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VBA Arrow Identification System

The following is purely voluntary by the individual archers, but if he will mark his arrows by this system, arrows he might lose on other ranges are more apt to be returned to him.

All arrows to be painted white between nock and feather with the following bands for each club. In addition to these there are 27 other color codes set up for new clubs when they become affiliated.

Augusta Archers	1 Red
Bowhunters of Rockingham	1 Black
Bridgewater Bowmen	1 Green
Senedo Archers	1 Blue
Pioneer Archers	1 Yellow
Two Rivers Archery Club	1 Orange
Shawnee Bowmen	2 Red
Loudon Bowhunters	2 Black
Norva	2 Green
Manahoac Bowmen	2 Blue
Richmond Archers	2 Yellow
Chesapeake Bowmen	2 Orange
Princess Anne Bowmen	1 Red 1 Black
Warwick Bowmen	1 Red 1 Green
Albemarle Archers	1 Red 1 Blue
Shawnee Archery Tribe	1 Red 1 Yellow
Walton Park Archers	1 Red 1 Orange
Blue Ridge Archers	1 Black 1 Green
Sherwood Archers	1 Black 1 Blue
Oakwood Forest Archers	1 Black 1 Yellow
Oakleaf Archers	1 Black 1 Orange
Flat Top Archery Club	1 Green 1 Blue
Culpeper Bowmen	1 Green 1 Yellow
Broadhead Archer Club	1 Green 1 Orange
Triangle Bowhunters	1 Blue 1 Yellow
Seminole Archers	1 Blue 1 Orange
Damascus Archery Club	2 Red 1 Black
Tazewell County Archers	2 Red 1 Green
Ivy Trail Archers	2 Red 1 Blue
Rich Creek Archers	2 Red 1 Yellow
Beaver Creek Bowman	2 Red 1 Orange
Chilhowie Bowhunters	2 Black 1 Red
Broken Arrow Archery Club	2 Black 1 Green
Big Cherry Archers	2 Black 1 Blue
Powell Valley Archery Club	2 Black 1 Yellow

New Classification System Adopted

At the September 7th meeting of the Board of Directors the following new classification system was received from NFAA and adopted by the Board.

Womens average score	Class
0 to 74	F
75 to 124	E
125 to 174	D
175 to 224	C
225 to 274	B
275 and up	A
Men average score	Class
0 to 99	F
100 to 174	E
175 to 249	D
250 to 324	C
325 to 399	B
400 and up	A

The Directors added the alphabetical designation to the averages to make it a little easier for non-archers to understand our classes. In other words if you are a man with a 400 average on your classification card you will be known as a Class A archer or if you are a woman archer with an average of 176 you will be known as a Class C archer. The averages are computed the same as before. The 10% rule will still apply as will all other classification tournament rules.

Tournament Schedule

October 12th

Walton Park Archers, Lynchburg
Annual Pre-season Hunting Shoot,
Loudoun Bowhunters, Hamilton

October 19th

Shawnee Archery Tribe, Waynesboro
Damascus Archery Club, Damascus
Senedo Archers, New Market

October 26th

Bowhunters of Rockingham,
Harrisonburg

November 2nd

Augusta Archers, Staunton
Ivy Trail Archers, Rocky Mount

November 8 & 9th

Annual Turkey Shoot, Bowhunters
of Rockingham, Harrisonburg

20 Pin Winners

35 Yards

Maurice Witt, Bedford
David L. Butts, Stephenson
Tommy Hutcherson, Roanoke
Joe Hayden, Danville
Louis Hofmann, Arlington
Eugene Limerick, Fredericksburg
S. M. Rankin, Staunton
Jesse Painter, Stanley
Louis M. Hudson, Berryville

40 Yards

John W. Craig, Bassett
William M. Dance, Lynchburg
Frank McGlothlin, Cedar Bluff
William Good, New Market
Ted Grefe, Fairfax
Bill Boden, Brucetown
Warren Chamberlain, Lynchburg
Eugene Limerick, Fredericksburg

45 Yards

Ted Grefe, Fairfax

45 Yard Walk-up

Roy Wirt, Roanoke
Keith Phillips, Norfolk
William Good, New Market
Leo Dew, Covington
Leon G. Good, New Market

50 Yards

Bill Boden, Brucetown

55 Yards

James Kliss, Norfolk
Ted Grefe, Fairfax
Obra Keese, Lynchburg

60 Yards

Byno Rhodes, New Market

65 Yards

J. C. Weddle, Christiansburg

80 Yards

Jesse Painter, Stanley

Big Levels Wildlife Management Area

Laws Pertaining to Bowhunting

1. No turkey hunting at any time.
2. Hunting for deer, bear and small game with bow and arrow only November 1-15th.

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HOLD THAT BOW

By J. W. HUBBARD
(The Wandering Yahi)
Spencer, Va.

Recently I devised a simple, but very effective arm rest to support the hand that holds the bow while shooting. The objective was to steady the hand, and thereby eliminate some of the human error in shooting, while testing equipment.

The device consisted of a sturdy post, planted and securely braced, onto which was nailed a cross arm to support my bow hand while shooting. Such a rest could very easily be constructed for a group or club, and made adjustable through a flexible method of attaching the cross arm.

In using this rest I assumed a perfectly normal shooting stance at a point where my forearm, just above the wrist, would firmly contact the shooting rest when my arrow was correctly aligned with the spot on a twelve inch target at twenty yards. For test shooting a place should be permanently marked on the ground for the exact placement of each foot. The final and critical adjustment for arrow alignment should be made by moving the target face on the butt. The arrow should always be correctly aimed for the spot when the forearm is firmly placed on the rest and the shooting stance is normal and comfortable.

The twenty yard range was selected for my test shooting because this distance was adaptable to my back yard. For testing broadhead arrows I would suggest that a distance of forty yards be used if practicable. The twenty yard range, however, proved very effective, and the slightest defects in broadhead arrows were immediately detected. Any arrow that landed out of the five ring was usually found to be defective, either in spine, straightness, or in the alignment of broadhead and shaft.

In using the arm rest for the testing of my hunting equipment, I was immediately impressed by the close grouping of good arrows. There was no trick at all to hitting the five ring. In fact, I was eating up the spot at twenty yards. This, for me, was thought provoking. Why? The big question brought one big



Shooting from an arm rest. The position should be natural and comfortable when the arrow is perfectly aligned with the target. Always rest the arm on the extreme end of the cross arm to insure free passage of the bow string.

answer. THE HAND THAT HOLDS THE BOW DIRECTS THE ARROW. Now, this is nothing new. It is a well known fact, but long forgotten in our quest for the perfect release. What a folly.

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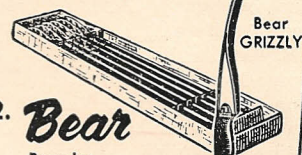
All applications for Big Game Awards and 20 pins are to be sent to Edna Gillespie, 310 Hill Side Drive, Petersburg, Va., instead of the Hunting or Field Vice President. Check your VBA Card to make sure you are eligible!

FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION send only checks or money orders to the Corresponding Secretary and Field Vice President. There is a possibility of cash being lost or misplaced in the mail.

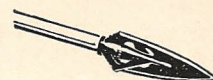
All Tournament scores must be entered on your classification record card. This includes scheduled club shoots, invitational shoots, state or national championship shoots whether in this state or not, also scores shot in other states. In other words all tournament scores shall be entered.

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Hold That Bow

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A uniform draw length and a smooth, uniform release are undoubtedly important factors for consistently hitting the long targets, where the trajectory of the arrow is very great. But my test shooting with an arm rest clearly indicated that, for the average archer, the behavior of the hand that is holding the bow is much more important than the variations in his release.

Using a steady arm rest and keeping the bow in one exact position during the shot, I found that it was practically impossible to miss a twelve inch target at twenty yards. If the arrow is correctly aimed, and the bow hand does not move during the shot, you cannot miss. You may anchor anywhere from your nose to your ear, you may creep, jerk, or give it the old cellar door, but you cannot miss that target without deliberately moving the releasing hand completely out of line, thereby destroying the aim.

Using a modern, fast, recurve bow, of fifty-five pounds draw weight, and shooting with a rest at twenty yards, I was amazed at the liberties I could take with my releasing hand and still hit a twelve inch target. A good, hard, jerking release only raised the point of impact an inch or two. The reverse was true of a soft, creeping release. Likewise, variations of an inch or even more in draw length caused only slight variations in the point of impact, at the twenty yard range.

Why, then, do we miss the target when we make a bad release? The answer is simple. The same factors that cause the releasing hand to err, also effect the hand that is holding the bow. We move the bow hand as we make the bad release. It is the bow hand that causes the miss, but we are usually conscious only of the error in releasing. Thus, we are inclined to place too much importance upon releasing the arrow, and not nearly enough upon holding the bow. A good release is important, but, don't forget, the hand that holds the bow directs the arrow.

Personally, we would be delighted if some scientists would let us know how to cure a cold.

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Don't gripe about the things you don't like, come to the meetings and do something about it. It isn't very expensive to attend and by sharing the travel expenses, I'm sure we all can afford to attend once every three months.

The forthcoming VBA meetings are January 4th, April 5th, June 28th, and September 13th. The January 4th meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Motel in Lynchburg. The others will be decided at the previous meetings.

Letters to the Editor

I wrote you about us having 8 Expert A's to match Lynchburg.

We now have 9 or 1 out of every 8 archers are classified as "A" shooters. Hope to have another by the time Flight goes to press next month.

Good Shooting

Clay Dillon, (President)

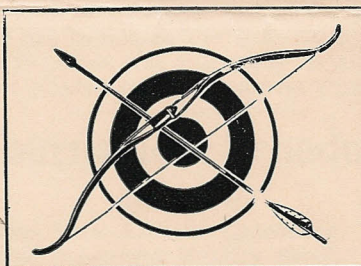
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Editor's Note

I am disappointed in the response of the members of the VBA to my request for club news, material of interest to archers state-wide and "Letters to the Editor" column. If you are not satisfied with the way our State Association functions, the way tournaments are handled or the publication of Flight, let me know. Between the two of us and others if necessary we will let everyone else know about the problem. I'm sure with all of us working together on a problem we can come up with a satisfactory solution.

1959 State Championship Tournament

The Bowhunters of Rockingham's range will again be the site of the State Championship Tournament. They already have plans to make the "59" Tournament even bigger and better than this year's, which should be quite a challenge.

The Harrisonburg Club bid contained the provision that if any other club submitted a bid, they would withdraw theirs. The Directors awarded the Fourteenth State Championship Tournament to the Bowhunters of Rockingham as no other Club submitted a bid. The dates were set as Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day week-end.

Student: "My folks are pressuring me to get better grades and threatening to take me out of school, so I think I'll take the easiest way out."

Alarmed coed: "What's that?"

Student: "Study."

—Northridge Reporter

Bowhunters of Rockingham

HARRISON, VA.

Annual Turkey Shoot

November 8th & 9th

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