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New VBA Officers Elected Recently

The Committee for the counting of the election returns was headed by Martin Smith, NFAA Field Governor. The elected candidates were:

Ross E. Garletts, President

E. Eugene Limerick, Executive Vice President

Russell Forren, Field Vice President

G. B. Booth, Jr., Hunting Vice President

Pat Hamilton, Recording Secretary

Edna Gillespie, Corresponding Secretary

Arch Cole, Treasurer.

The structure of the VBA is entirely dependent upon the cooperation of all its members. The officers are only figure-heads which carry on the directives of the Board of Directors. Each club has one Director who makes and passes on the rules for the entire State Association. If your Director becomes lax or non-attendant at the meetings it places an additional burden on the other Directors to carry your share of the work-load and consequently your Club is inadequately represented.

This is one situation the present slate of officers hope to remedy in the ensuing year. At the July Board of Directors meeting there were only 19 delegates present out of the 44 affiliated clubs. Each Club must share the responsibility of helping to govern itself.

Archers of the State must realize that the Board of Directors' Meeting is the place to hash over your problems and difficulties rather than local tournaments.

Archery this year can be the best ever in the State of Virginia. Your membership is increasing rapidly. All we ask is each and everyone of you to cooperate with your newly elected officers and attend your club meetings and keep your director informed of all pertinent facts to be discussed at the Board of Directors' meetings and have him present your grievances or problems along with your club's views on the agenda items.

Gene Limerick
Ed.

Movies of Virginia Field Archers

Several of you good people have asked me how I was coming along with the movies I have been taking from time to time, and when and how they could be obtained for showing at club meetings, etc. I would like to say that possibly within the next month all the film taken since last year at some of the VBA sponsored shoots, will be ready for showing. It is quite a job to edit and title several hundred feet of film.

Please don't expect a hollywood type of job, but I do think you people will get a kick out of seeing yourself in action. It is impossible to get scenes of everyone so if you are left out of the show—don't feel bad. I'll try to get you in later.

There will be no rental charge for showing the film. It is all 8-mm Kodachrome spliced on 200-foot reels as most people have or can borrow an 8mm projector. An 8mm Eastman Showtime projector will project a picture 60 inches wide which makes good viewing.

The only cost for the pictures will be the parcel post charges to and from Richmond. Interested archers get your club secty. to write me, R. C. Thompson, 2801 Neale Street, Richmond 23, Virginia to arrange for the film.

Modification of VBA Tournament Rules

All Club Secretaries have been notified to extend the effective date of the modification of tournament rules to August 1, 1959. The reason is to allow sufficient time for the writing of the clarification of these rules. All club secretaries will be supplied with the new rules and clarification prior to 1 August 1959.

Ed.

By the time you know your way around, you are fed up.

Lots of things are thought that don't get printed.

Rowe Replaces Limerick As Editor

At the June Board of Directors' meeting Kirk Rowe, Jr. was appointed Editor of Flight by the Executive Vice President. Kirk resides in Charlottesville, Virginia and is a member of the Albemarle Archers.

He will need the support and cooperation from each and everyone of you. Kirk is a very capable person and only through your help can he publish Flight. Any news items or articles of interest to all VBA members, please send to Kirk Rowe, 109 North Baker St., Charlottesville, Virginia.

Flight has been a medium and a tie whereby archers in the State have been informed of the important happenings in your organization. Kirk has had some experience in this type of work. He publishes monthly a club news paper of which he collects and correlates the information of interest and sends it to all of his club members.

Congratulations Kirk, and good luck, I'm sure you will enjoy this job as much as I.

Editor

Historian Needs Data

At the April meeting of the VBA I was appointed Historian for this Association and I think it is going to be an interesting assignment. However, I will need a lot of help not only from the gracious ladies appointed to assist me, but from all archers. Every archer should have a part in writing the history of his Organization. There have been instances in the past, and will be in the future, that have a direct bearing on the promotion or interest created in archery. Little incidents that may have been amusing or serious either on the range, a hunting trip, or your own backyard.

I feel that some of you folks were probably messing around with bows and arrows many years before any club was organized in Virginia, and you probably went out after big game and made a
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Historian Needs Data

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kill or two. If you didn't do it yourself, you could have heard about someone else. That's the information I would like to have for the records—and with dates if possible. A lot will come from memory only but it will be of interest.

When and how, and who organized your local club is desired also. All items sent to me will bear the credit line of the sender. I know it takes a lot of patience to write about something you remember seeing or doing in the past, but if it's in English we want it! Here is a starter for some of you old timers. I recall hearing about two bowhunters killing a black bear somewhere in Virginia, about twenty-five years ago. I think one of the hunters was a Naval officer by the name of Sisson. Can any of you come up with the correct names and where the kill was made? Probably could be found in an old issue of Virginia Wildlife, or newspaper clipping.

Come on now, fellows. When you finish fletching those arrows drop me a line.

R. C. (Bob) Thompson
2801 Neale Street
Richmond 23, Virginia



Reservations for State Shoot

Those who plan to attend the Thirteenth VBA State Championship Tournament to be held on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 7 on the Augusta Archers range, should make motel reservations as early as possible to be sure of accommodations. Since this will be Labor Day week-end, it will be quite a busy one for all motels.

In this issue there is a reservation form for your convenience which you can clip out and mail to the person whose address is given in the form. All reservations will be confirmed by a motel.

If you plan on camping, our range has plenty of camping space available and plenty of water as we have just recently put in a well.

Reservations for State Shoot

Please reserve for _____
Name
Address: _____
Number in party: _____
Type of accommodations desired _____
Date of Arrival: _____
For _____ nights
No.

FORM SHOULD BE MAILED BY AUGUST 22.

Return to: Allstate Motor Court
Route 2
Waynesboro, Va.

Box 192
Glasgow, Va.
July 9, 1959

Editor,
Flight,
Fredericksburg, Va.

The Corresponding Secretary wrote something last month that set me to thinking so I decided to see why we lost some members from last year.

I wasn't interested anyway (He never came to the course)

1—Took a job that kept him tied up.

2—Got bursitis and quit for the time being.

3—Students went away to college.

1—Moved to another town but joined the local club there.

1—Just moved away.

1—Didn't realize it took effort to shoot—he quit.

1—Disappeared and hasn't been heard from.

1—Had a heart attack and quit.

1—His wife, a good shot, quit too.

Last year we had 37 members and lost those above. This year we re-couped our losses and now have 38 members.

This year we are requiring 10 hours work on the course from each member or 80 cents an hour. All the work was falling on small number of members. We will know how this works out about the first of February next year.

There are too many variables involved in the question of how to keep people interested but I believe a club must appeal to each member's special interest. Some people feel better if their whole family can enjoy the sport. Some enjoy a good eat-out with the club. One thing I have observed at shoots, everyone is in a hurry. Maybe we need more pickin' and singin' and less pullin' and aflingin'.

Jim Livesay, Sec'y

You Are Invited
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From The Field Governor

At the June 29, 1959 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Bowhunters Association it was decided that, in the interest of protecting the prestige of our newly established 20 pin, it is now advisable to re-establish the correctness of the target distances on all the ranges in the state.

In order to accomplish this task as quickly as possible and to minimize the delay in processing the paper work necessary to mailing the pins the Board of Directors took the following action:

(1) Placed the responsibility, for checking the correctness of the information furnished on each application for the 20 pin award and the issuance of the award in the office of the Corresponding Secretary.

(2) Establish the Office of Field Governor for the Virginia Bowhunters Association and authorized the Field Governor to appoint deputies in parallel with the N.F.A.A. Field Governor set-up.

(3) Directed that all club ranges in the State of Virginia be re-inspected and registered with the Field Governor within 90 days from 1 July 1959.

(4) Directed that ranges inspection registration be at no cost to the clubs. (N.F.A.A. Inspection and Registration requires \$1.00 fee per 14 or 28 Target Course).

At the June meeting referred to above I was appointed Field Governor of the Virginia Bowhunters Association. I have established five (5) zones and have appointed five (5) Deputy Field Governors. The following is a list of these Deputy Field Governors and the Clubs that are assigned to their cognizance:

ZONE 1

Deputy N.F.A.A. Field Governor, Mr. H. W. Bunting, 100 Williamson Road, Portsmouth, Virginia.

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ZONE 2

Deputy N.F.A.A. Field Governor, Mr. E. Eugene Limerick, 446 Hanson Avenue, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Clubs

Broadhead Archery Club, Culpeper Bowmen, Manahoac Bowmen, Pioneer Archers, Two Rivers Archery Club, Northern Virginia Archers, Senedo Archers, Cub Run Archers, Shawnee Bowmen, Broken Arrow Archery Club, Prince William Archers.

ZONE 3

Deputy N.F.A.A. Field Governor, Mr. C. J. Woods, 577 South Magnolia Avenue, Waynesboro, Virginia.

Clubs

Albemarle Archers, Augusta Archers, Blue Ridge Archery Club, Bow Hunters of Rockingham, Oakleaf Archers, Oakwood Forest Archers, Shawnee Archery Tribe, Bridgewater Bowmen.

ZONE 4

Deputy N.F.A.A. Field Governor, Mr. Charles I. Bartley, 1015 Highland Avenue, Salem, Virginia.

Clubs

Rich Creek Archers, Sherwood Archers, Triangle Bowhunters Club, Walton Park Archers, Seminole Archers, Flat Top Archery Club, Beaver Creek Bowmen, Ivy Trail Archery Club.

ZONE 5

Deputy N.F.A.A. Field Governor, Mr. W. G. Frye and/or Mr. Hugh Cox, R. F. D. No. 2, Chilhowie, Virginia.

Clubs

Chilhowie Bowhunters, Tazewell County Archers, Damascus Archery Club, South Holston Bowmen, Big Cherry

Archers, Indian Mountain Archers, Saltville Archery Club, Turkeyfoot Archery Club, Cumberland Mountain Archery Club, Clinch Valley Archery Club, Bearcreek Bowmen.

I will forward to the Deputy Field Governors a supply of Inspection Forms. These forms will provide the data for the registration of one fourteen (14) target course per form and the Field Governors will be required to submit one completed form for each Fourteen Target Course that the clubs wish to operate. When the inspection is expected to cover N.F.A.A. registration also, the fee of \$1.00 per fourteen (14) or twenty-eight (28) target course must be collected and forwarded with the forms.

Since but 90 days has been allowed for the checking of all club courses the Field Governor and the Deputy Field Governors earnestly request that the clubs look over their courses, correct any target distances that vary from the standard allowance, correct any unsafe conditions that might exist and otherwise bring their courses into conformance with the N.F.A.A. standards as rapidly as possible.

The Deputy Field Governors are requested to contact the clubs under their cognizance for the purpose of working out a schedule that will be mutually convenient and still meet the 90 day deadline established by the Board of Directors.

An approval form will be designed and printed for use in notifying the Deputy Field Governors and the clubs of registered approval for their records.

Martin L. Smith

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Editor's Letter to Jim Livesay Alias Live Easy Jim

Dear Jim,

As Editor of Flight your poem placed in this office, a decision I did not relish. Jim, I do not intend to use any flowery or poetic phrases but rather I feel compelled to try to straighten out the misstatements and untruths in your poem printed in June Flight.

These are some of the thoughts I had before it was put in print. First, there was the question that the poem might tend to drive members from VBA and local clubs. You know this is a problem in itself and one which many of us are trying to remedy, or does it lay alike on the table for all to consider and in consideration, plant the seed of contempt that could do much harm.

In my few years of being associated with VBA, I have found the situation exactly opposite from what you implied. You have attended enough Directors' Meetings to know that there are no "big boys" in a VBA meeting. The officers don't even have a vote so how could they dictate as you imply.

Can you honestly blame VBA for the changes in tournament circuit during the past year. Virginia has made only two. The rest were passed along to us from NFAA.

The phrases concerning hunting were very unfair, untrue and exaggerated. The VBA officers and committee men spend a great deal of time and defrayal of their own expenses to try to improve the hunting for the archers in this State. We haven't gotten as much as we would like to have but these gains are the products of the very people you condemned. Criticism is one thing but destructive criticism without offering something better or even trying, is uncalled for.

The one reason that prompted the printing of your poem Jim, is the feeling it left me with after reading it. "It

20 Pin Winners

35 Yards

C. H. Bratton, Roanoke, Va.
Galen E. Simmons, Mt. Solon, Va.
Joe Rosenbaum, Damascus, Va.
Howard C. Newman, Christiansburg, Va.

Leroy Bailey, Big Stone Gap, Va.
T. W. Good, Broadway, Va.
Bill Ayers, Springfield, Va.
Russ Hawes, Philomont, Va.
Robert A. Cole, Woodbridge, Va.
Wayne Burks, Lexington, Va.

40 Yards

Ralph DuBrueler, Winchester, Va.
Clarence Hedge, Fredericksburg, Va.
John F. Dungan, Roanoke, Va.
Dick Wassum, Saltville, Va.
John T. Stickles, Jr., Clearbrook, Va.
John W. McClure, Woodstock, Va.
Homer Rodgers, Indian Springs, Tenn.
Milton R. Haney, Charlottesville, Va.
Kermit Whitacre, Winchester, Va.
Paul Dillon, Roanoke, Va.

45 Yards

Mark Judd, Waynesboro, Va.

45 Yard Walk-Up

Jesse Painter, Stanley, Va.
William Nunley, Roanoke, Va.
Warren Landis, Hot Springs, Va.
Robert L. Blevins, Glade Springs, Va.
Ronald Hockman, Strasburg, Va.
Eli Bowman, Harrisonburg, Va.
Walter F. Keckley, Brucetown, Va.

just plain made me mad". I felt it would make a lot of archers mad, which it has", and thus create interest to try to go all out to prove how wrong your statements are. I believe the only harm that could be done is by those uninformed archers who do not have the experience or the facts to decide for themselves. Therein lies a challenge for Flight. To try to present an accurate and true picture of the situation concerning archery in the State, I accept this challenge.

Respectfully,
E. Eugene Limerick
Editor

Charles Lovitt, Tabbs, Va.

50 Yards

Leo Dew, Covington, Va.
James R. Davis, Sr., Newport News, Va.
C. D. Scott, Lynch, Ky.
Homer Steele, Clintwood, Va.

55 Yards

Fred Smith, Covington, Va.
Ralph DuBrueler, Jr., Winchester, Va.
Robert Chrisman, Luray, Va.
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3. In case of tie the earliest postmark entry sheet will determine the winner.
4. Contest runs from October 15th thru October 31st, 1959. All entries must be postmarked not later than midnight, November 2, 1959.

Send \$1.00 contribution along with your name and address for entry blank before October 15, 1959 to:

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