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Virginia Bowhunters Association Manual Soon to be Published

The Virginia Bowhunters Association Manual will be hot off the press in the not too distant future. The man who is mainly responsible for the manual is your past state champion, Gene Limerick. Gene has not only spent hours, days, and weeks getting the information together, but together with his wife, Doris, has sacrificed many weekends of more pleasurable pursuits to methodically sift over the many items that will appear in the publication as to their accuracy, suitability, and interest.

The "bible" of Virginia Bowhunters will contain many items of interest and fact, which will be of interest to everyone in archery. Gene has received an excellent response from national advertisers who are anxious to place their ads before the Virginia archers. The manual will have numerous articles written by noted archers throughout the state who are noted for their particular specialty. In addition to general items such as the V.B.A. constitution and by-laws, present officers, brief history, reprints of the most commonly used administrative forms, archer classification, etc., there will be articles on deer hunting, bowfishing, groundhog shooting, stump shooting, novelty rounds, and the evolution of the bow. Of course there will be complete information on field archery in all forms, how to layout a field course, a record of past champions

with present standing record scores in each round, etc. Also will appear writings on public relations, safety, range etiquette, privileges extended to archers by being associated with V.B.A., and so on. All in all, this manual should be an excellent guide and rule for all archers in the state.

Gene has set a target date of March 15th for completion, with all info to be in the printer's hand. This should result in the completed manual being ready for distribution by the 1st of April. The sale price of the manual has been set at \$1.00, however, a special price to clubs in lots of a minimum 10 copies will be 60 cents each. Everything being equal, distribution will be started at the V.B.A. quarterly meeting in April. All clubs should send their directors to this meeting with sufficient funds to take the clubs' orders back to members.

All clubs have been contacted for their special "Club Page" in the manual, so get busy pronto and follow up. For a very nominal charge a page has been set aside for each club to give a brief history, annual shoot information, map of range location, etc. Take advantage of this excellent opportunity. If your club fails to get the information to Gene by late February, it will be left out of the manual. Don't let this happen to your club.

President Appoints Nominating Committee

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, President Ross Garletts appointed a nominating committee at the January meeting, composed of Irv Sears, Cub Run Archers, chairman, Earl Carter, Flat Top Archers, member, and Bill Orth, Shawnee Bowman, member.

The nominating committee is now contacting archers throughout the State to run for the various VBA offices. As

you know, the slate of proposed officers has to be presented to the membership thirty days prior to the April meeting, so your club secretary should get this information about the 15th of March.

If you are interested in running for office or know of any member who would make a good officer, contact one of the committee members and make known your wishes. Remember, the strength of VBA lies largely in the selection of officers who will endeavor to carry out the aims and purposes of our association.

Finance Committee Makes Report

A review of the finances of the VBA indicate that the association is on a very sound financial basis. A further review shows that most of the expenses of VBA is directly related to the number of members handled or serviced. It is a reasonable assumption to presume that any future gain in members will not necessarily enhance the financial picture of the organization, but to the contrary, any excess of cost per member over and above the net revenue per member will tend to wear down or erode such financial solvency as the group now has, as its membership increases.

Therefore, it is suggested that the executive board of VBA seriously consider increasing annual dues of members some 50c per annum, so that the organization can more effectively pursue its aims and purposes. The very size of our organization, and expected future growth, places it beyond the point wherein too much more may be attained purely with volunteer labor or efforts, or by way of favors. Any real progress in the future is going to depend on the ability of VBA to pay its way for such services, equipment, etc., as is necessary to achieve its aims and purposes.

The members of the finance committee are Al Lipske, Chairman, Arch Cole, and Ike Lewis.

Order of The Golden Feather Elects

The members of the Order of the Golden Feather met in December and elected to their Order your President, Ross Garletts, of Harrisonburg, and Joe Parker, of Portsmouth.

Ross was formerly presented the Order of the Golden Feather at the VBA quarterly meeting at Lynchburg in January, but Joe was unable to be present. Congratulations to you both.

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News and views of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc.

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Shooting Problems Are Discussed

To the beginner as well as the experienced archer the age-old problem of "release" keeps popping up. We all know there is no middle road for release. It is either good or bad. What makes a good release? If you talk to several archers you will probably get several different answers, but basically they are all probably saying the same thing. Namely, TENSION! It is necessary to keep tension on your shoulders so that the release comes from relaxing the fingers of the shooting hand, or the "string fingers" as they are most commonly referred to. This shoulder tension will not only solve your release problems, but will make your follow-through come natural, and help to minimize your minor faults. The relaxing of your string fingers comes from relaxing the muscles in your forearm, of course, and by keeping the tension on your shoulders, your release hand will automatically move straight back. This also eliminates "plucking" of the string or opening of the string fingers. With a little practice and concentration on this shoulder tension, a good release can be developed readily. Then FORGET your release. If you think about it in a tournament, you've had it, and your score will suffer accordingly.

VBA SHOULDER PATCHES

Advertise the Virginia Bowhunters Association by displaying shoulder patches on your jackets, quivers, etc. These patches are available through your club secretaries or through the office of the VBA corresponding secretary. Cost is only \$1.25.

Arch Cole Resigns As Treasurer

Arch Cole submitted his resignation as Treasurer of VBA to the President, effective Jan. 1, 1961. It was with a great deal of regret and reluctance that Ross accepted Arch's request to be relieved of the duties of the office.

Arch, as most of you know, has been active in archery since 1951, and has been zealously guarding the finances of VBA for the last six years. Along with his charming wife, Esther, Arch has also been very active on a Club level, serving his tour as president as well as other offices.

The Executive Committee will miss Arch's ideas and allegiance to archery. Our thanks to you, Arch, for a job truly and faithfully done. Continue your good work that has helped make VBA the strong organization that it is.

ERROR IN "FLIGHT"

In the last issue of "Flight" there was an article on the Hunter and Animal round which would become effective in NFAA on Jan. 1, 1961. There was an omission in the yardage, and the correct yardages are printed below.

The 32-yard distances were omitted completely, and picking up at the 48-yard distance they should have read:

yardages	target size	spot
48		
44		
40		
36-36-36-36		
32-32-32-32	12" on 25½" paper	3"
28-28-28-28	12" on 13½" paper	2"
etc.		

"Flight" regrets this omission as this new Hunter round was adopted at the January Board of Directors Meeting as the official VBA Hunter round. Also the Animal round as printed was adopted.

Change in Tournament Schedules Announced

The Invitational Shoot of the Albe-marle Archers Association of Charlottesville, scheduled for March 12, has been changed to March 5th.

The Bridgewater Bowman have had their April 9th shoot changed to April 16th, and their May 21st shoot changed to June 18th. (See ad elsewhere in this issue.)

The Field Vice-President, Harry Bunting, had a real problem in setting up the scheduled shoots, even under the new zoning system. The problem becomes greater as we continue to grow. Let's give Harry all the cooperation we can in the future, and be content with the excellent schedule we now have.

From the Field Governor

A review of the records concerning the inspection of club's courses and approval of those that meet the standards set by the Virginia Bowhunters Association, indicate that a few of the clubs do not understand that it is necessary to have approval on record both in the Field Governor's office and the Corresponding Secretary's office before sanctioned tournament dates can be assigned. This approval is also a requirement for issuance of VBA charters.

It is desired to point out that it is the responsibility of the clubs to prepare their courses in accordance with the published standards and to request the Deputy Field Governor to make the inspection. If the clubs do not allow time for the Deputy to schedule his time, and does not have a representative on hand to accompany the Deputy around the range, unnecessary delay is caused and tournament dates cannot be established in accordance with the club's desires.

The Field Governor requests that all clubs desiring course inspection and approval, consider the fact that the Field Governor and his Deputies are anxious to have all courses in order, and, where possible, inspected when the clubs so request. However, we are busy people and are giving our time and effort at our own expense, and cannot necessarily "drop everything" to meet a short date requested by a club. Past experience indicates, however, that this is done in many cases.

All clubs are requested to review their own inspection status, and in instances where the VBA approval date is one year or older, and where the NFAA approval date is two years or older, take steps to prepare their courses in accordance with the VBA standards. Then contact the Deputy of the zone in which the club is located, in order that ample time will be allowed both the club and the Deputy to work out an inspection schedule for the year 1961.

As the result of the difficulty experienced by the Field Vice-President in assigning sanctioned dates to clubs for invitational tournaments, the VBA President requested the Field Governor to conduct a survey as to the feasibility of scheduling tournaments within zones without regard to dates in neighboring zones. This survey is now in progress through the Deputy Field Governor's offices, and the cooperation of all clubs and individual members is requested. A report will be made to the VBA at the next director's meeting in April.

Martin L. Smith
Field Governor

NEW TREASURER

At the Jan. 8th meeting in Lynchburg, Al Lipske was elected by your directors to fill the vacancy of Treasurer created by Arch Cole's resignation. Al is from the Northern Virginia Archers in Fairfax, and is a certified public accountant by profession.

On Open Letter to Potential Friends

(Most of you archers have wanted an article to have printed in your local papers on archery. Here it is. Cut it out and give it to the editor.)

The Daily Newspapers keep us well reminded of the inherent dangers in the usage of automobiles and firearms and occasionally of accidents with bow and arrows.

Knowing these dangers exist and that they arise not from the object used but rather because of the user, be he driver, gunner or archer, the various governments have taken the position that the use of an automobile is a privilege given only on proof of ability. Beyond this most parents realize that their children must be thoroughly trained in the ground rules of safe auto operation if they are not going to become either a statistic or the cause of a statistic. For some reason unbeknown to me, the need to train children and young adults in the safe use of firearms is not recognized by many. A few dedicated persons, working mostly under the auspices of the National Rifle Association, do conduct classes for youngsters and the record of safety for those trained is so fabulous as to prove beyond any doubt the value of this training. The difficulty is the lack of suitable areas available for the use of firearms and the attendant cost of using them. For the most part today children and adults living in a metropolitan area find the distances to suitable range areas or facilities much too far.

As auto training is limited in many cases to merely obtaining the necessary permit, and firearms instruction for the majority is on a hit or miss basis, then the story of the bow and arrow is both interesting and intriguing.

Many parents will allow small children to play with a "Toy" bow and arrow, little realizing that once the arrow is released it is potentially a dangerous object. As the quality of the equipment progresses beyond the dime store category this danger increases tremendously.

This inherent danger does not have to be.

First of all proper training and usage of the bow and arrow in the sport of archery will instill all of the basic requirements of safe handling for any weapon. The sport is not expensive to follow and it is not inconvenient to follow in most areas.

The record of safety within the ranks of organized archers is almost perfect, which is something that can not be said for auto driving or any other potentially dangerous activity. This record was not easily attained, it has evolved out of strict range safety requirements and a constant effort to maintain safe standards of conduct.

There are within this area clubs devoted to the sport of archery and each

From the Office of the Hunting Vice-President

Tabulations and averages from the 1960 big game applications

Due to the increased information on the new award applications the following information has been derived.

The following clubs lead with nine kills each: Warwick Bowmen, Sherwood Archers, Augusta Archers.

There were three ladies successful and two husband and wife teams.

There were 49 doe and 44 bucks killed this season. Largest deer weighed in at 180 lbs. and was killed by Ceciel Watkins, an eight point buck. Average weight was 103 lbs.

Longest shots reported were 80-67-63 yds. and one successful archer shot his deer at 10 feet. Average shot was 311/3 yds.

One deer was tracked two miles before being recovered and was shot through the hips. On the other hand, 9 deer

of these clubs have tried to develop as family clubs so as to afford a means and a place for whole families to get out of doors for relaxing and healthy activities. The friendships to be made, the convenience in these days of hurried hours and the nominal costs make archery a very worthwhile sport.

Why don't you consider it?

Sincerely,

A. J. Lipske, Jr.

Northern Virginia Archers

were dropped on the spot with either neck, spine, or heart shots. The average deer was tracked 116 yds.

Most deer were killed with a single hit, only 8 were shot 2 or more times.

Forty-nine Archers used four-blade arrows to dispatch their quarry, 16 used two-blade, and 10 used three-blade broadheads.

Razorheads accounted for 56 deer, Black Diamon 10, Bodkin and Bolo, 5 each.

Most arrows were made of plain Port Orford Cedar 62, Compressed Cedar 6, Glass 13, and Aluminum 8.

Fifty-three Archers were successful for the first time. Old timers in the success line were Walter Kello with his sixth and Archy Gordon with his fifth. Most successful hunters hit their deer in the heart, lungs, rib section, 53, neck and spine shots accounted for 21, and the other 18 were successful with hits over most any other part of the body.

There are at least 9 more applications out so our kill will be much better than last year.

Congratulations to the successful hunters and for the rest, better luck next time.

G. B. Booth, Jr.

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MANUAL ADVERTISING

As you have read elsewhere in this issue, there will be space available in the VBA Manual for national advertisers and others dealing in archery equipment and supplies for outdoorsmen. As this manual will be read and reread for many years, there is good value for advertising and the rates are printed herewith for anyone interested in this excellent advertising opportunity.

1/3 page ad.....\$ 8.00
 1/2 page ad.....\$12.00
 Full page ad.....\$20.00

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