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This is the official group photo of the participants in the 13th Annual VBA State Championship Tournament held on the Augusta Archers range near Staunton, Virginia. See if you can find yourself and/or your friends in the 300 odd Archers shown. The photo was taken by Margo Portraits, 2 College Circle, Staunton, Va., and a good one it is to.

From The Hunting Vice President

The following items bear mentioning before the coming hunting season:

1. In the Virginia counties that have a turkey season, it is lawful to hunt with rifle, shotgun, or bow and arrow.

2. In counties having a general open deer season, 1 deer of either sex may be taken with the bow and arrow only (use of dogs prohibited). . . .October 15-31 (Item 99 further explains the above as follows:)

BOW AND ARROW HUNTING: It shall be lawful to hunt deer of either sex with bow and arrow from October 15 to November 1, dates inclusive, except where there is a closed general hunting season on deer. Provided, however, it shall be unlawful to use a crossbow or poison arrows at any time for the purpose of hunting wild birds and wild animals, and it shall be unlawful to carry firearms when hunting with bow and arrow.

Further, big game may be shot with legal broadhead arrows only which must have a minimum width head of seven-eighths of an inch and that the legal hunting bow must be capable of casting the broadhead arrows a minimum of one (Continued on Page 3)

Limerick and Craft Win State Championships

In a contest in doubt until the last target was completed Eugene Limerick and Mary Lee Craft won the Men's and Women's state championship titles. Gene nosed out defending champion Kermit Whiteacre by a slender 9 point margin, 1350 to 1341, to take the Men's Instinctive crown. Mary Lee, in a come from behind performance, defeated Mildred Hickson by only 3 points to capture the Women's Instinctive title.

In other contests Russel Hawes replaced Joseph Selby as the Hunters Division champion 1206 to 1137, Betty Kello retained her Women's championship in this Division with a 800 to 684 win over Evelyn Seal. Raymond Woodford won the Intermediate title for Boys while Madelin Ford was the top Intermediate Girl. Larry White, Jr., is the new Junior Boys champ and Norma Jean Seal is the Junior Girls title holder.

A complete breakdown round by round

in all competing divisions and classes can be found elsewhere in this issue. Lack of space prohibits the listing of all scores shot in the tournament.

All in all it was a tournament to remember and a lot of credit must be given to the Augusta Archers for their excellent handling of the whole affair. No one could have asked for a better managed tournament from every standpoint. Congratulations to all the winners and also to the Augusta Archers.

20 Pin Winners

35 Yards

- A. Page Mann, Jr., Charlottesville
- Eldridge Pultz, Lexington
- Dan Rutledge, Waynesboro
- Roy Armentrout, Harrisonburg
- Ernie Barr, Chilhowie
- Joe Dan McCary, Fredericksburg

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Correction Notice

We made a "Boo-Boo" in the last issue of flight. It seems that Bill Carter after putting out all that moola for a full page ad in our pride and joy had his pride and joy the DRAKE bow spelled "Brake". Now this is rather embarrassing since the DRAKE is one of, if not the most respected bows made. I'm sure that all of you realize that these things do happen and I hope that all of you will pardon this error. (Especially Bill Carter) Remember that the name is D-R-A-K-E and the bow is real good, just ask the man who uses one.

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RULES

1. Largest deer bagged (either sex) in weight, field dressed (entrails, liver and heart removed before weighing).
2. Must be bagged with bow and arrow in State of Virginia.
3. In case of tie the earliest postmark entry sheet will determine the winner.
4. Contest runs from October 15th thru October 31st, 1959. All entries must be postmarked not later than midnight, November 2, 1959.

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Award Winners At The Thirteenth Annual State Championship Shoot

INSTINCTIVE DIVISION—MEN

Class A	28 Field	28 Animals	28 Hunters	Aggregate
E. Eugene Limerick	2nd—412	1st—480	1st—458	1st—1350
Kermit Whitacre	1st—436	2nd—455	2nd—450	2nd—1341
Bino Rhodes		3rd—440	3rd—443	3rd—1286
Clifford Necessary	3rd—405			
Class B				
Edward E. Gentry	3rd—383	1st—445	2nd—432	1st—1260
N. Palmer		2nd—430	1st—463	2nd—1233
Ted Grefe	2nd—384			3rd—1200
Arthur Martin			3rd—423	
Class C				
John J. Banicki	3rd—344	1st—445		1st—1156
Roy Wirt	1st—357			2nd—1111
Joe Dan McCary	2nd—344			3rd—1100
Walter Keckley			1st—400	
David L. Butts			2nd—399	
Bill Ayers			3rd—398	

Class D				
James R. Williams, Jr.		1st—440		1st—1032
James Booth	1st—297		1st—350	2nd—982
Dan Hileman		2nd—415		3rd—944
L. B. White, Sr.		3rd—380		
Charles Painter	2nd—282		2nd—336	
James F. Riddleberger	3rd—271			
J. E. Humphries			3rd—327	

Class E				
Charles E. Blevens	1st—199	3rd—280	1st—261	1st—740
William McCormick			2nd—251	2nd—695
Charles Seal		2nd—290		3rd—690
Dwight Stewart, Jr.	2nd—196			
R. B. Dickinson, Sr.			3rd—247	
Grady Armentrout	3rd—184	1st—300		

INSTINCTIVE DIVISION—WOMEN

Class A				
Mary Lee Craft	2nd—316	2nd—345	1st—365	1st—1026
Mildred Hickson	1st—331	3rd—345	2nd—347	2nd—1023
Betty Keckley		1st—360		3rd—982
Pat Hamilton	3rd—305		3rd—336	

Class B				
Betty Keckley	1st—295	1st—360	2nd—327	1st—982
Mickie Weddle	2nd—271	3rd—315	1st—343	2nd—929
Adarean Wassum	3rd—232		3rd—292	3rd—829
Edna Gillespie		2nd—320		

Class C				
India Wassum	3rd—193	1st—315	3rd—262	1st—770
Doris Limerick	1st—212	2nd—255	1st—300	2nd—767
Anna Lee Painter		3rd—245	2nd—263	3rd—685
Bea Rowe	2nd—200			

Class D				
Tina Bailey	1st—195		1st—244	1st—629
Mary Lee Meadows	3rd—150	3rd—255		2nd—592
Nina Donigan				3rd—579

Gerry Byers		1st—265		
Nancy Western		2nd—255		
Margaret Harris	2nd—157			
Nell Surber			2nd—217	
Lisa Frye			3rd—207	

Class E				
Shelby Marshall	1st—140	1st—215	1st—147	1st—502
Edith Carter	3rd—83	3rd—155	2nd—129	2nd—367
Margie Walker		2nd—165		3rd—343
Beverly Clough	2nd—86		3rd—120	

HUNTERS DIVISION

Men				
Russel Hawes	1st—374	2nd—410	1st—422	1st—1206
Joseph Selby	2nd—334	3rd—405	2nd—398	2nd—1137
Thomas Ford		1st—415		3rd—1037
Leon Good	3rd—305			
Franklin Umberger			3rd—385	

Women				
Betty Kello	1st—218	1st—305	1st—277	1st—800
Evelyn Seal	2nd—188	2nd—290	2nd—266	2nd—684
Dixie Widner		3rd—200	3rd—151	3rd—451
Viola Booth	3rd—104			

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Award Winners

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28 Field 28 Animals 28 Hunters Aggregate
INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Boys				
Raymond Woodford	1st—253		1st—351	1st—914
P. J. Smith	2nd—220	2nd—340	3rd—329	2nd—889
Robert Boden, Jr.	3rd—210		2nd—340	3rd—865
Perry Marshman		1st—345		
Donald Lee Seal		3rd—335		

Girls				
Madeline Ford	1st—119	1st—235	2nd—152	1st—506
Barbara Ann Hinkle	2nd—93	2nd—145	1st—155	2nd—393

JUNIOR DIVISION

Boys				
Larry White, Jr.	3rd—275	2nd—330	1st—352	1st—957
David Shickle	2nd—284	1st—335	3rd—309	2nd—928
Jerry Smith	1st—309	3rd—290	2nd—313	3rd—912
Girls				
Norma Jean Seal	3rd—221	1st—250	1st—271	1st—742
Sharon Lane	1st—263	2nd—220	2nd—190	2nd—673
Toni Greene	2nd—222	3rd—188	3rd—185	3rd—595

TEAM SHOOT RESULTS

Shawnee Bowman	-----4727	Richmond Archers	-----3984
Chilhowie Bowhunters	-----4580	Augusta Archers	-----3788
Albemarle Archers	-----4463	Oakwood Forest Archers	-----3777
Sherwood Archers	-----4284		

The Case of the Curious Buck

BY SHAWNEE LEE

It had rained the night before and the woods were still dripping a little. In the eerie light of dawn grotesque shadows of stumps and bushes loomed before me. Cautiously I groped my way forward until I recognized one of the shapes. It was my old deer stand, a stump screened by bushes facing a well-used trail.

Expectantly I crouched down hoping my camouflage suit would blend me in to the surroundings. Gradually the light began to fall through the trees illuminating the blazing colors of the foliage—the golden leaves of the hickory mingled with the reddish brown of the oaks. There was no sound in the forest high up on the ridge near the small town of Bloomery, West Virginia.

Mechanically I reached for a cigarette but my hand stopped in mid-air. A shadow moved past a tree a little to my left, behind me. As I turned, scarcely daring to breathe, two more shadows slipped past. Then I realized they were not shadows at all—but deer! And they hadn't seen me yet.

The sight of them stirred me into action. I whirled off the stump and dropped to one knee and as I did my belt quiver, which I had forgotten to remove, made a couple of sickening rattles that could have been heard for almost a mile. The two deer in front just disappeared but the one bringing up the rear became curious and stopped broadside to see what all the clatter was about. By this time I was at full draw and an arrow was on its way. In the half light and as I was using barred feathers the arrow simply disappeared into the gloom. The last I saw of the arrow it looked as

though it was too high. I strained my ears to hear it hit but all I heard was a startled "whoosh" from the deer as it made for parts unknown.

I calmed my jangled nerves with a much needed smoke and settled down to wait, fighting the temptation to go look for my arrow. If I had scored I didn't want to frighten it unnecessarily and if I had missed I didn't want to tramp around and scare any more deer that might possibly come my way. Forty five minutes grudgingly passed and I could wait no longer. Placing a white handkerchief on a nearby bush, so I could spot my shooting position, I then went to the place where I had last seen the deer.

Not immediately finding my arrow I started to search in increasingly larger circles. Then I saw blood, lots of it. A blind man could have followed the trail. After about twenty yards I found the feathered half of my arrow. The blood increased and so did the rpm's of my heart. After a few zigs and zags (actually only about seventy yards) through the underbrush I saw him. A nice fat four pointer lying on his side, the other half of my arrow was close by. It had gone completely through, about four inches down from his back bone four inches back of his shoulder.

The events that followed were all anticlimactic, such as pacing off the distance (at least forty yards) and proudly checking him in at the local general store. Trying to appear nonchalant as the usual cracker barrel constituents questioned me on my ability and equipment. They were amazed that an arrow from a forty pound bow could be so deadly.

At least two of them declared that they would take up bowhunting. I hope they do because maybe they too will find a buck with a case of over curiosity.

The Hunting Vice-Pres.

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hundred and twenty five yards.

It shall be unlawful to use dogs when hunting with the bow and arrow from October 15 to November 1, dates inclusive.

3. Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. Item 133.

No state or county resident licenses to hunt, trap or fish in or on the lands or inland waters of this state shall be deemed to be issued until the certificate printed on the reverse side thereof shall be executed by the named licenss.

4. Big Levels Wildlife Management Area.

Archery season for deer, bear and small game, except turkey, is November 2-14.

5. To help better relationships between Archers and the Game Wardens on the local level send new subscriptions and renewals for Virginia Wildlife through your local Game Warden and have him give your local club credit for the 25 cents refund on each subscription. G. B. Booth, Jr. Hunting Vice-President

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20 Pin Winners

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