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No Distances Marked

There will be no distances marked or made available to the archers in any manner.

Such was the decision of the NFAA Field Governors on the recent question sent to them for their votes. The question voted on follows:

"Shall the distances between the shooting position stake, or stakes, and the target, or targets, on any course used for an NFAA registered tournament or for classification purposes, be made available to the archers in any manner."

A two-thirds majority vote was required to carry the question. The 2/3 vote necessary was 11,336 votes. The question carried with 11,419 votes against 5,369 votes sanctioning the marking of distances.

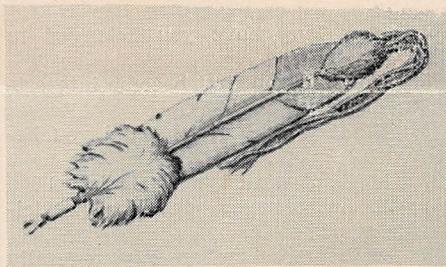
Annual Shoots

While checking the current tournament schedule I noticed there are eight Annual Shoots scheduled in the first half of this year. If your club is one of the eight then you know the great amount of work and planning that goes into an Annual, and also the pride that goes with making it the year's biggest shoot for your club. If your club does not sponsor an annual you should attend as many as possible. I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

The majority of the two day shoots; such as the Silver Bow, have planned activities for the evenings which bring the archers from many areas together. The friendly conversations and fellowship that results will be a memento you will long cherish.

VBA Meeting

There are several items of importance coming before the Board of Directors in Lynchburg on April 3rd. The VBA Corresponding Secretary will send to the local club secretaries an agenda. It is very important that your club discuss the topics before hand so as to instruct your director how your club wishes him to vote.



Lapel Pin and Patch For Order of Golden Feather

Above are pictures of the proposed lapel pin and patch for the Order of the Golden Feather. The purpose of this Order is to honor those persons who have given unselfishly of their time and talents toward the betterment of archery and archers; bestowing the highest honor



of the Virginia Bowhunters Association on archery's most respected individuals in Virginia.

The Order will have no specific duties or authority except to govern the acceptance of additional members to the Order.

The Original Order consist of the following ten persons:

- Robert (Bob) Monteith, posthumous
- Harry (Hap) Harland
- R. C. (Bob) Thompson
- Harry Bunting
- Robert (Bob) Gillespie
- James Oglethorp
- Bill Bennett
- McKeldin (Doc) Smith

"Founder, Service to VBA, Longevity of Service, Continued Interest, Pioneers in Archery, Hunting Laws, Promoting the Sport, Participating on Local and State Level, Fellowship." These persons possess more than one of the above qualifications.

Is Your Club Guilty Of This Crime?

Out of the 46 affiliated clubs in VBA only two clubs had contributed any money to the Conservation Fund reported at the last VBA meeting. As of January, 1960 only \$29.00 had been received from Clubs in the state for conservation purposes.

It has been suggested in the past that each Club hold a conservation shoot and that the proceeds be turned over to the Conservation Fund through your VBA Treasurer.

Field Archers Safety Code

1. Always call "timber" before starting to shoot as a warning to others who may not have cleared the shooting line or target area.
2. Always leave one member of your party standing in front of the target while you are looking for lost arrows as warning to others following on the course. If you are alone, leave your bow.
3. Never release an arrow when you cannot see where it will land; never "flight shoot" an arrow in the woods. Never shoot straight up.
4. Never shoot a broken arrow. Inspect each arrow carefully as you retrieve it.
5. Always have your arrows marked with your name and address.
6. Remember at all times that bow and arrow is a deadly weapon, as dangerous as a gun in the hands of an irresponsible person.
7. Never attempt to demonstrate your skill by using a person as a target, or by permitting another to hold the object at which you shoot.
9. Protect your sport by being careful and sure when you shoot.

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"Toxophilite-itis"

I've done a few things in my time
From cycle racing to making a rhyme
Of all these things, I'll have you know
The darndest thing is shooting a bow

I've neglected my house and even my car
I haven't had a chance to wax it so far
It's two years old but it looks like six
This bow and arrow has me in a fix

My house needs painting but I don't
have time
The weeds in the yard have started to
climb
All my old friends think I am nuts
But I've made some new ones at the
target butts

It's gotten so bad that I've installed a
light
So I can practice my shooting even at
night
Maladies like this aren't fatal, I know
But isn't it a wonderful way to go
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Questionnaire To Be Filled In and Mailed

This questionnaire is designed to break down the archers in the VBA into percentage groups with the resulting answers to be published in a later issue.

It will be interesting to note for example, what percentage of archers use wooden arrows. The findings should be very interesting.

Think the questions over carefully before answering. When you have completed the questionnaire, mail it to GENE LIMERICK, 446 Hanson Avenue, Fredericksburg, Va.

1. What is your age? ____ Sex? ____
2. How long have you been shooting?
3. How long have you belonged to a club?
4. How long have you belonged to VBA?
5. How did you first become interested in archery?
6. What weight of bow did you begin with?
7. Made of what type material(s)?
8. Is archery your favorite participating sport?
9. How many members in your family shoot?
10. Do you hunt with the bow?
11. Any big game kills?
12. How many?
13. Do you attend away-from-home-shoots?
14. How many per year on the average?
15. What is your favorite round? (field, hunters, animal, wand)
16. Do you enjoy novelty shoots?
17. How much money do you estimate you've spent on archery tackle since you began shooting?

18. How many miles is your home course from your residence?

19. How often do you shoot your home course?

20. What do you find is your main dislike when attending away-from-home shoots?

21. What is your present classification?

22. Present average for 28?

23. How many first places in archery tournaments have you won?

24. How many medals and/or trophies do you have?

25. Do you think that with the necessary practice and proper equipment that you could someday win the State Championship?

26. Do you think you get enough practice?

27. Are you planning on attending the state shoot?

28. Do you consider yourself a serious archer?

29. What weight is your present bow?

30. How many do you own?

31. What is it about archery that appeals to you?

32. What do you think is the highest score that you are capable of shooting?

33. Do you make any part of your archery tackle?

34. In what county or city do you live?

35. Of what material are your present arrows made?

36. What is your occupation?

37. Does cold weather prevent you from shooting?

38. Hot weather?

Questionnaire compiled by NEL-SON

Warwick Bowmen Silver Bow Shoot

APRIL 9th and APRIL 10th

28 Field and 28 Animal

April 9th

28 Novelty

April 10th

Silver Bow Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places and a cup for 4th place. These bows are scale models of the Howard Bow in solid brass and silver plated.

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From The Editor

Another tournament season is under way and should prove to be the biggest year in the history of the VBA participation wise. This season will see many changes in our rules and regulations and they will have a major effect on every archer in the state.

In this issue of Flight you will find two very important articles, one, on the new standards adopted for course approvals and another on the proposed requirements for obtaining and maintaining a VBA club charter. Both of these rules additions are needed if we are to have a strong state association and afford the archers participating in sanctioned tournaments the protection they should be able to expect while at these tournaments.

The matter of requirements for obtaining and maintaining the club charters is of vital importance to all of us. Read these requirements carefully and look at them not as to what they will do to your club, BUT, what will they do to the whole VBA. I know that this is difficult for a person to do but in this case it is necessary. If you want a strong state association, which we must at all costs have, then we must accept the fact that we cannot give charters to clubs who do not meet with rigid requirements. The VBA is no stronger than its weakest club.

On another subject of vital importance I wish to acknowledge the receipt of a clipping from the Newport News Daily Press sent to me by Arthur F. Low of the Warwick Club. The column written by Mr. Eddie Edgar known as Fins, Furs, and Feathers has the following on the Warwick club. "Peninsula sportsmen are missing many benefits by not belonging to a national conservation organization.

There are a number of excellent sportsmen's clubs in Newport News and Hampton, but few have statewide or national affiliation.

This column has urged such affiliation many times in previous years.

Now more than ever, organization is necessary to achieve results. Our democratic government is based on rule by majority. The group that represents the largest number of voters usually has its way.

This is a period of big business, powerful labor interest, and potent lobbyists. Individuals, without organization, speak only in a whisper.

There are two major national conservation groups—the Izaak Walton League of America and the National Wildlife Federation. The only Peninsula group, to my knowledge, affiliated with either is the Warwick Bowmen who belong to the Virginia Wildlife Federation through membership in the Virginia Bowhunters Association." The Warwick club was very pleased with the mention of their organization in the article and applauded

Notice

The Oak Leaf Archers of Clifton Forge have been forced to move their field course and are now located in Cliftondale Park, approximately 1½ miles East of Clifton Forge. Please mark your schedule as a reminder of this move.

ed Mr. Edgar's efforts in promotion of conservation.

I also applaud Mr. Edgar's promotion of conservation and wish I could applaud every club in the VBA for its contribution to the VBA Conservation Fund which is the worthiest of causes. Let's all get our club donation into the VBA now, not tomorrow, but now.

Thanks for your ear and to close on a happy note congratulations to Jim Caldwell of Glasgow on the Buck which won the Bowhunting Magazine national award. A picture and story will be in the next issue. Also while on the subject of deer congratulations Ernest Barr, he won the Smithwick Citation Bow in the Sherwood Archers big deer contest advertised in Flight.

The deer killed was a doe weighing 127 lbs. field dressed. The bow used for the kill was a Hoyt, 47 lb., and the arrow was equipped with a Bear Razorhead. The deer was killed in Smyth county. Once again congratulations to Ernest. That's it for this month.

Kirk Rowe

"You learn more by letting the other guy tell you all he knows than you learn by telling him all you know."

News From Your Nominating Committee

Your Nominating Committee has contacted numerous persons whom we think are capable individuals to carry out the duties of the offices to which nominated, but to get them to accept the office and the responsibility presents a problem. Persons in this category are too few to present you with a double slate of officers as we all would prefer. For an organization with approximately 1800 members, the response and cooperation shown the Nominating Committee is lax, to say the least.

We feel the below named persons are conscientious individuals who are well qualified, experienced and have the background necessary to carry out their duties in a most efficient manner.

President, Clay Dillon; Executive Vice President, Harry Bunting; Field Vice President, G. B. Booth, Jr.; Hunting Vice President, Edna Gillespie; Corresponding Secretary, Pat Hamilton; Recording Secretary, Bea Rowe; and Treasurer, Arch Cole.

You will be receiving, in a few days, from your Recording Secretary, the above slate of officers and if you have someone in mind capable and willing to accept the nomination be sure to attend the next VBA meeting the third of April and have your nominee present.

Doris Limerick, Chairman

"Anyone can shoot the 'BULL'. It takes a good man to shoot the 'BOW'."

"It isn't the work we do that makes us tired, it's the work we keep putting off."

ANNUAL APRIL FOOL SHOOT

(March 27th)

PIONEER ARCHERY RANGE

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VBA Pins, Morning Round—Tropics, Evening Round

(9:00 o'clock)

(1:00 o'clock)

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Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc.

CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE, OPERATION AND MAINTAINANCE OF CLUB CHARTERS

1. Prospective groups desiring a charter for a club under the auspices of the Virginia Bowhunters Assoc., Inc. may obtain an application form from the V.B.A. corresponding secretary.
2. The application will contain the following requirements:
 - a. Endorsement of a sponsoring club, signed by its president and secretary.
 - *b. Charter fee of _____ dollars.
 - *c. The minimum V.B.A. membership necessary to qualify for issuance of a club charter shall be _____ members.
 - d. Range facilities and course approval by the Field Governor or his representative will be necessary.
 - e. V.B.A. membership dues must accompany application. (all members).
 - f. Signature of acting president and secretary with mailing address and range location.
3. Upon issuance of charter, club will be privileged to:
 - a. Refer to itself as an affiliate with V.B.A.
 - b. Attend V.B.A. official meetings with voting privileges.
 - c. Conduct V.B.A. sanctioned club tournaments .
 - d. Compete in State Tournaments as team or individuals.
 - e. Members will receive issues of the official V.B.A. magazine "FLIGHT."
 - f. All other miscellaneous privileges afforded V.B.A. members.
4. Maintainance of club charter:
 - a. Club charters will be issued annually.
 - b. Range facilities and course reapproval will be required.
 - *c. Have minimum of _____ paid up members.
 - d. Meet requirements by Feb. 1st, each year.

Tournament Schedule

MARCH 20TH

Richmond Archers, Richmond, Va.
CANCELLED

South Holston Bowmen, Bristol, Va.
 Oakwood Forest Archers, Covington, Va.

MARCH 27TH

ANNUAL APRIL FOOL SHOOT, Pioneer Archers, Woodstock, Va.

Fort Eustis Bowmen, Fort Eustis, Va.
 Clinch Valley Archery Club, Richlands, Va.

Shawnee Bowmen (1:30 p.m.), Winchester, Va.

APRIL 3RD

VBA Meeting, Lynchburg, Va.

APRIL 9TH & 10TH

THE SILVER BOW SHOOT, Warwick Bowmen, Warwick, Va.

APRIL 10TH

Saltville Archery Club, Saltville, Va.
 Triangle Bowhunters, Christiansburg, Va.

Bridgewater Bowmen, Bridgewater, Va.

Cub Run Archers, Centreville, Va.
 Bear Creek Bowmen, Wise, Va.

*e. Annual renewal fee of _____ dollars.

5. Revocation of club charter:

a. Failure to meet the above annual requirements.

b. Improper range facilities and course maintainance.

c. Failure to comply with V.B.A. official decisions, regulations, and tournament rules.

d. Revoked upon action of the Executive committee of V.B.A. and confirmed at the next regular V.B.A. quarterly meeting.

*To be voted on at the April 3, V.B.A. meeting.

20 Pin Awards

35 Yards

Marcus M. Beale, Lynchburg
 Kermit R. Rhoden, Berryville

40 Yards

Obra Keesee, Lynchburg
 Jack Taylor, Bedford

45 Yards

William A. Good, New Market
 Ralph DeBrueler, Winchester (4 pos.)
 Kermit R. Rhoden, Berryville

55 Yards

Harley Mabe, Stanley
 Dwight Stewart, Arlington

60 Yards

Ted Grefe, Fairfax
 Robert Bouton, Lynchburg

65 Yards

James J. Booth, Arlington

APRIL 17TH

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 24TH

Cumberland Mt. Archery Club, Haysi, Va.

Flat Top Archery Club, Bedford, Va.
 Bowhunters of Rockingham, Harrisonburg, Va.

South Hampton Bowmen, Ivar, Va.
 NORVA, Fairfax, Va.

MAY 1ST

Princess Anne Bowmen, Va. Beach, Va.
 Culpeper Bowmen, Culpeper, Va.
 Ivy Trail Archers, Rocky Mount, Va.
 Big Cherry Archers, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Augusta Archers, Staunton, Va.

**MAY 8TH
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