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Flight Deadline

The deadline for the March/ April issue of FLIGHT will be *March 28, 1994.* Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. <u>Remember, this is your</u> newsletter.

Agenda Items From January 16 VBA Meeting

- VBA promote a one (1) day state level FITA target tournament beginning in 1995. PASSED
- Motion to introduce the 40 cm FITA target at the VBA Indoor Championship as a 600 round in 1995. PASSED
- Motion to remove the shooting time limit at State Championships due to problems caused by the use of Cellotex butts. FAILED
- · Motion to eliminate the counting of

NFAA Director's Report

Museum and Hall of Fame

At the NFAA meeting held in February, 1993, the Directors were asked to attempt to raise money for the Foundation set up to build an archery Museum and Hall of Fame. This project is headed by Frank Ellis, Foundation Chairman.

Mr. Ellis has advised that we have three different locations in the midwest that are ready to sit down with us and discuss an outright donation of land on which to build, or a long term lease at very reasonable rates.

The problem is that as of October, 1993, only \$9,300 has been raised for the building fund. In view of this, it is suggested that individuals make donations and that clubs sponsor fund raising shoots to make this important project, which would do much to gain attention to the sport of archery, a reality.

I have not seen anything showing where money should be sent, but I would suggest making checks payable to: NFAA Foundation, and mailing them to NFAA Headquarters located at:

31407 Outer, I-10 Redlands, CA 92373

> - Clinton Western NFAA Director

"x"s at VBA Open, Closed and where applicable and replace it with shootoffs as necessary to break ties. FAILED

- Increase price of Pin shoots from \$4.00 to \$5.00 with the 1994 shoot schedule. PASSED
- Motion that the second round of the VBA Open and Closed Championships be changed back to half hunter/half animal. PASSED



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Antelope the Traditional Way

s I got off the plane in Casper, Wyoming, I was thinking it had been five years since I was here last and harvested a young buck antelope. Now I was back to hunt for the big boy!

As soon as I passed through town, I started to see white patches on the prairie – antelope! It was hard to believe they lived so close to town, kind of like the whitetails back east, only there they were, out in the open.

Finally my vacation was here. I was headed for the Henry ranch about 45 miles from Casper. As I got closer to the ranch, I passed the windmill I hunted from in 1988, wondering if it would be my hunting stand this year. I was on the road that leads to the ranch; this time tomorrow would be show time. No work, no worries, just a week of great hunting.

I checked in with Mike and Rob enry, owners of 88 Ranch Outfitters. le put my equipment in the bunk trailer where I would be sleeping, and then walked over to the main trailer with kitchen, two showers, two bedrooms and even air conditioning, which we didn't need that week. The Henrys have everything you need, all the luxuries of home. Now it was time to have a bull session with Mike Henry and the other archery hunters about successes and strategies, and where I would be hunting in the morning. Mike said that I would be on a windmill again because of my longbow, as it was probably too long for the blinds.

Morning came, and all of the hunters were loaded up in two trucks. I was dropped off at a windmill surrounded on three sides by hills. At first light the fog was still thick; I couldn't see but 30 yards in any direction. As the fog burned off about an hour later, to my right on top of the hill stood two does and a buck antelope - a very small horned buck. They stood there looking down at the waterhole for bout 15 minutes. Then the does ilked off onto the prairie, but the lite buck came down to drink. Because of his size and considering it was the first day of my hunt, I elected to just watch him. Just as he left, a front start-

By Greg Hise

ed to blow through, it started to drizzle, and suddenly turned into a full blown downpour. I thought, only an hour into the hunt and already it was over. Cold and wet, I was anxious for the sound of the truck coming to pick me up. Within minutes I heard a vehicle bumping down the prairie road, just in time! Back to camp for a hot shower and into town for souvenirs for my kids; perhaps a T-shirt with an antelope on it for my 5-year-old son, who also shoots a longbow. That evening saw me back on the windmill, but no antelope this time.

The next morning, I got back up on the windmill I hunted from in 1988. I was successful then, maybe it would be lucky for me today. Two hours after daylight, I saw six antelope 200 yards off, but they never came close to the waterhole. I watched antelope at great distances for three more hours, when I heard what I thought was a weird sounding bird. I slowly turned my head in the direction of the sound directly behind me: I was eye to eye with five does and and one nice size buck. They sensed that something was wrong. The wind was blowing almost directly in their faces - need I say more? A snort was given and they hurried off until all I saw were white dots on the horizon.

On day three, our strategy changed. Rob asked me if I could shoot my longbow on my knees through a window the size of a pie plate. He had a new blind that was 7' by 7'. He had just built this one and named it "the Hilton" for us hunters that needed more shooting space. This particular blind was seeing plenty of action so I said "Let's do it."

I was dropped off right at first light and started setting up my equipment. First, I positioned my J. D. Berry longbow, Kustom King arrows, and Zwickey Delta broadheads for easy access. I was glad I had several magazines, for boredom insurance. It could be a 14 hour day in this blind.

Around 10:30 a.m., I looked out the rear window of my blind to find a herd of about 15 antelope, including two potential Pope & Young bucks. They disappeared into a ravine and came up right in front of the blind. The wind was strong and steady, making the canvas on the blind flap about. The noise and movement of the flapping canvas made the antelope very tense and watchful. After they were satisfied everything was all right, they walked up to drink. Unfortunately, a good broadside shot never presented itself, so it was back to my magazine. The rest of the afternoon was uneventful.

I kept seeing antelope on the far hills all afternoon, and finally 30 minutes before dark, a lone buck was strolling and eating around 200 yards in front of me. I was praying that he would turn and cut down the road leading to the blind. Slowly but surely, as if being pulled by a magnet (thank you, Lord), he came right down the prairie road to drink at the waterhole. He put his head down to drink, raised it up to look around, again being satisfied all was well, he began to drink. This time raised my bow, picked a spot behind his front leg, and let my arrow fly - it found its mark! The buck took off across the far end of the waterhole as if he had been shot out of a cannon. I thought whitetails were fast, but they don't hold a candle to pronghorns. He ran 200 yards before he expired. As I approached him, I thanked God for letting me harvest one of his beautiful creatures. It had been 14 hours since I first unzipped the canvas blind, and now it was all worth it. This was a great hunt, and one I will surely never forget.

Back at camp, another hunter had been successful; his buck was just a little smaller than mine. As it turned out, my buck was entered in the Pope & Young records. Every hunter that week harvested an antelope except one; even though he had seen several antelope, he wouldn't settle for any less than a monster buck, so he planned on coming back next year.

The next morning I packed my equipment into my rental car. As I put the last duffel bag into the trunk, I looked up on a hill in back of camp and saw a nice buck feeding. I smiled knowing one day I'd be back for another great hunt, and who knows, maybe one day I'll bring my son.

Hunting Vice President's Report

A list of the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries and State Senators is being furnished so that any correspondence about archery or bowhunting issues can be directed to the right person in your district. A list of legislators for the House of Delegates will be provided in the March/April issue of *Flight*.

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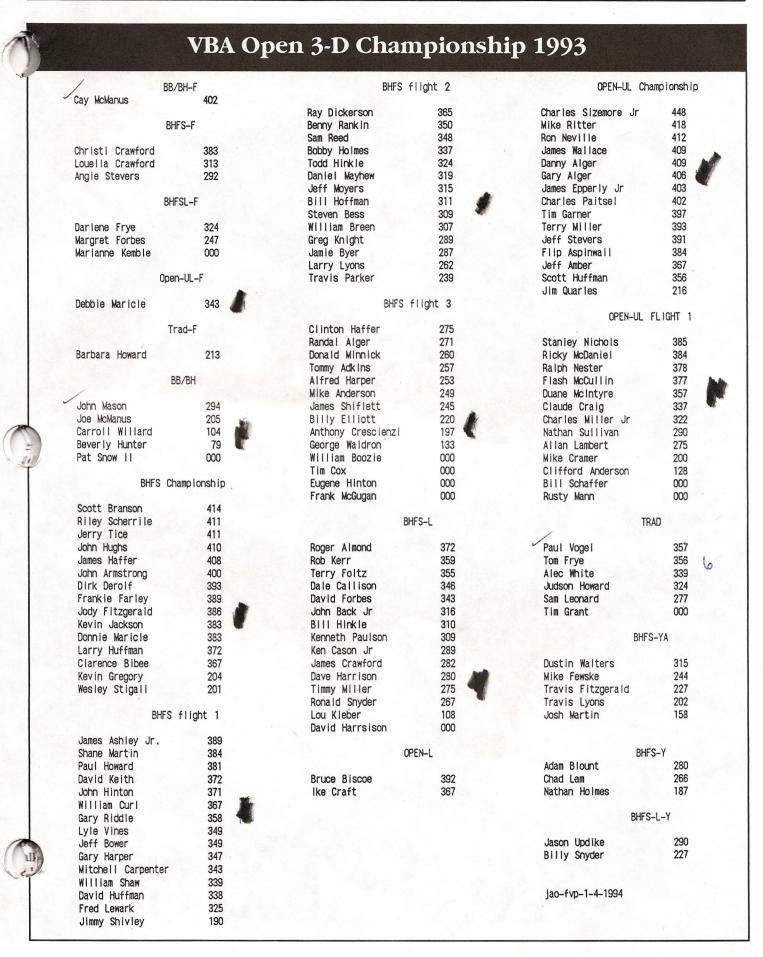
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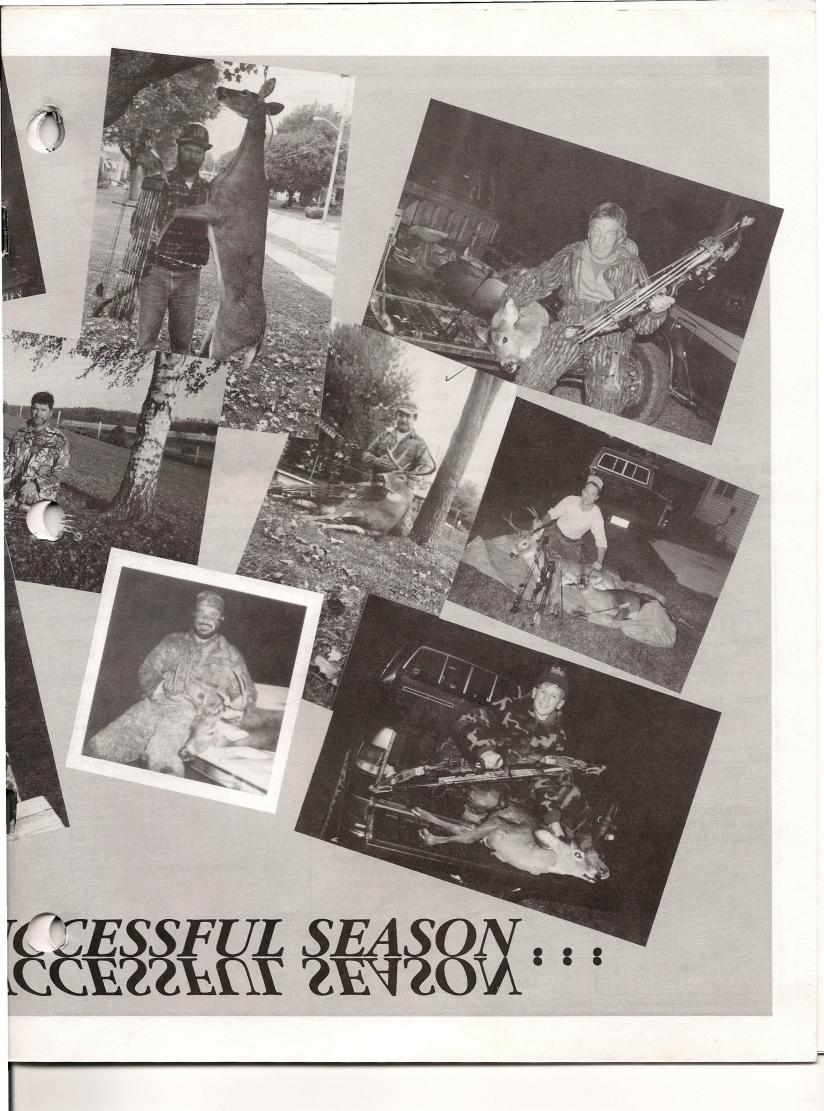
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Robert Conner - Frank Pesce Todd Maurer Bill Perusse Andrew Denson Jim Melton Wesley Blank

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To All Virginia Clubs and Members:

We cordially invite you to participate in the Virginia Archery Association State Championship. The tournament will be held at the Augusta Archers Indoor Range on Friday, February 25; Saturday, February 26, and Sunday, February 27, 1994.

Entry Fee will be \$15.00. Pre-registration is **REQUIRED**. Awards will be presented Sunday, February 27 following all competitions.



Virginia Archery Association State Indoor Shoot Schedule

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1st Wave	1st Round	Friday, February 25	7:00 p.m 10:00 p.m.	
2nd Wave	1st Round	Saturday, February 26	8:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	
3rd Wave	1st Round	Saturday, February 26	11:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.	
4th Wave	1st Round	Saturday, February 26	2:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	
1st Wave	2nd Round	Saturday, February 26	5:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	
2nd Wave	2nd Round	Sunday, February 27	8:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	
3rd Wave	2nd Round	Sunday, February 27	11:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.	
4th Wave	2nd Round	Sunday, February 27	2:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	

If you have any questions or want to pre-register, please call *Crystal Holmes* at (703) 363-5197. (If you happen to get my answering machine, *please* leave your name and number and I will call back as soon as I can. My answering machine is for your convenience so no one will get missed, so leave me a message, *PLEASE*. Thank you.

Registration Form: Please fill out all information and mail along with your \$15.00 Entry Fee to: Crystal Holmes, Augusta Archers Secretary Route #1, Box 186

Crimora, VA 24431

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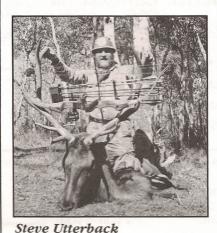
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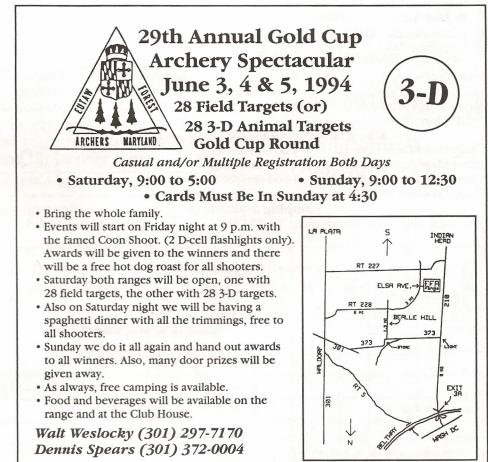




Mark Sutherly

Well, 1993 has come to an end, but it was a good year for 21 for our club members who took deer during Bow Season. Biggest buck was taken by Mark Sutherly (11 point, 181 pounds). Steve Utterback bagged an 800 pound, 5 point elk on his Colorado bowhunt.

> - Dianne Sutherly Secretary



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Kingsboro Bowmen Host State Indoor Championship

at Tidewater Community College, Frederick Campus, Suffolk, Va. March 12 & 13, 1994

Kingsboro Welcomes You Friday Night

Refreshments—7-9 p.m. at Tidewater Community College Improved Lighting

Rounds

1st 2nd 3rd Saturday 9 a.m.-12 noon 12 noon-3 p.m. 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m.-11 a.m. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Registration Fees

\$15.00 Each

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Please Note: 3 Rounds Shooting will be on one side only. Practice will be available on other side!

Registration

*Closest to College

1. By Mail: Must be postmarked by March 5, 1994

2. Friday (March 11) 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

3. Saturday (March 12) (1 hour only) 7 a.m.-8 a.m.

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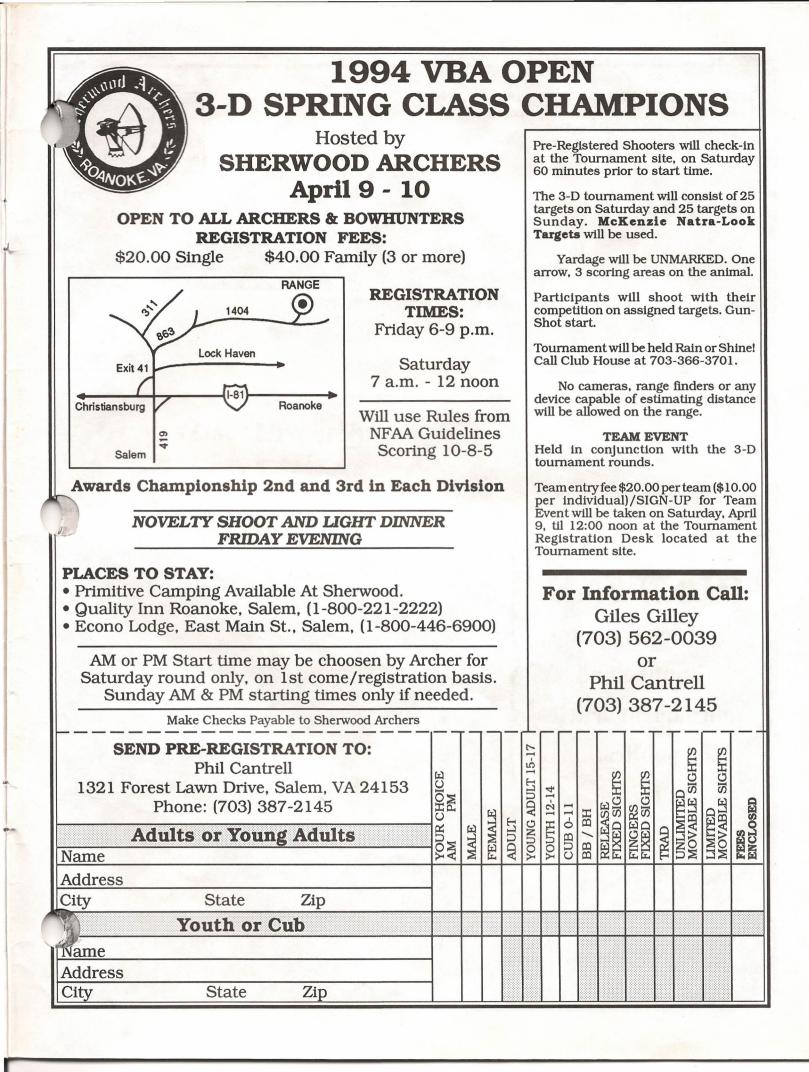
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