



FLIGHT



Editor's Comments

We have just a few months left in this fiscal year. It would seem this is an appropriate time to pause and look back over the year's accomplishments or failures and rededicate ourselves to the task before us. The VBA is only a corporate structure comprising 40 affiliated clubs. Without the participation of the directors of these clubs the VBA would be non-existent.

In looking back we have increased the number of affiliated clubs, we have increased our individual membership, we are publishing a magazine for the dissemination of state and national news. We have tried to standardize tournament rules and procedure. There would not be space here to name all the accomplishments of the directors of clubs and state officials. We have only begun.

There are a great many things that, in my opinion, could be improved. To mention just a few we might concentrate on a pocket tournament schedule with the starting time and type of round (this is a problem with the coming of daylight savings time to some areas). We can always improve our tournament rules. Flight could use more ads to afford more pages to bring you more news. But the one paramount accomplishment for the coming year is to produce a State Association Manual. There is a growing need for this. It could put the entire association's activities under one cover. It could contain the history of VBA, maps to all club ranges, affiliation forms and instructions on how to form a club, what to do, whom to contact for any given situation. I'm sure you could think of many things you would like to see in such a manual.

I do not believe any of our members realize the terrific amount of work being done unnecessarily by our corresponding secretary. This manual could eliminate much of the unnecessary work in the Association's and local club offices. Information in the hands of each member is the only way to solve this problem, and to give every archer a complete break-down on who does what and why.

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State Championship Changed To Augusta

The Bowhunters of Rockingham were forced to abandon their plans to be host club for the 1959 State Championship Tournament, due to the refusal of the lodge owner to permit the use of the facilities. The Bowhunters of Rockingham asked the Augusta Archers if they would accept the Championship Shoot on such short notice. The Augusta Archers accepted.

The Tournament will be held on Labor Day weekend as previously planned. Complete details are not available as yet but the Augusta Archers are planning a full weekend of activity.

Tournament Schedule

12 April

Indian Mountain Archer, Pound, Va.
 Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, Va.
 Albemarle Archers, Charlottesville, Va.
 Broken Arrow Archery Club, Boyce, Va.
 Warwick Bowmen, Warwick, Va.

19 April

Prince William Archers, Manassas, Va.
 Bowhunters of Rockingham, Harrisonburg, Va.
 Oakleaf Archers, Clifton Forge, Va.
 Tazewell County Archers, North Tazewell, Va.

26 April

Bridgewater Bowmen, Bridgewater, Va.
 Beaver Creek Bowmen, Martinsville, Va.
 Loudoun Bowhunters, Hamilton, Va.

3 May

NORVA, Alexandria, Va.
 Triangle Bowhunters, Christiansburg, Va.
 Augusta Archers, Staunton, Va.

10 May

MOTHER'S DAY

Reason For Delay

Flight has been delayed in order to publish the results of the Board of Directors meeting held in Lynchburg, Sunday, April 5th. However, just a condensed version will be printed later.

Report From The Executive Committee

Evidently the National Executive Committee has given more attention to our letter, and the suggested reorganizational changes they include, than we had anticipated. It seems that there have been several interchanges of letters between them about our suggestions. Even though the tenor of the majority of their comments are negative at this time, they are not being ignored. Our strongest support on that committee appears at this time to be Ray Eyler, our Mid-Atlantic States representative.

At a request from Karl Palmatier as to the make-up and organization of the VBA, Ray called your president by phone Sat., February 14th and a meeting was set up in Warrenton, Va. on Sat., February 21st. Your president, Gene Limerick, Blonnie Bailey, Edna Gillespie, Woody Woods, and G. B. Booth, Jr. were to make up our group to meet with them. Your president, Woody, and Booth were the only ones able to attend due to prior commitments. Ray Eyler brought with him a member of the Maryland Ass'n and the five of us went over the suggestions the VBA has proposed.

We took the four general purposes of a reorganized national association and broke them down in more detail as to what each would encompass. Also we set up a rough organization chart as to structure of the organization. There were as follows:

Purpose of National Association

1. Sets standards and rules of sport.
 - a. Standard rules for Field, Animal, and Hunters rounds including distances, target faces, and method of scoring.
 - b. Rules governing all styles of shooting and/or divisions.
 - c. Standard requirements for classes.
2. Conduct National and/or Regional Tournaments.
3. Make available and dispense favorable publicity.
 - a. Publicize and promote via all news media information and news favorable to

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Tournament Instructions

When registering at a tournament an archer must state the class or division in which he intends to compete. Once this has been done he will not be permitted to change to another class or division.

Regarding rules for Sanction Tournament—Rule 19-b states "An archer will be advanced to the next higher class, or the class to which his score warrants when he shoots a tournament score of 10% or more above his present class; his new classification being effective immediately thereafter."

COMMENT: This 10% is computed from the high limit of each class.

Don't confuse the instructions on the reverse of your classification record with your tournament rules. This is for classifying an archer for the first time only. Rule 19 applies for tournament classification.

If an archer shoots four successive tournament scores below his present class he may then be downgraded to the next lower class.

It is the responsibility of each archer to keep his average current on his classification record.

All tournament scores, club, annual, out-of-state or otherwise must be entered on your classification record.

Standard field faces as per Article 8 NFAA Handbook, 10th Edition, must be used for an official field round. Any home-made targets that do not conform with these specifications will be considered an unofficial field round. Therefore scores will not be entered on your classification record and you will not be eligible to win VBA or NFAA 20 pins.

Due to the confusion and resulting from the many changes in our tournament rules and classification from the National Field Archery Association it was decided to table any action regard-

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Who he should contact for a big game award or who he should complain to if he sees an unsafe practice on the range. This manual could contain everything an archer would like to know concerning archery in the state of Virginia.

This of course will entail a tremendous amount of work. The cost will be another problem to be dealt with. I have an estimate along this line that will run slightly under \$1.00 per copy for 1500 copies with 60 to 80 pages. This is only an estimate as it would be impossible at this time to know how many pictures, or maps or printed pages it would contain. If you would like to help get the ball rolling on this, then inform your club's VBA director. We will need all the help we can get. If you do not think we need this type manual let him know that also for without support of everyone it could not be done.

Something New

The request that a more compact tournament record card be designed to afford more space for tournament scores was referred to the Field Vice-President for consideration and to become effective when our present supply is exhausted.

ing the new big game round scoring system until more definite and concrete facts are presented and until the new animal faces are printed.

It is your Club's Secretary's responsibility to ensure all Tournament Records and reports are complete and mailed to the Field Vice-President. If one of these reports is advertently held it may be the one score that could prove an archer is competing in a lower than he should. Make certain your club is in compliance.

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Politician

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With much admiration, for himself, he strolls forth upon the course.

Sometimes he speaks. A hush descends upon the range. The twanging of bows cease while all ears strain to catch any morsel of wisdom which might fall upon their undeserving lobes. How lucky they are!

At day's end, when tournaments have been won, and sore-legged archers prepare to depart, the politician can usually be seen by all as truly deserving support—by the neck!

The Manahoaxer

New Field Governor

Martin Smith, 733 Mayfield Avenue, Norfolk 3, Virginia was elected by the Directors to fill the unexpired term of our Field Governor, Blonnie Balley. All course approvals will be submitted to the new Field Governor.

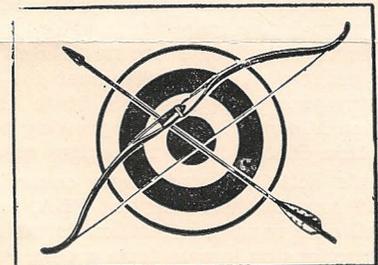
Night Shooting

The Triangle Bowhunters of Christiansburg are the first club in the state to have a field course wired for night shooting. This was accomplished with 150 watt spotlights on the targets and 40 watt overhead lights at the shooting positions.

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Report From Executive Committee

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archery and news about National Regional Tournaments.

b. Maintain committees to further bow-hunting activities and publicity covering same including participation in Boone and Crockett club.

c. Cooperate fully and help maintain its official organ of publication (Archery Magazine).

d. To make available date and information to affiliated associations that may be used to publicize archery at a local level.

4. Serve as an interchange of ideas that will strengthen local activity and the sport.

a. Maintain periodical bulletin in which ideas from an area will be made available to other areas.

b. Support Archery Magazine as official publication.

Organization Structure

1. Individual to club, club to state associations, state associations to national association. Individuals residing in state with no association may affiliate with associate membership direct to national association.

2. Officers elected at national convention by delegates. Officers non-voting excepting president in case of ties. President to appoint assistant president in each region (or elect).

3. All rules and changes of by-laws etc. to be done at national conventions in accordance to procedures established in by-laws.

4. Salaried Executive Secretary to run national office and conduct daily business in accordance with rules established by constitution and by-laws.

At the end of our discussion of the above Ray told us he would follow up with the following:

1. He will request Archery Magazine to publish our last letter to Karl Palmatier along with a report of our Feb. 21st meeting. He assured us it would be done.

2. He will set up a Mid-Atlantic States regional meeting for the purpose of discussion of the whole idea with invitations to other neighboring states that may be interested to sit in. Meeting to be held in Annapolis, Md. as a central location.

Your president's personal opinion is that there has been many letters from all parts of the country with many different opinions of discontent with the present national association. While the executive committeemen are generally made up of old time association men who are basically content with our present organization, I believe in their sincerity enough, that if we can show them that our ideas are not just radical thoughts, but will be for the best interests of our sport, they will subscribe to the program. I would surmise that our ideas are one of the few, out of many letters they re-

ceived, that contained constructive ideas, therefore the attention it is receiving. Our program will not be sold to them over night, but will require a long hard battle. If we can convince the entire region to back the idea, we will have a start.

This report has been sent to all clubs in order to keep all persons up to date as to the activities of the Executive Committee in carrying out resolutions passed unanimously at the January Board of Directors Meeting. To those of you who were not present, we ask your understanding, as we know much of this will not be entirely clear. Those clubs that were in attendance can probably have any questions answered by your director who attended that meeting. We will probably have much to report and discuss on this subject at the April meeting so we urge every club to be sure to be represented in order that full and detailed reports can be taken back to their members.

The purpose of the VBA is to serve archery and archers. If our program is eventually accepted, your Executive

Letters To Editor

9 Mar 1959

Dear Gene,

I received my copy of Flight and it prompted me to write:

A POEM

Oh, a poem I did write
And sent it off to "Flight"
Woe, they left out a line
And now it doesn't rhyme.

If they don't set it right
I just think I might
Go right back to bed
And take up Prose instead!

Your faithful squire

SHAWNEE LEE

P.S. Your pardon I must beg
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Ross E. Garletts, Pres.

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Elections

You should soon be receiving your ballot for the election of VBA officers for the forthcoming year.

It is your responsibility as an individual of the VBA to vote for the candidate who in your opinion will do the most to further archery in our state and be of service to all archers. If you do not vote you do not have any basis for complaint.

Remember, to be chosen as a State Association officer is a great honor, but with this honor comes a great deal of hard, time consuming work. I do not know of a single living person who has not made a mistake at one time or another. So let's do the best we can and give our full support to our new elected

Jake Sheetz, Edinburg, Va.
 William Good, New Market, Va.

60 Yards

Orbra Keesee, Lynchburg, Va.
 Ellis Claytor, Glasgow, Va.

officers.

The following candidates were nominated at the April 5th Board of Directors meeting:

President—Ross Garletts
 Executive V. Pres.—Gene Limerick, Ted Grefe
 Field V. Pres. — Russel Forren, Ike Lewis, Milton Hoffman
 Hunting V. Pres.—G. B. Booth, Jr.
 Recording Secretary — Pat Hamilton
 Corres. Sec'ty—Edna Gillespie
 Treasurer—Arch Cole
VOTE OR KWITCHERBELLIAKIN!!

That's Tough

There were 15 club directors in attendance at the April 5th Board of Directors meeting. There are 41 clubs in the state. This is where the rules are made for the entire state. So if you don't like them that's tough because the odds have it that your club director was not in attendance looking out for your interest.

Gene Limerick, Ed.

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