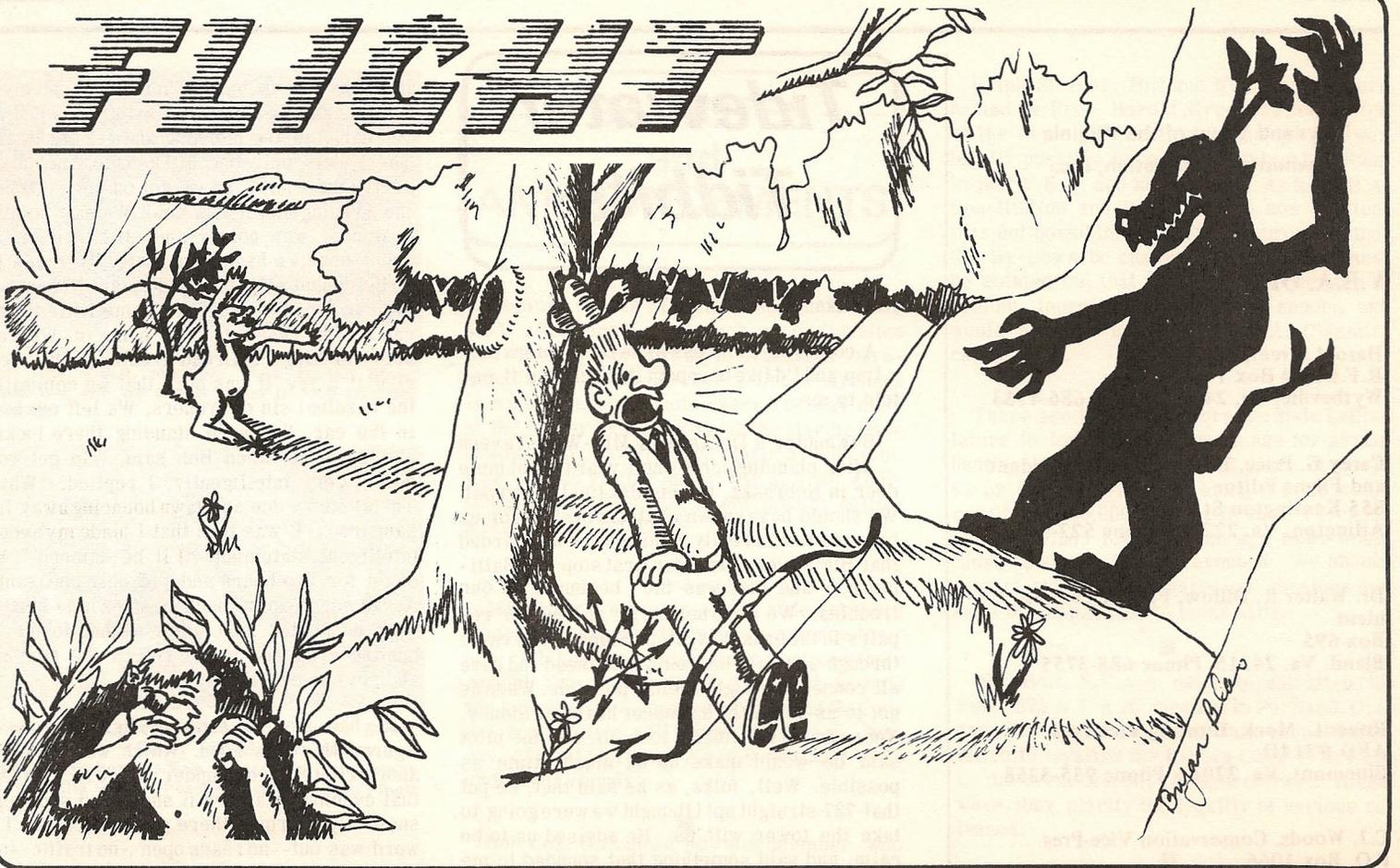


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Indoor Championship at Bluefield

The Bluefield Bowhunters of Bluefield, Virginia will be hosting the 1973 Virginia, Indoor Closed Championship Tournament to be held at the Brushfork National Guard Armory on March 3 & 4, 1973. The Armory is located off U.S. 52 North at the Skyway Outdoor Theater, two miles North of Bluefield, West Virginia.

AVAILABLE MOTELS

The Holiday Inn - (304) 425-8711 - U.S. 460, Princeton, W. Va. - 12 miles east of Bluefield, W. Va.
 The Hilander Motel - (304) 325-9131 - 19-21 By-Pass, Bluefield, West Virginia
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 The Black Diamond Motel - (304) 589-3341 - U.S. 52 North, Bluefield, west Virginia

REGISTRATION

\$7.00 per archer - \$18.00 maximum per family.
 March 3, 1973 - 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. - First Round
 8:30 - 11:00 - Second Round.

All advance registrations should be mailed in to:

Buford E. Cox
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 Falls Mills, Virginia 24613
 Phone: 326-0337

SCHEDULE

9:00 - 12:00 noon - March 3, 1973 - First Round
 1:00 - 4:00 - March 3, 1973 - Second Round
 7:00 - 10:00 - March 4, 1973 - First Round
 11:00 - 2:00 - March 4, 1973 - Second Round
 Please have soft soled shoes to be used while shooting.

No advanced classification is required; classes will be based on scores shot during one of the two rounds. The toss of a coin prior to the start of the last end of the final game will determine the round on which all archers will be classified.

CLASSES

Class	Bare Bow	
	Men	Women
A	280-300	265-300
B	250-279	245-264
C	0-249	0-244
Class	Fre Style	
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A	286-300	270-300
B	270-285	250-269
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Tidewater Tidbits

Hi Folks:

A couple of Princess Anne Bowhunters took a trip and I'd like to report it exactly as it was told to me:

Bowhunter's Dream in a Mid-West Tavern
After planning for a whole year to hunt mule deer in Nebraska, the big day finally arrived. We should have known what was in store for us because it was really raining when we boarded that Big Silver Bird. Our first stop was Baltimore, and that was the beginning of our troubles. We were held up for an hour for repairs in the braking system. Some fellow came through and said he would call ahead and have all connecting flights held if possible. When he got to us he said he had never heard of Sidney, Nebraska. We finally took off, and the pilot said he would make up as much time as possible. Well, folks, as he said that, he put that 727 straight up! I thought we were going to take the tower with us. He advised us to be calm, and said something that sounded to me like, "I've had my license for two days and I'm an accomplished flier." Just as a precautionary measure we kept our seat belts fastened. Out next stop was Kansas City, where we almost carried part of the stock yards into the terminal with us. We were told we could stretch our legs, but so many people were getting on, we were carried right back to our seats, our feet never touching the floor. Airborne again--the pilot was improving--he cleared everything by a mile. At cruising altitude, the bar was opened and I asked the stewardess to start at our end this time because the ice was melted by the time she got to us the first time.

We finally arrived in Denver and ran like mad to the "Pioneer" ramp. They had waited for us, and we found out why. There were only six passengers on board and it took eight to wind up the rubber bands on the two motors. This was the flight to end all flights. It took 45 minutes to go to Sidney, and it was 45 minutes of pure confusion, but we should have figured that when we saw the "Wiley Coyote" on the pilot's attache case. The co-pilot saw another plane coming seemingly right at us, and he started pointing and jabbering (another notch in the seat belt for me). He talked for 5 minutes before the pilot took off his ear phone and said "You talking to me?" The clincher came when they reached into the attache case and came up with a map. I almost cut myself in half with the seat belt.

We finally arrived in Sidney, Bob's home town. His parents were there to meet us which is more than I can say for our luggage and bows. The attendant said they would be up by mule train. Bob's dad took us where he had

lined us up to hunt. There were plenty of tracks, and we figured. "Beautiful, we'll get out early in the morning and get our deer." There was only one hitch. Our gear didn't arrive until noon. So we got on our station in the evening and it was cold! We saw nothing.

Monday was colder and still no deer, so about noon we headed up state. We met a pal of Bob's and he said a good place to hunt was the "railroad trestle" in some little town I can't even remember the name of. We were both thinking "railroad trestle?" Oh, well, give it a try. It was here that we committed the cardinal sin of archers. We left our bows in the car. We were standing there looking and freezing when Bob said, "Go get your bow." Very intelligently, I replied, "Why?" Then I saw a doe and fawn bouncing away like kangaroos. It was then that I made my second intelligent statement, "I'll be damned." We stood for two hours and saw only pheasants. As we were heading back we saw a nice herd of deer on posted land. But we had found our hunting area and would return the next day and get our deer.

It had started snowing lightly, and we figured this was good. Which was to prove another intelligent blunder. At the local tavern that evening I watched it snow, and snow and snow. By morning there were no roads. The word was out--no roads open--no traffic--not even snowmobiles. It took almost two days to get the roads open and then only the main ones. The ones we needed were closed. We took the car to one field as far as we could go, and then walked the rest of the way. We hunted about thirty minutes and had to give up. The snow was so fierce along with the wind it was completely unbearable. The walk back to the car left us totally exhausted and covered with ice. We had been gone 45 minutes and the tire ruts were filled with snow. We decided to go to Petes, Colorado and cry in our red beer.

The rest of the week we spent in a local tavern three blocks from the house and good times were plenty, but that's another story and besides that, our wives might read this article.

All in all it was a very enjoyable trip and, come next November, we're going back--to hunt pheasant this time, though. One week isn't enough to hunt deer in an unknown area, especially when only your neck is above the snow. It's awfully hard to come to full draw in that position.

If you've never been to the Midwest, you have missed the most beautiful country in the world. If there is a God's country, this must be it.

Good hunting to all you Bow Benders.
Larry Cahill and Bob Clarkson

Happy New Year to all,
Nina.

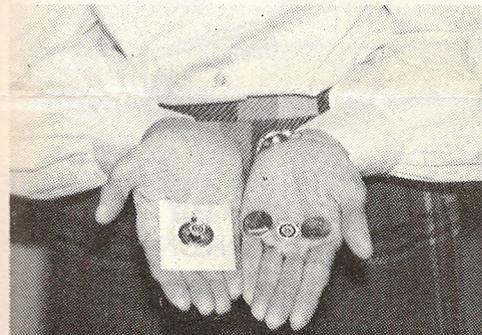
The deadline date for the March - April issue of "Flight" is March 10, 1973. The issue should be in the hands of the membership by the first week in April.



NEVER BEFORE -- These folks were attending their first V.B.A. meeting. Pres. Harold Street hopes this will be a new trend of well-attended meetings.



Ralph Stevens, (left), VBA Pres. Harold Street, and Bill Bolt. Ralph and Bill are happy and rightfully so because Pres. Street had just presented them the Golden Feather Award, V.B.A.'s highest honor.



The above photo shows the new VBA medalions that will replace the 1st place VBA pin in all classes and will replace 2nd and 3rd place pins as the stock runs out. Field V.P. Doc Dillow urges that remaining pins in club stocks be used as awards for novelty shoots as well as other rounds. He also asked the clubs to place their orders immediately and that they can expect service within 30 days of receipt of the orders.

— VBA NOTES — and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because of lack of membership and NFAA/VBA affiliation Lunga Archers of Quantico will be unable to host their scheduled tournaments for 1973. However, Lunga Archers is holding indoor shoots every Tuesday night at the Roller Skating Rink on the Marine Base at Quantico, Va. Practice starts at 7:00 p.m. with rounds getting under way at 7:30. Additional information can be obtained by calling Mike Farron 221-1726.

Manahoac Bowmen of Fredericksburg would like everybody to come and see their new club house and to be sure to attend their Annual Totem Pole Shoot which will be held for two days this year--March 17 and 18. Casual registration will close at 1:00 p.m. Sunday. 28 Field targets--\$3.00 first round, \$1.50 additional rounds.

Bob Cox, Manahoac Bowmen member who was seriously ill and had to purchase a kidney machine, has now progressed to the point where he is off the machine. He wishes to thank everybody who contributed to the Cox Kidney Fund.

The Outdoor Nation, an organization tailored to represent every outdoor enthusiast in America, has been formed. It announced that Tink Nathan, member of V.B.A., Prof. Bowhunter Soc., A.A.C. committee, and others, has been elected to its board of directors. In addition, he will serve as its first secretary.

Augusta Archers were awarded the V.B.A. State Championship Shoot for 1973. After some discussion, it was decided to have the shoot be two days instead of three this year.

Ralph Stevens, Bill and Nina Enders were named by Pres. Harold Street to a committee at the Sept. '72 meeting to find out if it was legally possible for a club member to belong to just V.B.A. and not N.F.A.A. As the V.B.A. Constitution and By-Laws are now written. it is not possible. Ralph Stevens proposed that the By-Laws be changed stating that it must be pointed out that in order to participate in outdoor tournaments and state shoots, one would have to hold the N.F.A.A. Classification Card.

There are two bills before the State Legislature to lower the maximum age for paying hunting license fees from 70 years of age to 62 or 65. Bill #1206 lowering it to 62 would result in \$160,000 of lost license revenues and bill #1265 lowering the age to 65 would cause \$90,000 in lost revenues. We should contact our state delegates and senators and state our opposition to these bills.

Bill Bolt, N.F.A.A. delegate, will attend the Feb. 1973 N.F.A.A. meeting in Portland, Oregon. The directors directed him to seek legislation to legalize the Killian Chek-it Release in the event that N.F.A.A. declares it illegal when they clarify the legality of various releases.

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The V.B.A. directors voted to send \$100.00 to the N.F.A.A. Defense Fund.

Walton Park Archers stated that their March 11, May 27, and Sept. 30, 1973 shoots will be held at 1:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 a.m.

See the map to the 5th Indoor Championship at Bluefield on page 4.



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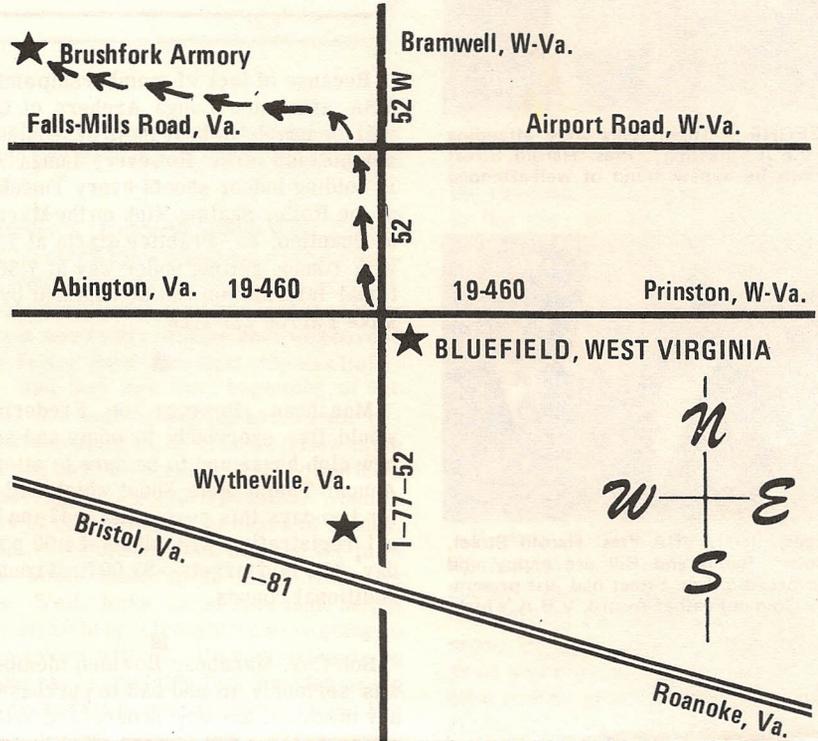
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