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## Thirteenth Annual VBA State Championship Tournament To Be Held Sun., Mon., Sept. 6-7

Plans are now being formulated for our Thirteenth Annual VBA State Championship Tournament which will be held on Sunday and Monday, September 6th and 7th, 1959, on the Augusta Archers range. For those who don't already know, our range is located between Staunton and Waynesboro off of U. S. Route 250 (2.6 miles east of the Staunton City Limits sign or 6.7 miles west of the Waynesboro City Limits sign). Watch for signs.

One of the highlights of the program we are planning for your entertainment is the Tsungani Indian Dancers, who will perform ceremonial dances of the American Indians. This group is made up of members of the Boy Scout Troop 84 of Stuarts Draft, Va. Many of these

dances have been taught to these scouts by real Indians, therefore the dances are authentic and exceptionally good. We are planning this for Sunday night, Sept. 6, so be sure and make your plans to include this.

We plan to have four courses for this year's state shoot, two of which will be our permanent courses. We are working on our second permanent course now and hope to have it ready to shoot by the time of our Annual Fourth of July Shoot.

For those who wish to camp, there will be plenty of space available and plenty of water, as we have just recently dug a well on our range.

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## Information From The Corresponding Sec.

Here we are at the end of the biggest year so far for organized archery in Virginia. To me it has not only been the busiest year but also the most interesting. The future holds even more promise for growth and consolidation of our gains. Let's not stand still.

We now have over fifteen hundred members and 44 affiliated clubs to date. In handling memberships the big question in my mind is why we lose so many of our old members each year. Nearly 500 persons who were enjoying this grand sport last year have failed to renew their memberships; the year before just about the same number did not stay with us. Can the clubs perhaps furnish the answer to this question? Surely, all these fine people did not move away or get sick. There must be an answer somewhere, and I personally would like to hear from anyone who has a suggestion to make to remedy the situation.

There have been inquiries about submitting the '20 pin' applications. The club secretaries will save us much correspondence if they will fill in the blanks completely and mail them to this office for membership check, enclosing proper payment for pin or bar.

Those clubs that are operating on a fiscal year basis please don't forget to send in your new affiliation form with your change of officers, so that your club information will go to the proper person.

See you on the range,  
Edna Gillespie  
Corresponding Secretary

## Quarterly Meeting

I'm sure you must have heard about the Board of Director's meeting to be held at the Holliday Inn, in Lynchburg, Va., June 28.

If you have heard about it consider this a reminder. If you haven't just forget it, you would understand it any way.—Ed.

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### From The Field Vice-President

The new year of the VBA is just about upon us. Much progress has been made since the reorganization of the VBA two and half years ago. Our organization has grown by leaps and bounds and will continue to do so as we have just scratched the surface of the sportsmen that will take up the sport of archery. We have one of the finest organizations in the United States and one to be proud of. This was accomplished by the director of each club who attended the quarterly VBA meetings. At this point I would like to stress the importance of attending these quarterly meetings. The association can only be as strong as the members wish it to be. Every "bow-bender" should try to attend at least one of these meetings so that they can better understand how the organization is run. Time and time again I have heard "Why doesn't VBA do this or why doesn't VBA do that"? If a club wants something brought up, they should so instruct their director who represents them at the meeting so that he may present it. Everything that is passed on at these quarterly VBA meetings is done by the directors of each club, not the officers as they do not vote. The clubs through their directors make and pass all the rules etc. If you aren't satisfied with something, have your director bring it up and thrash it out at the meeting.

I have enjoyed serving as your Field Vice-President for the past two and one half years as I have met and worked with the most wonderful group of sportsmen in the world—you Archers.

Your new Field Vice-President will take office July 1. Give him your full cooperation so that his office may function efficiently.

"Woody" Woods  
Field Vice-President

Dear Ed:

Here's food for your Flight Machine.

Was going over my mail the other night  
And went to bed after reading the Flight  
You may recall the weather was steam-  
ing

So on my back I lay fitfully dreaming.  
I dreamed I was a poet, less beard and  
fame

And now can't even remember my name  
I do recall, tho, my head was quite  
narrow

And, funny, I was writing with a ball-  
point arrow

And ruling my paper with a strung up  
bow

No wonder the verses came so slow.  
I was writing a friend whom I'd never  
met

Silly? you say, later you'll see, I bet  
Cause kindred spirits always agree  
You guessed it. He's Shawnee Lee.  
Hold on friend, don't put on your coat  
I want to show you what it is I wrote.

You are so right, Mr. Shawnee Lee  
Your last first line covers me.

I thought field archery a simple game  
But here of late things are not the same.  
At targets I'd practice so's I'd hit my  
quarry;

But the big boys of VBA say, "sorry  
It's targets we're after, to hell with the  
game

The word bowhunting is just in the  
name.

We'll hedge 'em in with this rule and that  
So they might as well shoot with a bat.  
We'll tell 'em what, where, when and  
how

Before long we'll get 'em to bow  
(The last word there rhymes with cow)  
When they present themselves at court  
(Held now at Lynchburg the end of  
every fourth)

We'll make 'em wait 'til we are fed  
They'll understand we didn't get to bed  
That we were settling things last night  
That will come up today  
But we'll make 'em think things are  
allright

And that they've had their say.  
We'll pat their backs and get real cozy  
Every picture we paint will be just rosy.  
They'll think we and the commission are  
benefactors

Well, now, we aren't their detractors.  
Aren't we fixing it so the national field  
Will turn over members who don't want  
to yield??

We're even going to let each of us pay  
t ojoin the NFAA.

It doesn't matter if the members do say  
'nay, nay'.

Oh yes, we almost forgot  
Is any one looking? Shhh!!  
We've got something hot.  
Now don't breath this, for fear we'll  
insult some gunner

But this news is just in by our runner

## Letters To Editor

Now mind you we're not cats that are  
fraidy

The commission says we'll get bear in  
2,000 A. D.

Now isn't that wonderful? forty years  
is not long  
(Forward not backward is still our  
theme song)

Just think of the pleasure this ruling  
will bring

To our off-springs' off-spring.  
We'll print this in our scandal sheet  
To warm up any who have cold feet.  
Maybe the editor will allay their fears  
By upping the bounty on dime-store  
archer ears

They are frightful vermir you all know  
And the official opinion is they gotta go.  
Among other things, we must prepare  
the way

For that great thought Karl had the  
other day

He was thinking of those archers who  
had slipped

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### VBA Tournament

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information on the State Shoot and a  
reservation blank printed in it, so watch  
for it.

**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 classifica-  
tion card within 90 days of the State  
Shoot. 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 peri-  
ods. This rule can be waived by appeal-  
ing to the Field Vice-President if for  
some valid reason it is impossible to  
have complied with this rule.

Doris L. Woods  
Publicity Chairman  
Augusta Archers

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## From The President

A situation has arisen within the state that deeply concerns your executive committee. Those who are responsible in all probability do not realize what their action may lead to, or we believe they would not have done so. As the VBA cannot dictate to a local club as to how they conduct their affairs, which is as it should be, there is nothing the VBA can do except to point out the dangerous situation being created and hope that each club will act accordingly.

The financial set up of practically every local club in our state association is predicted on the assumption that a certain percentage of their operating funds will be derived from target fees at invitation tournaments. That is why the pin system was adopted to lower the expenses of such a tournament and leave more money for the host club.

Also so that clubs would not enter into a race to out bid another club by offering bigger trophies. That also is why twice a year, much work is expended in working out tournament schedules to avoid conflictions between clubs so that each club, when their shoot is scheduled, have an exclusive area to draw from.

Open dates are left on VBA meeting dates Mother's Day, Easter, so that there is at least one open date in each six week period for a Sunday club shoot. By living up to the ideals behind the association and the establishing of these procedures, we share and help each other grow.

If we become selfish and hold club shoots when our neighboring clubs have an invitational, which is what has been happening, then we have no right to expect their support at our invitation shoot.

Bitterness between clubs develop and the whole idea of invitational tournaments collapses. There isn't too many of our clubs with large enough dues to finance themselves without this revenue. Many clubs will then be faced with either raising dues to cover expenses or folding.

Another practice that has appeared on the scene is that of a club scheduling a club to shoot on a date when other sanctioned tournaments are scheduled then mailing cards to neighboring clubs stating that they would be welcome to come shoot with them.

Anyway you add this up it becomes a wildcat invitational tournament. Each affiliated club in the association is given the same number of dates as any other. When wildcat shoots are held the persons responsible are not acting fair with other clubs that do live within the rules. Every club when affiliating agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the VBA.

These rules were made by the directors of each club. They can only be changed by directors of the clubs. The officers

## Tournament Schedule

### June 21

Oakleaf Archers, Clifton Forge, Va.  
Chilhowie Bowmen, Chilhowie, Va.  
Broadhead Archery Club, Stanley, Va.

### June 28

VBA Quarterly Meeting.

### July 4

Third Annual Fourth of July Shoot,  
Augusta Archers, Staunton, Va.

### July 5

Bowhunters of Rockingham, Harrisonburg, Va.

Oakleaf Archers, Clifton Forge, Va.  
Chilhowie Bowhunters, Chilhowie, Va.

of the VBA can only interpret, enforce, and apply the rules as written. If any of the rules are not for the best interest of the clubs and the sport of archery it is the responsibility of each club to present it to the Board of Directors to be corrected.

It behooves every club to be represented at each meeting and to speak their opinions and ideas. Then by working in a democratic method put the issue to a vote. Some clubs only send a director when they have an axe to grind.

We are associated for the mutual benefits we can all derive by working together. All rules and regulations are made with same thought in mind. Without them we have nothing, so let's all pitch in to help make the rules and then live up to the intent written in them.

Good Shooting,  
Ross Garletts, Pres. VBA

Beaver Creek Bowmen, Martinsville, Va.

### July 11

Annual Carp Shoot (1 p. m.), Bridge-water Bowmen, Bridgewater, Va.

### July 12

Bridgewater Bowmen, Bridgewater, Va.

South Holston Bowmen, Bristol, Va.  
Prince William Archers, Manassas, Va.  
Oakwood Forest Archers, Covington, Va.

### July 18 and 19

Annual Tomahawk Shoot, Princess Anne Bowmen, Norfolk, Va.

### July 19

Cub Run Archers, Centerville, Va.  
Broadhead Archery Club, Stanley, Va.  
Ivy Trail Archers, Rocky Mount, Va.  
Cumberland Mountain Archery Club, Haysi, Va.

### July 26

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

Tazewell County Archers, Tazewell, Va.

Seminole Archers, Danville, Va.  
Big Cherry Archers, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Fort Eustis Bowmen, Fort Eustis, Va.

### August 2

Annual Safari Shoot, Shawnee Archery Tribe, Waynesboro, Va.

Damascus Archery Club, Damascus, Va.

NORVA, Alexandria, Va.  
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**Letters to the Editor**

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And now he says each stake must be equipped  
 With exact yardages, bow weights, and slide rule  
 So trajectory can be figured by almost any fool ——"

You can see why now I am so broke up  
 He hadn't figured in windage before I woke up.

LIVE EASY JIM

\* \* \*

Dear Gene:

VBA

It seems to be the practice today,  
 To blame everything on the VBA.  
 Faults they have, and that's for sure  
 But don't we all have some to endure?

The VBA if we stop to think,  
 Is a large chain of which we're a link.  
 It's made up of folks from your Club  
 and mine,  
 Who give unselfishly of their time.

They do a good job, I'm sure you'll agree,  
 When it comes to looking out for you and me.  
 We voted them in and we can vote them out,  
 And if you didn't vote, don't sit there and pout.

Your faithful squire,  
 Shawnee Lee



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