competitors. The higher the calibre of tournament in which one placed, the more valuable the Ranking points awarded.

(IV) Relocation of the National Headquarters to a more centrally located city in order that all segments of the association may be better served.

(V) Reorganization and expansion of the Headquarters Business Office to provide a sound financial and business structure that will insure planned income production and

expenditures that will provide for a rapid rate of growth of the N.F.A.A. membership and services to membership.

(VI) Reorganization of the N.F.A.A. from an association of individuals into a Federation of Affiliated state associations having as a purpose the uniting of the various segments of organized archery into one organized unit that will work more effectively and efficiently to preserve, promote and advance the sport of archery in the United States. The Federation must consist of the following parts linked together with charters and elected delegates culminating in a self-governing body.

(1) *Membership:* Individual members belong to clubs that are chartered from state associations.

(2) *Chartered Clubs:* Clubs chartered with state associations elect and send delegates to the state associations.

(3) *State Associations:* State Associations chartered and affiliated with the Federation elect and send delegates to Federation Assembly. These delegates become the Board of Directors of the Federation of affiliated states.

(4) *Board of Directors:* The Board of Directors, consisting of the elected delegates from the states, as such are the self-governing source of the Constitution and By-law adoption and changes and the source of all self-governing rules and regulations governing the affairs of the Federation. The Board of Directors must be responsible to its electorate for the conduct of Federation affairs.

(5) *Executive Committee:* The Executive Committee must be elected from the membership comprising the Board of Directors for the purpose of running the day to day affairs of the Federation. The Executive Committee should be comprised of the following:

- (a) President and chairman of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Executive Vice-President and Executive Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Treasurer.
- (d) Vice-President, in charge of Publications.
- (e) Vice-President, in charge of Tournament Activities.
- (f) Vice-President, in charge of Bow Hunting Activities.
- (g) The following salaried personnel—
 - (1) Director of Promotions and Public Relations
 - (2) Secretary—Business Director
 - (3) Publisher—Editor

The Executive Committee must be responsible to the Board of Directors for the conduct of the day to day affairs of the Federation.

(VII) A revision of the Constitution and By-laws to conform with the functioning of the Federation.

(VIII) Finance the travel expenses of state delegates to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors by putting 35 cents from each full membership into a fund for the purpose.

If elected I will strive constantly to creditably discharge the responsibilities of the Presidency of the National Field Archery Association, being ever mindful of the high standards set by Mr. Richard Freeman and the desires of the membership.

MARTIN L. SMITH

"20" Pin Winners

June to August, 1962

35 Yards

Jim Anderson, Harrisonburg
Nicholas Bach, Springfield
Hobart Bentley, Pound
Warner Burford, Lynchburg
T. J. Clifton, Roanoke
W. Lee Collins, Winchester
Harry Dean Hale, Galax
David Hensley, Bedford
Don Hester, Jenkins, Ky.
John Hollingsworth, Alexandria
W. G. Johnson, Wytheville
Paul A. Jones, Glade Spring
James I. Miller, Colonial Beach
Jimmy Moore, Lynchburg
Ruth Otey, Wytheville
Sidney Pullman, Springfield
Ralph Winesett

40 Yards

Thomas Ford, Jr., Fairfax
Douglas Dutton, Arlington
Sam Freeborn, Richmond
Gustave C. Gomory, Ft. Monroe
David Hensley, Bedford
Vernon B. Land, Manassas
Clarence Lineberry, Woodlawn
Franklin McPeak, Front Royal
Carey G. Price, Arlington
Ralph G. Stevens, Norfolk
Bobby R. Thompson, Galax
Roy Wirt, Roanoke
James I. Miller, Colonial Beach

45 Yards

Bill Adkins, Galax
James Booth, Falls Church
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W. Lee Collins, Winchester
Thomas J. Ford, Sr., Fairfax
Henry Fugate, Abingdon
R. L. Goodman, Yorktown
Donald Huffman, Front Royal
Earl W. Jordan, Harrisonburg
Mark Judd, Waynesboro
Mrs. Jane Mabe, Luray
James I. Miller, Colonial Beach
Willie Moses, Radford
Oakley Sanders, Meadowview
Robert Sandridge, Harrisonburg
Rodney Sandridge, Harrisonburg
Robert Sumner, Fries
E. S. Whorley, Peterstown, W. Va.
Richard E. Woolwine, Roanoke

50 Yards

Jack Cantwell, Portsmouth
Hugh G. Darnell, Sr., Springfield
W. G. Frye, Chilhowie
Willie Moses, Radford
Gratt Quesenberry, Richlands

55 Yards

Bill Adkins, Galax
Tom Bricker, Manassas
Dallas Brown, Galax
Wortha T. Butler, Jr., Petersburg
Jack Cantwell, Portsmouth
Bee Gomory, Ft. Monroe
Earl Jordan, Harrisonburg
J. W. Marshall, Saltville
James I. Miller, Colonial Beach
H. L. "Lindy" Randall, Port Republic
R. H. Robinson, Harrisonburg
Samuel Tompkins, Pound

60 Yards

Avanell Blevins, Clintwood
K. W. Cochran, Roanoke
William McEwen, Jr., Richmond
Edsel T. Shelton, Elkton
William Taylor, Arlington
Samuel Tompkins, Pound
Leon Vaughan, Fairfax

65 Yards

Dallas Brown, Galax
J. W. Collins, Roanoke

80 Yards

Thomas J. Ford, Sr., Fairfax
James Mitchell, Bedford

If some of you won "20" Pins and your name does not appear on this list, your Corresponding Secretary was away the last week of July and was unable to process any mail before this issue went to press. Your name will appear in the next issue.

Tournament Change—NORVA

The Annual Deerslayers Shoot at NORVA scheduled for two days, October 6 and 7, has been changed to one day—Sunday, October 7, only.

The road and parking lot have been graded, so be sure to come and enjoy the peace of mind that goes with knowing you will not lose an oil pan or muffler on your way to the range.

AUGUSTA ARCHERS HOST

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Listed below is a wonderful assortment of door prizes received so far, and we wish to thank all the donors:

Pocahontas Bow—\$75.00, from Pocahontas Archery Manufacturing Co., White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

York Thunderbolt Bow, from York Archery, Independence, Mo.

Man and woman's identical set of tie and lapel pin, Chippawa Archery, St. Joseph, Mich.

1 Kamo Jacket and 2 Kamo Make-up Kits from Camouflage Manufacturing Co., Jacksonville, Fla.

2 Hush-h-h Quivers from L. C. Wiffen Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

12 NFAA Handbooks from NFAA, Redlands, California.

12 bottles Buck Lure from David Bracken, Ligonier, Pa.

3 Ponchos from Hampshire Manufacturing Corp., Nashua, N. H.

1 Bow Bird Target from Saunders Archery Target Co., Columbus, Neb.

1 45-lb. Ben Pearson Bow set and 1 side quiver from Carter's Gun Works, Charlottesville, Va.

3 cans of Bow Care from Robin Hood Archery Co., Montclair, N. J.

Lady's Deerhide Purse and gloves from Freed's Taxidermy, Waynesboro, Va.

1 card of Arrow Rests from E. Bud Pierson & Son, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1 Canvas Plaid Luggage from Standard Drug Store, Waynesboro, Va.

Certificate for 2 Dinners from G & H Restaurant, Waynesboro, Va.

Bow Compass from Marble Arms Corp., Gladstone, Mich.

Automatic Bowmaster Quiver from Woody's Sport Shop, Waynesboro, Va.

1 Thermos Bottle from Fishburne Drug Store, Waynesboro, Va.

1 Thermal Jug from Corner Hardware Sports Center, Waynesboro, Va.

2 Steak Dinners from Rowe's Steak House, Staunton, Va.

1 Child's Archery set, from Montgomery Ward, Staunton, Va.

1 Arnold Palmer Golf Game from J. J. Newberry Co., Waynesboro, Va.

1 doz. Colt arrows from Dixie Sporting Goods Co., Richmond, Va.

1-year subscription to *Sports Afield* from *Sports Afield* magazine.

3 one-year subscriptions to *Bowhunting* from *Bowhunting Magazine*.

10 sets of fresh water fish pictures from Heddon's Sons, Dowagiac, Mich.

12 one-year subscriptions to *Tam* from The Archer's Publishing Co., Norristown, Pa.

3 rolls 1000 ft. each of Reynolon from Reynolds Metal Co., Grottoes, Va.

1 Arrow Sharpener from "Nick's Sportsman," Staunton, Va.

Souvenirs of razor blades from the American Safety Razor Co., Verona, Va.

Souvenirs of self-computing score cards from Lynx, Inc., Lincoln, Neb.

We hope all of you can come to the state shoot as it is not only a shoot to determine champs, it is a place where archers from all over the state can get together and discuss equipment, hunting, meet new archers, and just have fun shooting the bull—I mean bow.

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Program for Sixteenth Annual VBA State Championship Tournament

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

4:00 P. M.—Registration opens

Registration fees: Adults \$5.00; Intermediates and Juniors \$3.50. (Maximum fee for any immediate family \$13.50)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

7:30 A. M. to 8:30 A. M.—Registration (Closes promptly at 8:30)

8:30 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.—Devotional Service and Welcome

9:30 A. M. to 10:00 A. M.—Grouping and proceeding to targets

10:00 A. M.—Start of tournament

1:00 P. M.—Barbecue chicken and sandwiches to be served by Mint Springs Ruritan Club

2:00 P. M.—Regrouping and proceeding to targets

2:30 P. M.—Start of second round

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

9:00 A. M.—Grouping and proceeding to targets

9:30 A. M.—Start of last round

1:00 P. M.—Lunch served by Ruritan Club

2:00 P. M.—Drawing for door prizes to be awarded to participants. You must be present to win. (Score cards from one of the rounds will be used as tickets.)

2:30 P. M.—Presentation of Awards

Entertainment plans will be announced at shoot.

Election Results

The ballots have been counted and the dust has settled, so here is a list of your new V.B.A. Officers who will serve for this fiscal year:

President, Ted Grefe; Executive Vice Pres., Woody Woods; Field Vice Pres., W. T. Marshall; Recording Secty., Miss Pat Hamilton; Corresponding Sec'y., Mrs. Sue D. Price; Treasurer, Harold E. Wood; V.B.A.-N.F.A.A. Field Governor, F. M. "Ike" Lewis.

William McEwen, Jr. of 1403 Camden Dr., Richmond, has been appointed temporary Conservation Vice-President until such time that the By-Laws can be changed to include this office officially. Bill will relieve the Hunting Vice-President by going to Game Commission meetings, etc.

RESERVATIONS FOR STATE SHOOT

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Type of accommodations desired _____

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