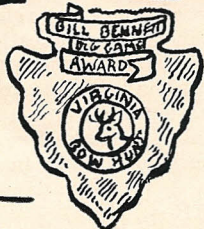




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Two Well Known Archers Passed Away

Edward C. Martin, a member of the Chesapeake Bowmen was active in archery for several years. He was the Vice President of his club for the past year and a half. His term was to expire this June. Ed was not active with his bow as he was with his willingness to help his club on working parties or any of its activities. Ed really loved the sport of archery and fellowship that goes along with it. His survivors are his wife and two daughters.

Robert I. Day, better known to his friends as "Bob" died suddenly of a heart attack en route home from the Albemarle Archers' range in Charlottesville on December 21.

Bob was originally from Aurora, Indiana and moved to Virginia in 1936. His many interests were those associated with the outdoors and he was very skilled in woodcraft and leathercraft.

In February, 1957, Bob joined the Richmond Archers, Inc., and at last found the sport that served as a focal point for his combined hobby loves. In his two years of shooting, Bob worked his way to the Expert Class. He was a serious archer and participated in all phases of the sport, as a true sportsman.

His death is a great loss to the Richmond Archers as an archer and a true friend.

He is survived by his wife, Arlean and two daughters, Helma and Lynda, and one son, Tony, all of Richmond.

1959 Hunting Proposals

The following proposals were approved by the Board of Directors and are to be presented to the Game Commission by the Hunting Vice President.

1. A 30-day bow season to include deer, black bear and squirrel.
2. Only those bows that will shoot an arrow, from the hunter's quiver, a distance of 125 yards considered legal.
3. An arrow tipped with a broadhead with a minimum width of 7/8" of an inch is considered a legal broadhead.

ED.

VBA Stand On NFAA Headquarters

Much heated debate was carried on at the VBA meeting January 4th concerning the status of the NFAA.

Prior to the Board of Directors meeting on 4 January, the VBA President and Executive Committee recommended to all clubs to withhold any action until all the facts were known. Since that time the NFAA officers have had a sufficient amount of time to answer all questions and consider the suggestions made by your Executive Committee concerning proposed changes in the NFAA structure. This action was upheld by the following resolutions passed by the Board of Directors:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the VBA does hereby commend and approve the action taken by the Executive Committee of the VBA concerning recommendations to NFAA reorganization necessary for the future growth and continued growth of NFAA.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors hereby direct the Executive Committee to continue to pursue the problems of reorganization faced by the NFAA."

The policy of VBA has always been not to dictate to any of its member clubs, but to act only in the executive capacity to carry out the will of its Directors. It was suggested that the clubs decide for themselves whether or not they should donate to the NFAA Headquarters building fund.

News From NORVA

NORVA recently purchased 31 acres of land in Fairfax County some eleven miles south of the County Court House.

28 targets have been laid out and approved and with material already gathered, a club house should be erected shortly.

Ted Grefe

NOTICE

Flight will not be published in February. So get busy and send in the articles for March.

Editor

VBA Tournament Rules, Information

In an effort to get all our members informed as to VBA rules, tournament procedure and hunting awards I will try to condense instructions sent to all club secretaries the first of the year. This information has already been sent to the list of club secretaries as of January 1, 1959. If your club has elected new officers since then or the list of new officers has not been sent to the Corresponding Secretary, the instructions will have been received by the outgoing Secretary. Please be sure this information gets to the current secretary. It is the duty of each outgoing officer to turn over all documents and files to his successor and to give him or her any assistance he possibly can. I would like to see us all be as quick to try to understand a problem as we sometimes are to condemn it. If we take this attitude towards the rules we set up to make this sport fair and just to all we cannot help but enjoy it.

If you need to write to any of the VBA officers, the addresses are as follows:

President, Ross E. Garletts, 730 Virginia Ave., Harrisonburg, Va.

Executive Vice President, E. Eugene Limerick, 446 Hanson Avenue, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Flight Editor, E. Eugene Limerick, same as above.

Field Vice President, Clarence J. Woods, 577 S. Magnolia Avenue, Waynesboro, Virginia.

Hunting Vice President, Rudolfo Nicholas, 1912 Lake Drive, Bayside, Virginia.

Treasurer, Arch B. Cole, 45 Shea Road, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Recording Secretary, Pat Hamilton, Route No. 4, Glen Allen, Va.

Corresponding Secretary, Edna Gillespie, 310 Hill Side Drive, Petersburg, Va.

GENERAL INFO

Send all membership cards, dues, forms, big game applications, 20 pin applications and obtain VBA patches, \$1.25 each from Corresponding Secretary. Virginia Wildlife patches, 50c and decals, two for 25c, from the Treasurer. Flight articles are sent to Eugene Limerick.

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Tournament Schedule

January 18

Albemarle Archers, Charlottesville, Va.
Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, Va.
Damascus Archery Club, Damascus, Va.
Two Rivers Archery Club, Front Royal, Va.

January 25

Culpeper Bowmen, Culpeper, Va.
Walton Park Archers, Lynchburg, Va.
Rich Creek Archers, Rich Creek, Va.

February 1

Big Cherry Archers, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Bowhunters of Rockingham, Harrisonburg, Va.

Seminole Archers, Danville, Va.

Broken Arrow Archery Club, Boyce, Va.

February 8

Shawnee Bowman, Winchester, Va.
(28 target shoot—1:30 p.m.)

Blue Ridge Archers, Buena Vista, Va.
Tazewell County Archers, North Tazewell, Va.

February 15

Annual Valentine Shoot, Augusta Archers, Staunton, Va.

Warwick Bowmen, Warwick, Va.

February 22

Bridgewater Bowmen, Bridgewater, Va.
Ivy Trail Archers, Rocky Mount, Va.
Loudoun Bowhunters, Hamilton, Va.

March 1

Annual March of Dimes Shoot, Oakwood Forest Archers, Covington, Va.

Chilhowie Bowhunters, Chilhowie, Va.

Princess Anne Bowmen, Norfolk, Va.

Prince William Archers, Manassas, Va.

March 8

Walton Park Archers, Lynchburg, Va.
Pioneer Archers, Woodstock, Va.
Powell Valley Archery Club, Pennington Gap, Va.

Historian

Ross Garletts, VBA President requests all clubs to recommend persons who in their opinions would tackle the assignment of VBA Historian. The plan is to have one chairman and four assistants. The assistants to be chosen from different geographical locations within the state. The duties of the Assistants will be to gather news and items of interest and forward to the Chairman. The Chairman will collect this info and compile the history of the Bow in Virginia. Ed.

IZ-ZAT-YOU

QUIZMASTER—

Always careful never to ask an archer a question unless the archer is at full draw. Becomes very indignant if not answered before arrow is released. Has wonderful repertoire of questions designed to delight fellow archers to wit:

"When was the last time you straightened your arrows?"

"Do you always shake like that or do you have nervous arrows in your quiver?"

GADGETEER—

Uses only that equipment which is absolutely necessary when shooting, such as binoculars, tranquilizers, prescription shooting, glasses, plus IBM score computer, megaphone(used to inform fellow shooters in animal round to shoot again).

This archer has been known to have three tattooed lines on his jaw for his three different anchor-points. He sees these lines when shooting thru the aid of his "Archers ring mirror". Usually forgets and leaves bow at home.

BOWTHROWER—

An expert at throwing the bow far more accurately than he can shoot an arrow. Extremely gifted at missing trees when throwing, less gifted when using bow to shoot arrows. Experts have known to score more points throwing bow than shooting arrows. Secretly believes someone's always moving the shooting stakes.

ON-THE-SPOT ARROW STRAIGHTENER

He knows that it's a physical impossibility for him to miss the target. Therefore carefully examines and manipulates each offending arrow while muttering bitterly about kinks, bends and doubtful ancestry of each. (Always looks suspiciously at arrow-puller.)

WITCHDOCTORS—

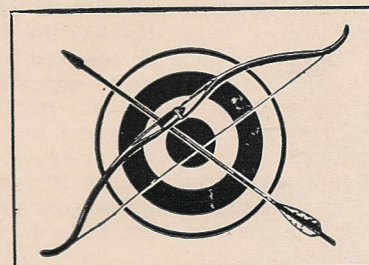
You see one at every tournament. The magnificent witchdoctor in full regalia.

At first glance, the witchdoctor does not seem to be wearing a quiver. But if you look closely, never batting an eye, you can see parts of it between his magic relics. These relics consist of old animal skins, shrunk heads, Indian feathers, old arrow-heads, little shinny things called medals, old faded things called patches, and bones without no witchdoctor can rattle decently clanging through woods. Firmly confident that each addition puts more magic in his power.

SANDBAGGER—

An animal that can be easily recognized by his thick hide and shifty gaze. Is immune to insults. Spends much time in dimly lit caves admiring stolen goods such as VBA pins and handicap trophies. An abundance of these animals can be found feeding at State and National tournament sites.

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Make all checks payable to Virginia Bowhunters Association. It is bad practice to send cash through the mail.

All club secretaries should keep a copy of any correspondence sent to any office of the VBA. By doing this you will have a record to clarify an issue if one should arise.

Hunting Regulations: For information about game regulations, etc. or advice pertaining to hunting, contact the Hunting Vice President.

TOURNAMENTS

We believe all the gaps and loopholes have been covered, so brush up on the rules and adhere to them strictly. No matter what the situation, follow the rules, if you think it is unfair, unjust or could be bettered present the idea at the regular Board meeting or first contact the Field Vice President. If it is a situation with no precedent he will study the matter and present it for discussion. Any questions about tournaments should be sent to his office.

To those of you who have an unused supply of the old salmon colored classification cards, discard them at once. The new yellow cards are now in effect. The old average is merely brought forward and the archer is put in the proper class. In many instances the archer will be down graded as one new class has been added in the men's division and two in the women's division. Follow the standard procedures for handling these cards.

A 30-day grace period ending January 31st has been granted to allow everyone to get their dues paid up to be eligible to participate in sanctioned tournament. Only archers with a valid membership card shall participate and compete for awards in VBA sanctioned tournaments unless they be non-resident of Virginia. In this case the classification card of their State shall be honored and they may compete for awards, excepting the VBA State Championship Tournament.

When there are less than three entries in any one class that class will be declared non-competitive and no awards will be made unless the archer's scores the minimum average for his or her class.

If an archer does not have four scores on his classification card he shall shoot in the open class.

VBA membership cards and classification cards must be presented at all tournaments. If an archer does not have his classification card he shall shoot in the open class. The Host club's secretary shall then see that this archer's score is forwarded to his home club secretary so that his score will be properly entered on his classification card. No club secretary shall issue a classification card to any archer other than a member of his own club except when an archer's card is full. Then the old card will immedi-

ately have the word "void" written across it and the new card issued with the word "new" written in the upper right hand corner. Staple the two cards together so that they can't get separated.

All tournament field scores shall be entered on the VBA classification cards whether it be a club shoot or VBA Sanctioned Tournament. Duplicate scoring shall be used in all rounds. Any kind of an arrow except a broadhead or other arrow that would unreasonably damage a target fact may be used in any Instinctive event unless otherwise stated. The same applies to the Hunters Division except that arrow must comply with weight standards for this Division.

The status of doubtful arrows shall be determined before drawing any arrows from the target, such an arrow may not be touched until after being scored. Arrows passing through the face, but still in the butt, may be pushed back and scored as a hit in the circle through which it entered.

No group of less than three archers shall turn in an official score.

CLASSIFICATION

An archer will advance in classification

when the average of three out of the last four scores indicate, or when he shoots a score of 10% or more above his present class. The new classification to become effectively immediately thereafter.

An archer may drop back in classification after shooting four successive tournament scores under his average and may be down graded one class.

To participate in the VBA State Championship Tournament, an archer must compete in the highest class he has obtained in the immediate 12 months.

The VBA has two divisions — Instinctive and Hunters. The Instinctive contestants must compete with a bare bow. No aiming device or mark on the bow, used as such, shall be allowed. The contestants in the Hunters Division must compete with a bare bow as the Instinctive with the exception that his arrow must be in accordance with minimum weight for his length arrow. There are no classes in the latter division.

It will be necessary for host clubs to be prepared to check arrow weight if they incorporate the Hunters Class.

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Eastern Bowhunter Changes Name

"Eastern Bowhunter" changes name to "Bowhunting" with February issue. No change in ownership or policies of magazine announced Bill Stump and G. Howard Gillelan, the publishers.

The magazine founded in 1956 is changing the title because of its circulation and coverage have become national as well as regional in scope. "Bowhunting" has no official or unofficial connection with any archery organization. However, it reports on and supports any and all associations devoted to the growth and well-being of archery and bowhunting.

There were 20 clubs represented at the January 4th meeting in Lynchburg. This figures out to a little better than 55%. It would seem there is still room for improvement.
 Ed.

Big Game Awards

The Hunting Vice President has received 132 big game applications as of January 3rd. If you registered your deer kill be sure to send your big game application to Edna Gillespie, 310 Hill Side

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