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From The Field Vice President

All archers planning to attend the VBA State Championship Tournament are reminded of the tournament rule requiring that at least three tournament scores be on their classification card. These scores must have been shot in the 90 days preceding the State Tournament. 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 periods. This rule can be waived by appealing to the Field Vice President "Woody" Woods if for some valid reason it is impossible for an archer to have complied with the rule. Examples of such instances would be hospitalization, out of the state, etc. This rule will be strictly enforced."

"Woody" Woods
Field Vice President

WAR CRIES

War cries will be heard emanating from the range of the Princess Anne Bowmen of Norfolk when our scalping parties get underway soon.

Scalps will be sold by the club at a nominal fee and after a member purchases one he can challenge another member for his scalp. The archer with the most scalps hanging on his quiver by this fall will receive a Coleman lantern at our annual club championship tournament.

Priscilla Still, Secty.
Princess Anne Bowmen

Shawnee Bowman

The Shawnee Bowmen of Winchester have joined forces with the Isaac Walton League of America. They built a new course and are working on a large shelter, which should be completed by summer.

The new course is located 5.2 mi. East of Winchester on US 50.

The Twelfth Annual VBA State Championship Tournament, June 14 and 15 at Rockingham

Plans for the Twelfth Annual VBA State Championship Tournament, June 14th and 15th, at the Bowhunters of Rockingham range are shaping up well. Although the host club has been hampered by inclement weather this winter work is not as far along as had been hoped at this date. The range is located just a few miles outside of Harrisonburg at the Massanutten Caverns. Two new 28 target courses have been laid out in addition to their present course, making a total of 84 targets for the Championship Tournament. By having three complete courses available, each contestant will be shooting a different course each time he shoots, and since field round staks will be pulled after that round, it should make it more difficult for those archers who rely upon them as reference points. Neither of the two new courses will be used by anyone before the tournament opens with the exception that some of the long targets will be checked with a light bow for overhead clearance. Disqualification is the penalty for infraction of this rule.

A full program has been planned from Friday evening throughout the tournament into Sunday afternoon (see program in May issue), that offers something practically around the clock for the whole family whether they are shooting or not. An innovation this year is the Archers Ball on Saturday night. It was felt that while the archers often meet together at the many invitational tournaments held throughout the year, seldom do they have the opportunity to get together socially. Any group of people with so much in common surely would have a good time, thus the idea was put into the program and the orchestra has been booked.

Another highlight of the program, will be the chicken bar-b-que on Saturday evening. Any archer who has not eaten chicken that has been slowly bar-b-qued over an open charcoal pit is in for a pleasant surprise. Generally most persons go back for a second serving. It's

just that good.

A new system of trophies will be put into effect at this year's tournament. It will be patterned after the manner in which awards are made at the N.F.A.A. National Tournament. Each round will be a separate tournament with medals being awarded for first, second and third in each class. Also a medal will be awarded to first, second and third for total aggregate score in each class, making a total of twelve medals to a class. A permanent trophy and a roving trophy will be presented to the top man and top woman in both the instinctive and hunters division. Also the top boy and top girl archer, under 16 years of age, will receive a permanent trophy and a roving trophy. This means that while medals will be awarded to both Juniors and Intermediates, there will be the one set of Champions Trophies for this age group. It is felt that by using this system of awards that interest will hold up throughout the tournament and even though one may have a bad round, they still have a chance to win an award.

All persons attending the Tournament are requested to use the reservation blank printed in this issue and forward to the address given as soon as possible. Due to the rapid growth of the VBA it is expected that this year's tournament will have the largest attendance yet and the more cooperation given by those who participate, the smoother everything can be handled. Should you not wish to mutilate your copy of FLIGHT, please send in a reasonable facsimile of the form with the pertinent information and necessary deposits. Upon arrival, all persons who have reservations will contact the reservation desk for their assignments. To assure your reservations, they must be made by June 1st.

Arrangements have been made with the Belle Meade Motel, about two miles south of Harrisonburg on Route No. 1, to set aside around 35 units in one section for persons attending the tournament.

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Championship Tournament

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ment. These rooms are all doubles with two double beds in each room. Each room has TV, tub and shower, air-conditioning and phones. The rates are \$10.00 per room for two persons, and \$1.00 for each extra person up to four persons. Should five wish to share a room, a roll-away can be put in for \$2.00 extra. For a firm reservation, it is a \$5.00 deposit which will hold the room all night regardless of arrival time, however in case of no-show the person holding the reservation will be billed for the remaining \$5.00. Cancellations will be taken with a full refund up to 6:00 p.m. of the arrival date. An excellent restaurant adjoins the motel with a Howard Johnsons nearby. This Motel has a 12:00 noon check-out time which shouldn't present any difficulties. Singles can be had at \$9.50 per room, but they will be in a different section of the Motel.

Executive V. Pres.
Ross Garletts

Letters to Editor

FLIGHT would like to reserve about 5 column inches (300) words to air opinions of the members (whether they be controversial or not) in the form of "Letters to the Editor". In order for your letters to be published they **must be signed**. Please choose subjects which will be of interest to all archers.

E. EUGENE LIMERICK
Editor of "FLIGHT"

A CHALLENGE

The Walton Park Archers of Lynchburg now have eight Expert A's in their club. We believe this to be the largest number of Expert A's in any one club in the state and challenge any club to show us otherwise.

NOTICE!

Articles to be published in the next issue of FLIGHT must be in the hands of the Editor by the 19th of May.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It was a real pleasure to have twenty-two clubs represented by their delegates at our Director's Meeting at Holliday Inn Motel, Lynchburg, March 30th. Over fifty members of the VBA attending made it the largest and best meeting we have had yet.

The VBA is your organization and you through your delegates, who are the Directors of the VBA run this organization for the benefit of all archers throughout the State. It is **not** run for the benefit of a chosen few clubs. Be sure that your delegate represents your club at our next meeting at the same location June 29th. Get there by 8 p.m. the night before and join in the discussions which make so much toward having a smoothly running meeting the following day.

When you get your ballot use it and vote for whom you think is most capable. Don't put it aside and forget it!

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every person for their attendance at our Director's meeting.

Great steps were taken which you will find in the minutes. Read them and be an informed archer.

Yours for better archery,
Preston B. Hundley

From The Treasurer

I now have available to members VBA Patches \$1.25 each and Virginia Wildlife Patches \$.50 each.

Esther Cole
45 Shea Road
Portsmouth, Va.

ALL V.B.A. MEMBERS

I wish to take this opportunity to withdraw my name from the slate of nominations for President. Two good men are on the slate and both capable.
Pres Hundley

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From The Hunting Vice President

The past year has indeed brought some wonderful hunting for many of the members of the Virginia Bowhunters Association. The good hunts and friends who participated in them will certainly never be forgotten. To the bowhunters, who have made their kills, congratulations; and for those who missed out, there will always be the next season.

One thing we have learned about our fellow archers is that they never really miss out. If, by chance he doesn't make a kill, I'm sure they've made many friends. In our sport, we never lose our shirttail—we just grow another one.

Total deer kills to date, reported by the Game Commission—208. Reported to the VBA, 104. There have been 80 Big Game Awards presented to our members. Three law violations by non-members and five minor accidents.

The meeting of the Game Commission was held April 4, 1958 and the following proposals were respectively submitted:

1. A 10 day post bowhunting season be added after the close of the big game season throughout the State of Virginia.

2. That bear season be incorporated with our bow season.

No opposition was given to these proposals. It was suggested by a member of the Game Commission that bowhunters while hunting should not be permitted to carry any form of fire arm. It has been noted in the past, that bowhunters have been hunting with both a bow and fire arm at the same time. It has not been established that these were members of the VBA.

R. NICOLAS

There will be friction in the United States as long as politicians promise minorities more than they can deliver.

Princess Anne Bowmen Norfolk, Virginia

Archery, the oldest young sport known to man is growing with gigantic strides day after day. About seven and a half years ago the people in the Norfolk, Virginia area were caught up in the flood tide with a bow and arrow. But they needed some kind of organization, so in October of 1950 six people formed and organized themselves. From these six people the Princess Anne Bowmen of Norfolk, Virginia was born, dedicating themselves to the sport of bow hunting. A lot of hard work and sweat went into this young club, but in about a year they came up with a range approved by the National Field Archery Association, and in June of 1952 the Princess Anne Bowmen held the first two day shoot ever held in Virginia. Since then the club, like the sport itself, has grown by leaps and bounds until today the club can boast of

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Total United States World War II casualties were 1,070,524. Traffic casualties for the same period numbered 3,394,000.



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Princess Anne Bowmen

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over 100 active members. The club even today still stands by its soul purpose for which it was originally organized and has incorporated this as the second article in its constitution, "To foster, expand and perpetuate the spirit of good fellowship among all archers; to encourage the use of the bow in the hunting of legal game birds and animals; to cooperate with all conservation organizations in the conservation of our natural resources and wild life and to maintain a field course approved by the National Field Archery Association". Since the first year of the club, its members have accounted for 161 deer taken in the state of Virginia, six turkeys, and many small game kills.

Once again the Princess Anne Bowmen are taking a giant step forward, for on July 19th and 20th of this year, they are going to hold a two day tournament that will entice every archer in the country. This will be the first annual "Tomahawk Shoot" and will consist of eighty-eight targets with trophies for each day in each class, and a beautiful Tomahawk trophy as the grand prize. We invite you all to come. Refreshments and food will be available and the club's picnic area will be at your disposal.

We sincerely hope that we will have the pleasure of meeting you on the range on July 19th and 20th for the first annual "Tomahawk Shoot" of the Princess Anne Bowmen, of Norfolk, Virginia.

Tournament

13th National Field Archery Championship Tournament will be held July 28-31 at Grayling, Michigan.

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