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YOUR GAME COMMISSION

Twenty years ago the deer herd in the state of Virginia had been reduced to a very small number. Largely, this was due to lack of management of the herd, and lack of control over the harvest and hunting seasons. In 1926 the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries was formed, to study the problems of our game, and to provide better hunting and fishing for the people of Virginia, and for the conservation of wildlife for future generations.

In the years that have followed, we have seen our deer herds increase by the thousands of animals each year. We have expanded our hunting seasons from a few counties to almost every county in the state for this coming season, 1962. Our fishing has reached and maintained a high level of production, not only in pounds of available fish of legal size, but in species and quality; even under present demands on our fishing streams and lakes.

The job of management and conservation by our Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries is becoming larger and more difficult each day. With a look into the future at this situation the Commission has employed some of the best game and fish technicians and managers attainable. Their job in part is to tell us when is the best time to set our hunting seasons so that the harvest will be at the right time to conform with the recommendations of our biologists and good game and fish management.

These men have been trained, and hold degrees from some of the best universities and colleges in the United States. They work twelve months of the year at their respective jobs for the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. The fine hunting and fishing that the people of Virginia now enjoy, is proof that they are doing a capable job. Let's give the commission and their employees a vote of thanks for doing a fine job.

Marching Forward

Few of us realize the scope and extent of the sport of archery. Our sport spreads to every corner of the globe and encompasses millions of sportsmen and recreation-minded individuals. In the United States alone, there are over 3000 Field archery clubs. Each year over 9000 tournaments are held and over a million bowhunters take to the field in search of game. Keeping track of all of this is the job of the N.F.A.A. Headquarters and it is a monumental job.

Each year over 100,000 pieces of mail are processed through the Headquarters. Postage runs into the thousands of dollars; paper is measured in the tons; printed matter is handled by the carloads. This is what it takes to keep a sport moving forward. The N.F.A.A. Headquarters is the focal point of archery. It exists to help you, the archer, and to advance your sport. If it is to continue to help you, it must have your help.

A Hunter Code of Ethics

1. I will consider myself an invited guest of the landowner, seeking his permission, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future.
2. I will obey the rules of safe gun handling and will courteously but firmly insist that others who hunt with me do the same.
3. I will obey all game laws and regulations, and will insist that my companions do likewise.
4. I will do my best to acquire those marksmanship and hunting skills which assure clean, sportsmanlike kills.
5. I will support conservation efforts which can assure good hunting for future generations of America.
6. I will pass along to younger hunters the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoor sportsman.

Sixteenth Annual VBA State Tournament

The Augusta Archers will be the host Club for the Sixteenth Annual State Championship Tournament to be held on Labor Day weekend, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 2nd and 3rd., making this the 5th one they have held in recent years.

The range is located between Staunton and Waynesboro just off of U. S. Route 250 (2.6 miles east of the Staunton City Limit sign and 6.7 miles west of Waynesboro City Limit sign). Turn off Route 250 at Archart's Amoco Service Station and immediately after making this turn-off you will go under a railroad underpass. This turn-off entrance will be well marked. Look for the target.

Arrangements have been made with the All State Motor Court, located between Waynesboro and the range, to handle reservations for those wishing motel accommodations. Those who stayed there before, will be glad to know that they now have a swimming pool, air conditioning and room TV. In this issue, there is a reservation form for your convenience which you can clip out and mail to the Motel, whose address is given in the form. All reservations will be confirmed by the Motel. Since this will be a Labor Day weekend, it will be quite a busy one, so send your reservations in early.

For the campers: There is plenty of camping space on the range. Well water and rest rooms located within 100 yards.

Our plans are incomplete as yet, but our various committees are still working on registration, food, entertainment, safety, door prizes, etc. However, we do know, that registrants will start at 4 p.m. Saturday, September 1 and again at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, September 2 and close at 8:30 a.m., Sunday.

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

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CHANGES

By BILL ORTH

(Continued from last issue)

Our courses are being made less difficult. There are few shots left where only the face of the target can be seen between the trees. The shooting lanes are wider so we won't bend our two-and-a-half-dollar arrows. Paths from the stakes to the butts are straightening out. No longer do we traverse a circuitous, scenic path around brush and gulleys that we have shot over. We don't like all of that foliage in front of us now. It's too difficult to judge the distance. So we've cleaned it out and have made our paths straight to the targets. Our courses are less difficult to walk around, too. We don't like to go mountain climbing while we do our shooting, so we've built bridges and put in steps and have levelled the paths to the next target. All of this is good, for it gives added enjoyment to a great many of the shooters. The writer believes that these changes and improvements in our courses have come about as much thru the unconscious efforts to bring shooters to our courses as the admitted desire to improve them. It is a known fact that some clubs have felt a decline in tournament attendance while others have found an increase. Newer participants in the game do not experience the same total challenge that it has to offer, as the older shooters did. The difference between the shooting of a bow and the shooting of a firearm is, in itself, both a novelty and a challenge. There is no longer a desire to make this challenge more difficult thru excessively rough terrain or "tricky" shots. Only the more hardy

ones, both male and female, who hunt with the bow will, now, accept these conditions.

With these changes, field scores are increasing. 400 plus is seen more and more frequently on the score cards. Even 500 shows up occasionally. It has not been so long ago that these same shooters were "hot shots" when they tallied 300 to 325. All down the line old shooters, the writer excepted, have advanced their scores and new shooters are showing phenomenal improvement. Field target faces haven't changed. Field archery has. Your writer believes that the change is good for the game. The field round, in itself, is the same as it has always been, thank goodness. It is the manner and method of shooting that has changed. Higher field scores indicate that the change has been an improvement for the game. The hunter faces, tho, have changed. They are more difficult. Because of their closer approximation to the field faces, they offer a greater challenge to obtain lower scores, somewhat, then heretofore. The animal or big game faces have changed, too. The scoring area is smaller and different in shape from the original ones. These call for higher concentration and closer shooting. The scoring on the animals has undergone an improvement. In the mind of the writer it, now, more nearly indicates the ability of the shooter. No longer has a second arrow the same possible value as the first. Nor can the third arrow equal the second. This creates keener competition in the round.

Yet in spite of the comparatively lower scoring of the blackface and animal rounds, the aggregate scores of a tournament have increased. How is the fact possible? New and more modern techniques in the use of improved, lighter and more expensive tackle have demanded, more and more imperatively, that our courses be similar. As a consequence, our yardages are now spelled out precisely. A variation in a given target yardage is an exception rather than the rule. Now a forty-five yard shot is forty-five yards, not forty-seven and a quarter nor forty-three and three quarters. Popular demand of those in the higher shooting brackets has brought this about. The desire for

higher scores has demanded the elimination of the five percent variation. Goals are higher, competition is keener. The desire for an equally high scoring opportunity for everyone on all courses at all tournaments has demanded exact yardages on every course. This has been written into our rules. Now our fellow toxophilites of Portsmouth can compete on more nearly equal grounds with those of Winchester. The angle, elevation and appearance of a shot may differ, but forty yards is forty yards and the experienced can determine it on his neighbor's course as well as on his own.

Facets of the game have changed and the competition between archers has become more intense. It is granted that some have dropped out because of the changing game. Isn't this true of any sport? There are some who are merely curious. There are some who are a little interested for a while but are like the weather—changeable. There are some who are interested in the sport and stick for a while but, in the end, lack the emotional stamina to accept their limitations and continue in the game. But the greater majority revel in the increasing keen competition. They, in their several classifications, really enjoy the game, whether they pit their ability against their shooting partners or against their previous scores. There is competition in either line of thinking and competition is the backbone of any sport.

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Annual Anniversary Shoot CUB RUN ARCHERS

Izaak Walton Park
Centreville, Va.
JULY 21 & 22

Registration 9:00 A.M.

Field, Animal & Hunter rounds. Trophies all classes — no minimum required. Fine camping—good drinking water—swimming—Food & refreshments available. Motels close by.

Annual Fourth of July Shoot

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 — 9 A. M.

TROPHIES for 1ST, 2ND and 3RD PLACES

(You do not have to shoot your class to win)

Barbecued chicken served by the Mint Springs Ruritan Club

AUGUSTA ARCHERS

(Your Host Club for this year's state shoot)

Range located between Staunton & Waynesboro, just off Rt. 250. Turn at Arehart's Amoco Station and go under railroad underpass. Watch for target.

"20" Pin Winners"**April to June, 1962****35 Yards**

Harry Benton, Norfolk
 Franklin Dotson, Pound
 Thomas J. Ford, Jr., Fairfax
 Gustav Gomery, Fort Monroe
 Robert L. Goodman, NWS, Yorktown
 George W. Goodwin, Roanoke
 Vernon B. Land, Manassas
 Ronnie D. Leagan, Galax
 William Leigh, Leesburg
 Gordon Mumpower, Big Stone Gap
 Donald Otey, Dublin
 Donald Perdue, Staffordsville
 Alonza E. Philpott, Roanoke
 Michel Rafferty, Lynchburg
 Chester Smith, Wytheville
 Fred B. Tate, Bland
 Howard Turpin, Bedford
 Arlan Vernon, Big Stone Gap

40 Yards

Bill Adkins, Galax
 Howard Bolling, Pound
 T. J. Clifton, Roanoke
 Frank Dotson, Pound
 Jimmy Hamlin, Greeneville, Tenn.
 R. F. LaRue, Buena Vista
 Ronnie Leagan, Galax
 Vernon Ralph Mullins, Leesburg
 Frank Otey, Wytheville
 Alonza E. Philpott, Roanoke
 Fred Stallard, Jr., Wise
 Robert H. Sumner, Fries
 Ronnie Sword, Cedar Bluff
 Martin Tate, Bland
 Sam Tompkins, Pound
 Elwood Williams, Galax

45 Yards

James Alexander, Winchester
 Blonnie Bailey, Christiansburg
 Charles E. Coleman, Richmond
 Tommy Hubbard, Wise
 Bunny Key, Bedford
 R. F. LaRue, Jr., Buena Vista
 William McEwen, Jr., Richmond
 Frank McGlothlin, Cedar Bluff
 Leroy J. Plaughner, Annandale
 John Salyers, Coeburn
 Howard C. Turpin, Radford
 Tommy Wilhelm, Roanoke

50 Yards

Stewart Bradford, Manassas
 Robert Craun, Middleburg
 Ronnie Leagan, Galax
 Edsel J. Shelton, Elkton
 William L. Smith, Richmond

55 Yards

Pete J. Ferrell, Alexandria
 Edward E. Foster, Roanoke
 Thomas Hancock, Purcellville
 Vernon Hoosier, Danville
 Willie Hubbard, Wise
 Willie Moses, Radford
 Alonza E. Philpott, Roanoke
 Claude H. Ramsey, Pearisburg
 Robert Sumner, Fries
 William Z. White, Galax

INDISPENSABLE?

Sometime when you're feeling
 important
 Sometime when your ego's in
 bloom,
 Sometime when you take it for
 granted
 You're the best qualified in the
 room,
 Sometime when you feel that your
 going
 Would leave an unfillable hole,
 Just follow this simple instruction
 And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water
 Put your hand in it, up to the wrist,
 Pull it out—and the hole that's
 remaining

Is the measure of how you'll be missed.
 You may splash all yo uplease when
 you enter

You may splash up the water galore,
 But stop, and you'll find in a minute
 That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example
 Is to do just the best that you can,
 Be proud of yourself, but remember,
 There's no indispensable man!

**Recipe For
Fire Proofing Butts**

9 — ounces Sodium Borate (Borax)

4 — ounces Boric Acid

Mix in 1 gallon of water

This solution is then sprayed on the
 excelsior butts. For a color effect, you
 can use a regular green cloth dye. By
 adding this color, it is somewhat easier
 to see if you have covered the entire
 bale.

60 Yards

David A. Carr, Roanoke
 Charles E. Coleman, Richmond
 Douglas Dutton, Arlington
 Bunny Key, Bedford
 Bob Sandridge, Harrisonburg

65 Yards

James R. Davis, Sr., Newport News
 Leo Dew, Covington
 Thomas Hancock, Purcellville

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But there is still something lacking
 in field archery. There is a need for
 improvement along two lines. One is
 for a more comprehensible, interest-
 building presentation of news of our
 tournaments to the public. It is of
 interest to most sports readers to see
 that Mr. A won the state championship
 with 1374, the highest score recorded.
 But to read that Mr. E shot a score of
 565 arouses comparatively little inter-
 est. "So what?" "He shot 565. What's
 that mean?" The writer has experienced
 difficulty in having the news of tourna-
 ments printed in his local paper. Why
 should this be? Is it his presentation?
 Is it because there is still a degree of
 confusion of knowledge of our sport?
 In spite of the writer's having spelled
 out the classes and the method of scor-
 ing to the sports editor, in spite of hav-
 ing presented him with a copy of the
 V.B.A. Manual, the writer believes this
 is so.

We need an understandable method of
 publicizing our game. We need a com-
 parison with some other popularly known
 sport to make ours more readily under-
 standable. Why shouldn't the estab-
 lishment of a "par" for each target
 make our sport more easily understand-
 able by the public? It is the opinion
 of the writer that the comparison or
 parallel with a better-known game would
 help make archery more understandable.
 We turn to our T-V's to a golf tourna-
 ment and hear the quiet voice of the
 announcer saying, "We are approaching
 the tricky tenth hole. It is a long hole
 with a dog-leg to the right and a pond
 in front of the green. It is a par four
 hole." Even those of us who are not
 too familiar with the game will know
 that if Snead can hole his ball in three
 strokes he will have played excellent
 golf. Should he require five strokes,
 we'd know something went wrong for
 Sam but that his competitor would have
 a better chance to compete with him.
 Nonetheless, both players would know,
 on approaching the hole, that the av-
 erage golfer could sink his ball in four
 shots.

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Reservations For State Shoot

Those who plan to attend the Sixteenth Annual VBA State Championship Tournament on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 2 and 3 on the Augusta Archers range, should make motel reservations as early as possible to be sure of accommodations. Since this will be Labor Day weekend, it will be quite a busy one for all motels.

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If you plan on camping, our range has plenty of camping space and water available.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL VBA

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Our full program and schedule will be forthcoming in the August issue, so be sure to read that one.

We shoot three rounds in the State Shoot—field, animal, and hunter. We suggest that you number your arrows "one", "two", and "three" for the animal round. When you shoot a target, if there is the slightest doubt whether or not it scored—"Shoot Again." Even if you shoot three arrows and find the first one is a "counter," the target captain will have no difficulty in determining at a glance which arrow scored if they are numbered. This will save a lot of time and be a lot safer than having a person running to the target to check. **IMPORTANT:** Don't forget that in

order to participate in the State Shoot that an archer must have at least three tournament scores on his or her classification card within 90 days of the State Shoot. (Exception: The Hunters, Free Style and Junior Divisions do not have these three tournament scores). These scores are to be shot one in each 30 day period with the exception that it is permissible to shoot more or all three in the last 30 days in cases where the archer missed the earlier period. This rule can be waived by appealing to the Field Vice President if for some valid reason it is impossible to have complied with this rule.

See you at the State Shoot
Viola H. Booth
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Augusta Archers

RESERVATIONS FOR STATE SHOOT

Please reserve for _____ Name

Address _____

Number in party: _____

Type of accommodations desired _____

Date of arrival _____

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