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NEW CLASS SYSTEM NFAA PROTOTYPE

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Bowhunters Association has adopted as of the April quarterly meeting a new classification system effective May 1, of this year. This new change was made to conform with the National Field Archery Association's system.

Your state association was forced to make these changes to again make Virginia's classification card N.F.A.A. approved.

The new system copies, verbatim, the classification system adopted by the N.F.A.A. on January 1.

Under this new system all archers will be classified according to scores shot after January 1, 1964.

New Classification System

BARE BOW

MEN

- CLASS A—400 and up
- CLASS B—300 to 399
- CLASS C—200 to 299
- CLASS D— 0 to 199

WOMEN

- CLASS A—325 and up
- CLASS B—250 to 324
- CLASS C—125 to 249
- CLASS D— 0 to 124

FREESTYLE

MEN

- CLASS A—450 and up
- CLASS B—300 to 449
- CLASS C— 0 to 299

WOMEN

- CLASS A—350 and up
- CLASS B—250 to 349
- CLASS C— 0 to 249

New Officers Nominated One Contested

The Board of Directors has nominated a slate of officers for the next fiscal year with only one office being contested.

Clinton Western, Executive Vice-President, has been nominated for next President. For Executive Vice-President there are three nominees: Wyatt Mays, John Bowen and Ralph Stevens.

For Field Vice-President, Bill Marshall, Conservation Vice-President, Woody Woods, Hunting Vice-President, Harold Street, Corresponding Secretary, Sue Price, Recording Secretary, Hugh Darnell and Treasurer C. D. Tarter.

Ballots will be mailed to the membership and counted at the June meeting. The Directors have asked the membership not to mutilate or write comments on the ballots. Ballots falling into this category will be disqualified.

Experimental Registration Cub Run

A new twist in registration procedure will be initiated by the Cub Run Archers of Centreville on an experimental basis in their annual shoot July 19 and 20.

In that shoot there will be casual registration with participants registering and shooting as many rounds as they want with a cut-off time Sunday.

VBA PATCH SALES

Corresponding Secretary Sue Price has said that only \$8 has been collected in the last quarter from sale of V.B.A. patches. There is a very large number of the new style patches on hand. Persons wishing to buy patches should write to Sue enclosing \$1 for each patch.

NFAA POSITION

The National Field Archery Association has appointed Ted Grefe as Field Governor for Virginia. This action in effect reinstates our state into the association with all privileges, except the right to vote until November 1.

In connection with the N.F.A.A. your president Gene Limerick has asked all members of the National who have memberships expiring to renew as soon as possible and to get as many new members as possible so that the state association can take full benefit of upcoming individual membership votes pertaining to reorganization of N.F.A.A. Target date for reorganization is now set for August 1, 1966.

Bowhunters Jamboree Bids

Bids are now in order for the upcoming Bowhunters Jamboree to be held October 10. All bids must be submitted by the June meeting of the Board of Directors at which time one will be accepted. Woody Woods of the Augusta Archers will make information available to clubs interested in holding the Jamboree.

BOWHUNTER SUCCESS

Statistics revealed by the Game Commission show that Virginia archers bagged 354 deer and 2 bear during the 1964-65 hunting season. This is the best bowhunting harvest to date and is about a 30% increase over 1962 and 1963 totals. The highest previous year was 1961-62, when the state's archers bagged 326 deer.

A total of 266 deer bagged by archers west of the Blue Ridge was largely responsible for the big increase. East of the Blue Ridge, the bow and arrow kill was 88, slightly below last year's take in this section. The highest kills were reported in Augusta where 36 were bagged, in Pulaski where 30 were taken and in Wythe where the bowhunters downed 26.

Of the 354 deer taken, 92 were killed by members of the Virginia Bowhunters Association which represents only 30% of the total number.

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35 Yards

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James Mays, Lynchburg
Ronald Paget, Berryville
Neal Perkins, Alexandria
J. W. Rhodes, Roanoke
Charles V. Roark, Colonial Heights
Samuel Sherwell, Jr., Yorktown
Earl Tweedy, Evington
Jack Wilson, Roanoke
James Wilson, Bristow

40 Yards

George Cannaday, Roanoke
William C. Clifton, Richmond
William R. Mason, Colonial Heights
Fred Mullins, Manassas Park
John Mullins, Manassas Park
Aubrey Nathan, Springfield
Jerry W. Rhodes, Roanoke
Charles V. Roark, Colonial Heights
Charles Slaughter, Colonial Heights
Franklin Willis, Fairfax

45 Yards

Newell Block, Yorktown
Robert Bouton, Lynchburg
Donald Brill, Vienna
Donald Cantrell, Springfield
Jerome Cantrell, Springfield
Charles O. Casey, Lynchburg
Leroy Cooke, Front Royal
Bennie Cupp, Elkton
Andrew Dillon, Roanoke (1 & 4 pos.)
Jessie Engledove, Lynchburg
Richard Fenn, Falls Church
John Hall, Middletown
Larry Huffman, Pearisburg

James Lester, Princeton, W. Va.
Carl E. Lewis, New Market
Thomas Lloyd, Berryville (1 & 4 pos.)
Willie Moses, Radford
John Mullins, Manassas Park
Bob Pope, Roanoke
Charles V. Roark, Colonial Heights
Arnold Ryan, Winchester
Harold Slater, Winchester
Phillip Tillison, Bristol

50 Yards

Elmer Carr, Fredericksburg
Charles O. Casey, Lynchburg
Bennie Cupp, Elkton
Jerry W. Rhodes, Roanoke

55 Yards

William R. Allred, Virginia Beach
Gary Bryan, Virginia Beach
George L. Cannaday, Roanoke
Harold Crouch, Lynchburg
Joe Seagle, Lynchburg
Homer Strother, Front Royal

60 Yards

Johnny Berry, Monroe
Burnley Doxey, Newport News
James Mitchell, Bedford
Bob Pope, Roanoke
Harold Slater, Winchester

65 Yards

Jerry Armes, Lynchburg
Edward Rose, Alexandria

80 Yards

Thomas Frye, Leesburg
Garland Gowens, Lynchburg
William Midkiff, Herndon

FROM THE EDITOR

As of this issue of FLIGHT, I am taking over the duties of editor from the more than capable hands of Clinton Western. Clinton has been editing FLIGHT since August of 1962 and I think he deserves the appreciation of all members in consideration of the wonderful job he has done.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask all interested persons to send me anything that would make interesting reading. I know there are a lot of amusing and informative "goings on" during tournaments and practice rounds that should not be kept to individuals involved. Feel free to send them to me no matter how insignificant you think they may be.

WYATT MAYS

Order of Golden Feather

The names and qualifications of possible candidates for the Order of the Golden Feather must be submitted to the Board of Directors at the June meeting. The Order is an honorary recognition to those who have given unselfishly of their time and talents toward the betterment of archery and archers.

At the September meeting a ballot will be issued to each director who will vote for a maximum of three candidates who will then be submitted to the Order for final approval.

Qualifications are that: a candidate must be a member in good standing at the time of application, be a member of the association for a minimum of three successive years prior to application, and must be sponsored by either three V.B.A. members or by an affiliated club of V.B.A.

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NFAA REORGANIZATION

How does the question of reorganization of the National Field Archery Association stand at this point? This question can probably best be answered from the comments of Gilbert Boenig, president of N.F.A.A., made in *Archery* this month.

A brief review of the events which have transpired since the idea of reorganization was conceived is as follows: Appointment of a committee in 1962 to study the concept and to formulate a proposal; a meeting of the reorganizational committee in Las Vegas; a final draft of a proposed constitution by the Committee in 1963; a meeting of delegates appointed by the State Association in Chicago, during February, 1964, with 37 State Associations represented, and finally a vote by the N.F.A.A. Board of Field Governors in January, 1965, which favorably accepted the contents of the motion. The motion provides that reorganization would not be effective until such time as states who represent 66% of the then N.F.A.A. membership adopt the provisions of the new constitution. Since N.F.A.A. membership can be closely correlated to membership to the state, acceptance by this two-thirds would bring into N.F.A.A. a near-like percentage of all members to the State Associations.

Dissappointedly, not all of the field governors voted on the motion. This creates doubt since 65% of the membership was expressed in the vote and we do not really know if the balance is "for" or "against." Nevertheless, the final decision is up to the State Associations.

Reorganization has now been "battered" back and forth for a long time with sufficient time elapsing for the State to have reached a positive decision. The ultimate fate of reorganization has had to become a factor in the policies and decisions of the N.F.A.A. as well as the State Association. Each can no longer be burdened with this indecision. So that we can all determine future plans, the N.F.A.A. is going to force an immediate decision. The deadline is July 1, 1965.

During the latter part of March, a letter was forwarded to each State Association; its officers and directors and all delegates to the 1964 meeting. It outlines what services N.F.A.A. can perform for the recommended dues structure in the proposed constitution and what services the State Association must render to the individual member. The final criteria is that the State Association must remit to N.F.A.A. the \$50 affiliation fee and 25 cents for each member of the State Association as taken from the membership roll on the date of remittance. By no later than 60 days prior to the first meeting of the State Association representatives (date anticipated is July 31, 1965), the State must remit an additional 75 cents for each then State Association member. (Note—The V.B.A. Board of Directors voted as its April meeting to send N.F.A.A. the \$50 plus 25 cents per member).

The only manner in which N.F.A.A. can positively establish that you are willing to accept reorganization is to require a cash

deposit to show good faith. This applies now and prior to the meeting. It would be useless waste of effort and time if a meeting is scheduled contingent upon "if's and maybe's." Should the required majority not respond, the monies received will be immediately refunded by N.F.A.A. In the event the 66% majority forwards this "bond of faith," it will be placed on deposit with a financial institution insured safe by the federal government, and all earnings through interest or dividends will accrue to the benefit of the State Association. The initial deposit and the subsequent 75 cents will be applied to whatever membership dues are established at the effective date.

In words of displeasing taste, the status is, "put up" or "shut up." N.F.A.A. is aware that reactions will occur, such as: We can not commit because there will be no meeting of the members prior to the deadline; we do not have excess funds to meet the requirement; it is too short a notice; it is a move to defeat reorganization, etc. None of these are unsurmountable obstacles if you want reorganization. If reorganization is accepted, fine. If not, other steps will be taken to incorporate some of the benefiting aspects or reorganization.

SIKA ARCHERY SEASON

OCTOBER 7-9

The Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries has proposed a 3 day archery hunting season for Sika deer on Assateague Island in the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. This 3 day special season for archers only will run from October 7-9.

The regular season for shotguns and bow and arrow will be from October 18 through 23.

These proposals will come up for a final vote at the next regular meeting of the Game Commission scheduled for 9:30 A.M., May 7, in Richmond.

A very fine description of the possibilities of a fine hunt for these exotic animals comes from Tink Nathan of Springfield, Va.

Tink writes that it's interesting to note, the Sika deer is not a true deer but an Elk and is also found in Germany and France as well as Asia. They are not a small deer but grow to about 150 lbs. and the bucks are quite handsome.

They are very dark and the does a reddish color, some with faint "fawn" markings like the Fallow deer.

Since the island is rather unique, plans are also being made for the Professional Bowhunters Society and other groups to sponsor a bowhunting clinic on the afternoon before the hunt, with the attention being devoted to helping every hunter and huntress bagging a nice deer.

Any of those desiring additional information might write Tink at 6232 Cumberland Ave., Springfield.

Trophy Shoots Planned Crowded Card

A quick look at upcoming shoots on the schedule card will show that archers have a number of annual trophy tournaments in the next couple of months to test their skill. April 25 will have three trophy shoots ushering in the tournament season.

The Walton Park Archers of Lynchburg plan to have their new spectator range crowded with trophy advocates. They will award 3 trophies in each class for top scores on field and hunter rounds. Their range is located in the Izaak Walton Park about 5 miles north of Lynchburg.

On the same weekend at the other end of the state, the Warwick Bowmen will hold its sixth annual Silver Bow Shoot. On Saturday, April 24, their range will be available for practice until 4:00 P. M., when the fellowship jamboree will begin with free refreshments. The actual tournament will get underway Sunday.

Also on that weekend the 5th Annual Osseo Trophy Shoot will be held by the Big Cherry Archers at Big Stone Gap.

Sunday, May 16, will see the Annual Shoot of the Tri-Angle Archery Club of Tazewell County and May 23 will see the Annual Bob Monteith Shoot in Richmond. The Richmond Archers say they will have three awards in each class this year with medalions awarded for third place.

The Chesapeake Bowman of Portsmouth will hold its Silver Arrow Shoot on May 30, and the Indian Mountain Archers of Pound will also hold its trophy shoot on that date.

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GOBBLER SEASON

A seven-day season for hunting bearded turkeys beginning Saturday, April 24, and ending Saturday, May 1, was adopted by the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries at their meeting in Richmond February 20. Hunting hours, as in the past years, will be from one-half hour before sunrise until 10 A. M., each day. Dogs and organized drives are prohibited during spring season.

Counties included in the proposed season were as follows:

Albemarle, Alleghany, Amelia, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Brunswick, Campbell, Caroline, Carroll, Charles City, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Craig, Culpeper, Dinwiddie, Essex, Fairfax, Fauquier, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Greene, Hanover, Henrico, Henry, Highland, King George, Loudoun, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Nelson, New Kent, Nottoway, Orange, Page, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Prince William, Rappahannock, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Southampton, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Surry, Sussex, Warren, Wythe, York, Smyth, Tazewell and Washington Counties (except Clinch Mountain and Hidden Valley Wildlife Management Areas). Greenville and Louisa Counties were deleted at the request of their respective boards of supervisors.

ARCHERY DROP-OUT PROBLEMS STUDIED

Woody Woods has been appointed chairman of a 7 member committee to study the problem of drop-outs among archers. A member in each of the 7 zones of the state will contact clubs and individuals in their zone in an effort to bolster membership in the V.B.A.

FUR SALES TOP 300,000 IN STATE

A total of 351,029 furs and hides were purchased from hunters and trappers in Virginia during the 1963-64 fiscal year, according to fur dealers' reports submitted to the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. Muskrat pelts accounted for 275,359 of this total followed by 36,098 raccoon pelts and 13,322 deer hides.

Other segments of the total fur harvest included 7,314 opossum pelts, 5,041 mink, 4,901 beaver, 4,134 skunk and 1,942 fox pelts. The fur taken even included 1,237 nutria pelts from the Back Bay area where these undesirable animals have become established. A total of 63 dealers reported handling Virginia hides and furs at the wholesale or retail level during the year.

WYTHE BOW HUNTERS INDOOR SHOOT

110 archers hit the lanes at Wytheville for the last indoor shoot of the season held by the Wythe Bow Hunters. Phillip Tillison from Bristol, State Freestyle Champ, and Jim Mitchell of Bedford came out with identical scores of 826 on the Chicago Round.

FIELD VICE-PRESIDENT

From the office of Field Vice-President, Bill Marshall, comes word that some clubs have erred in tournaments by placing incorrect sized targets on some shots. It is the Range Captain's job at each particular club to see that proper targets are placed on the proper rounds.

Bill also says in his report to the board of Directors, he has noticed there are some possible cases of sand-bagging and all clubs should make an effort to see that their members are shooting in the class their ability warrants.

Bill says "if all clubs will do this, it will not be necessary for me to step in and up-grade."

CONSERVATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS

The Virginia Bowhunters Association Board of Directors has appropriated a total of \$225 from the Conservation Fund for two projects. Botetourt County will receive \$75 for reseeding feed patches and \$150 will go for two teacher scholarships.

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