

Jan 9th VBA meeting takes on added importance

Bowhunting Inhumane Says Friends of Animals, Inc.

Friends of Animals, Inc. Has a membership studded with such prominent Hollywood names as Lauren Becall, June Havoc, and Joanne Woodward. This group was successful in obtaining an injunction against 150 licenses that were chosen by lottery to hunt in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey. They also are in the process of including Eastern Neck and Chincoteague in their lawsuit. Named in this suit are the bowhunters, shotgun users and those who would use muzzle loaders.

Friends of Animals, Inc. has already been successful in closing hunting in Los Angeles, which covers some 500 square miles and boasts some of the best deer hunting in California.

Tink Nathan, member of Cub Run Archers, has done considerable research on detailed statistics concerning this and will make a presentation to the V.B.A. directors at the January 9, 1972 meeting. With him also will be Morgan Norval, National Director of

Firearms Lobby of America, who is also a bowhunter.

It must be pointed out that national wildlife refuges are paid for with funds from federal duck stamps and the 11% excise tax on guns and archery equipment. The 11% excise tax is part of the Pitman-Robinson Act that states that any lands purchased with these funds must be open to public hunting.

Needless to say, every club must be represented at the next V.B.A. meeting (Jan. 9) so that proper action can be decided.

Got To Shoot Those Deer

Have you been accused? Do you occasionally get the evil eye from somebody that can't understand how anyone could shoot those beautiful, innocent deer? Yeah, those same deer that just stroll through the woods and fields of our beautiful forests, just waiting for some Big Ugly Hunter to tippy-toe up to them and send an arrow or bullet through their silken hide.

Well, I tell these misinformed folks that if they haven't tried it, don't knock it. Forget the facts that the Game Commission, the Forest Service, military bases, and private groups spend a lot of time and money protecting and raising deer and other wildlife. Also forget that if these same creatures would die of starvation and disease if they weren't harvested on a regular basis by hunting. It would take, for instance, a deer herd dying of disease, 20 years to reestablish. If this same deer herd was overhunted and then the area was protected or off limits to hunting, it would take 2 years for reestablishment.

Besides, shooting one of those critters ain't all that easy. Why, I know a couple of guys that hunt on a military base and also in

the national forest, and have had some strange adventures. Like one poor devil I know was in a natural blind and spotted a nice buck about 4 points. This buck was coming right toward the hunter-- about 60 yards away. This wily buck kept coming-- 55, 50, 45 yards, yet there was always something in the way of a good shot. Finally at 40 yards, the buck veered off toward the hunter's left. Broad side shot, the hunter thinks, his mouth dry, his tongue like sand paper, his heart going 623 miles an hour. He draws his 48 lb. bow with ease. After all, he has practiced and his muscle tone is good. The buck can't see him because of his camouflage clothes and painted face that would put any T.V. Indian to shame. He holds at full draw and looses an arrow that goes right over the Buck's back by six inches. The buck stops and looks at the hunter and smiles! Yeah, I'm not kidding, smiles at the bewildered hunter and steps behind a tree and vanishes into the morning rays of sunshine

Talking about deer disappearing, it just ain't natural the way some deer appear and disappear. Some folks talk about spooking

deer. Some hunters contend that deer are spooks. One guy claims that he knows where there is a magic field. There, deer do not come into or go out of the field--they just appear and disappear. This same guy went into the field thinking that perhaps this herd was a different breed and looked all over the place for holes that they could climb into.

Some say that deer are spookier in the national forests than they are anywhere else. Another hunter tells about the time he was coming off the mountain on his way back to the cabin. He sees his buddie flashing his flash light into the field and part woods just before getting to the cabin. He sees a few shining eyes out in the field. He approaches his buddie cautiously. His friend says to him in a normal tone of voice, "There must be 20 deer out there." He no sooner got the words out of his mouth when the field, trees, woods, bushes, rocks, deer got up and ran off. Now that's what I call spooky deer.

So tell those good folks that deer you hunt are in no danger of becoming extinct from your hunting them. Besides, how can you kill a spook, anyway?

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TO: VBA - Members
FROM: Glen Stallard, President, Triangle-Bowhunters; Christiansburg.

The following letter has been sent to Senators Harry F. Byrd and William B. Spong:

"As a club whose members are primarily hunters and sportsmen who are dedicated to promoting good sportsmanship and wildlife conservation, we are writing asking that you vote against Bill #S831 sponsored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts which will require registration of firearms and place severe restrictions on firearms ownership, as well as the bill recently introduced by Sen. Philip A Hart of Michigan which advocates confiscation of pistols.

Although our club, which has a membership of 50, primarily supports archery, our members also hunt with firearms and have gun collections; and we strongly urge you to give us your support by opposing this and other legislation which is aimed at denying citizens their constitutional right to keep and bear arms."

These bills should concern all VBA members as sportsmen, hunters, and taxpayers; even though the legislation does not concern archery, because the ultimate aim of some members of Congress is complete confiscation of firearms. If these bills should pass, our rights as sportsmen and hunters will be taken away. I urge every club and individual members to write letters to their congressmen expressing their opposition to this type of legislation.

Where was your delegate ?



THE TROUBLE WITH THIS PICTURE IS THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE IN IT. Second row l. to r. -- Bill Marshall, Warwick; Don Frenier, Dixie; Bob Schulz, NORVA; Jimmy Miller, Wythe; Roger Mock, Loudoun; Junior Booth, Augusta; Clint Western, Sherwood. First row l. to r. -- Louis Proffitt, Little Mtn.; Nina Enders, Pr. Anne; Evelyn Kutzler, York; Pete Camuso, Lunga; Gene Limerick, Manahoac.

Deadline Date

The deadline date for the Jan.-Feb. 1972 issue of "Flight" is Jan. 9 (V.B.A. meeting). This issue should be in the hands of the members during the first week of February.

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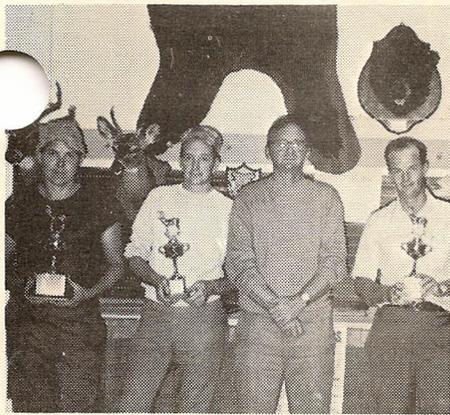
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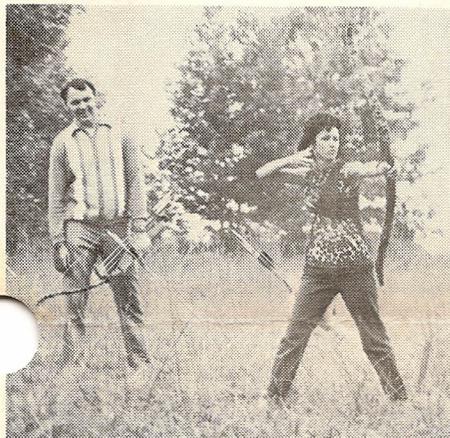
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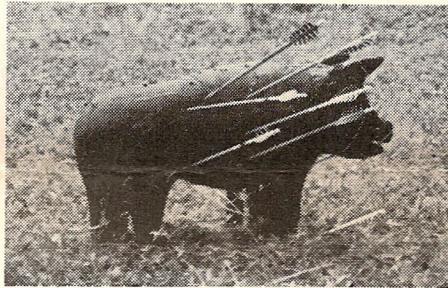


Virginia 1970 Big Buck Contest Winners 1. to r.--Charles Dixon, 1st; Jerry Hawley, 3rd; C.D. Tarter, presented awards; John Lewis 2nd. Bear in background was the only one killed that year. Hunter, Bobby Grinstead.



Cecil and Jean Heath are obviously having a good time at the Bowhunter's Jamboree held at Catlett, Va.

Rain poured all day and night Saturday. But still the Bowhunters came. Twenty-seven campsights went up and archers from four states stared shooting. The running deer target wasn't opened til Saturday evening. The life like animals seemed to be the main draw. Many entered and completed the Trophy animal round. Saturday night after the coon hunt, the turkey calling contest started. Sunday, still it rained, but at 11:00 the motorcycle time-run started. This is a run against time- one man against a stop watch-- over an extremely rough course. Because of the weather, the first hill had to be walked up. The course was dangerous Tim Topham on his first run took a bad spill, but after he recovered the fall, made good time on his last try. Last year's winner, Bill Bolt, V.B.A. President, didn't even show. Bill is a big man and, with the mud, his weight seemed to work against him. All in all, this was the biggest turn-out since the first Jamboree in 1966.



This three dimensional pig target cried, "Wee, wee, wee," all the way home from Catlett Jamboree.



Bill Bolt, last year's Trail Bike Champ congratulates this year's Champ, Gene Limerick (with helmet) at the Bowhunters Jamboree at Whytheville.

We of the Wythe Club think of it as a success and hope that next year it will be bigger and better.

Winners--Big Buck Contest

1. Charles Dixon 8 points
2. John Lewis 5 points
3. Jerry Hawley 5 points

Motorcycle Run

1. Gene Limerick
2. James Hudson
3. Tim Topham

Turkey Calling

1. Bill Six
2. Bill Bolt
3. Bill Bracken

Coon Hunt

1. Charles Lucas

Long Deer Shot

1. Bob Agnew--men
1. Christine Maxie--Women
1. Bob Agnew--Youth

20-Pin Winners

Sept. - Oct. 1971

FIELD

Richard Dugan, Blacksburg
James Arnold, Virginia Beach
Paul C. Decker, Jr., Fishersville
Ernest E. Nuckols, Staunton

HUNTER

Lilburn Martin, Rocky Gap

NORVA Archer Hopes Castro Catches Beard in Bowstring

When Bob Hornbeck of NORVA ordered his new bow, he hoped that he could take delivery on it before his wife returned from a vacation in Germany. He knew full well she wouldn't let him get it if she were there.

Well, as it turned out, the TWA flight from Arizona to D. C. that his bow and ten others were on was hijacked to Cuba.

The manufacturer did send Bob another bow. However, his wife arrived first! Unfortunately, what Bob thinks about Castro and Cuba cannot be related here.

Success!

We have been very successful in receiving directional maps for future publication in the "Archery World Digest" and "Flight". The clubs that have sent maps are as follows: Little Mtn. Archers, Shawnee Bowmen, Lunga Archers, Blue Ridge Archers, Loudoun Bowhunters, Augusta Archers, Seminole Archery Club, Triangle Bowhunters, Sherwood Archers, Bowhunters of Rockingham, Prince William Archers, Broken Arrow Archery Club, Dixie Bowmen, Flat Top Archery Club, Northern Va. Archers, Cub Run Archers.

If your club is not listed here, please send map (local type) to Richard D. Boen,
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by Dec. 15.

Hunters Get Killed, Too

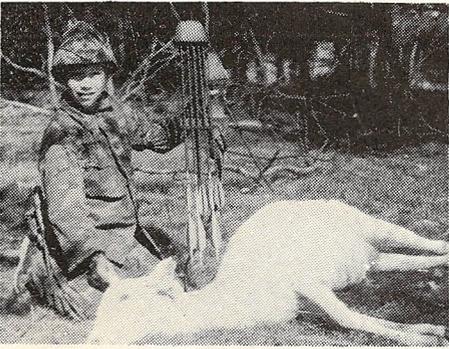
RICHMOND, Nov. 13 (AP)

Groundhog, dove and squirrel hunting mishaps since July 1 have taken the lives of three hunters in the state and injured a dozen others, according to the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Two of the fatal wounds were self-inflicted, the commission said Friday, and the other involved a loaded shotgun that went off while being transported in a vehicle.

The commission blamed most of the other accidents on careless handling of firearms, citing one case in which a hunter received superficial wounds when another hunter stalked and blasted him as he attempted to call turkeys.

In another incident, a bow hunter fell out of a tree onto his sharpened broadhead arrow and suffered a severely cut hand, the commission said.



JEFF NATHAN (age 8) is shown with a 102 lb. Fallow doe taken in Pennsylvania Sept 25, 1971 with a 42 lb. Howatt Hi-Speed bow and XX75 Easton Aluminum hunting arrows with Black-Diamond broad-heads. One arrow from 15 yards brought the deer down. Jeff nailed his second deer Oct. 15, 1971 in Presquile NWR, Chesterfield Co., Va., when a single arrow from a 40 lb. Howatt bow dropped a white tail doe at several yards.

Oct. 16 Jeff shot another deer another archer had hit, and, under the first blood rule, turned the deer over to the hunter who made the first hit.

Several weeks later Jeff got two shots at a 6 point buck but missed and another hunter bagged him. Last year Jeff brought down a 12 lb. turkey on the wing with one shot. He's been a V.B.A. member since the age of 2 or 3.

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