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MASSANUTTEN CAVERNS JUNE 1958



The above picture shows the participants of the Virginia Bowhunters Associations State Championship Tournament.

Ross Garletts New VBA President

Counting of the ballots at the last Board of Director's meeting gave Ross Garletts an overwhelming majority of votes as the new President of your VBA.

Other Officers elected for the new term 1958-59 are as follows:

Executive Vice President, Gene Limerick; Field Vice President, Woody Woods; Hunting Vice President, Nick Nicolas; Corresponding Secretary, Edna Gillespie; Recording Secretary, Pat Hamilton; Treasurer, Arch Cole.

Congratulations to the new officers! I'm sure they will do their utmost to carryout the duties of their office.

Info To Trophy Hunters

If you're planning to attend this year's Silver Arrow Shoot, the same applies to this as to the State Shoot. Three 28 target tournament scores on your classifi-

RECORD CROWD ATTENDS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The 12th Annual Virginia State Championship Tournament was held on the Harrisonburg range of the Bowhunters of Rockingham. The range is located at the foot of the Massanutten mountain in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Two new 28 target courses were constructed to give a total of 84 targets for the Virginia Bowhunters Association's largest shoot.

There was a full program planned for archers and their families and guest. A large pool, box lunches, chicken bar-b-que and dance to mention just a few of the events that will make the 1958 Championship Tournament one long to be remembered.

As far as the shooting was concerned, Kermit Whitacre in the men's X-A Class swept the field with an aggregate score of 1321. A cool 60 points ahead of his nearest competitor.

The price of this two day shoot will be \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for juniors.

In the Women's Expert Class it was no walk-away. Mildred Hickson took an early lead in the field round followed by Mary Lee Craft and Pat Hamilton, the defending champion. Then Mary Lee Craft started hitting in the animal and hunters round to take the women's title by 46 points, with an aggregate score of 932.

I'm sure that all who attended the tournament will remember this wonderful weekend. The many new friendships that were made and the old ones that were renewed. The three hundred and forty archers were treated to the biggest and best State Tournament ever.

E. EUGENE LIMERICK,
Editor of Flight.

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Tournament Schedule

July 27

Richmond Archers, Richmond, Va.
Blueridge Archers, Buena Vista, Va.
Beaver Creek Bowmen, Martinsville, Va.
Pioneer Archers, Woodstock, Va.

August 3

Culpeper Bowmen, Culpeper, Va.
Tazewell County Archers, Tazewell, Va.
Chesapeake Bowmen, Portsmouth, Va.
Ivy Trail Archers, Rocky Mount, Va.

August 10

Rich Creek Archers, Rich Creek, Va.
Shawnee Bowmen, Winchester, Va.
Seminole Archers, Danville, Va.
Shawnee Archery Tribe, Waynesboro, Va.

August 17

Beaver Creek Bowmen, Martinsville, Va.
Oakleaf Archers, Clifton Forge, Va.
Broadhead Archery Club, Stanley, Va.

August 24

Richmond Archers, Richmond, Va.
Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, Va.
Bowhunters of Rockingham, Harrisonburg, Va.
NORVA, Alexandria, Va.

August 30 & 31

Annual Silver Arrow Shoot, Chesapeake Bowmen, Portsmouth, Va.

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How It Feels To Become The Champ

Winning the State Championship has been a great thrill, but I feel that the honor and prestige that goes with the title should be attributed to the one person who has made the title of state champion what it is today. Her name is synonymous with archery. Pat Hamilton is the greatest of champions.

Pat, you have set the precedent. The standards are high. I shall try to the best of my ability to maintain them.

The two short years that I have participated in archery have been eventful and exciting. It has provided me with many pleasant hours of relaxation and comradeship. There is no other sport where you have the opportunity to meet and make friends with so many nice people. These friendships I value very highly.

Archers have been characterized as being very individualistic. This trait has never been more fully demonstrated than at the re-organization meetings of the Virginia Bowhunters Association. I shall never forget it. Everyone had their own ideas and opinions, and believe me they expressed them. Yet, from this multitude of opinions, policies were made that were agreeable to everyone and due to their efforts one of the best organized, most progressive organizations in the country has evolved. Although there

August 31

Chilhowie Bowhunters, Chilhowie, Va.
Oakwood Forest Archers, Covington, Va.
Culpeper Bowmen, Culpeper, Va.
Flat Top Archery Club, Bedford, Va.

were many differences of opinion, all had one common goal, let's do something for the good of archery.

The results are readily apparent. We are the fastest growing, and one of the most respected organizations in the State. This is an envied position, and I know all of us are very proud that we have been a part of it.

MARY LEE CRAFT.

Letters To Editor

Lynchburg boasted of having eight Expert A's in their club and I believe they challenged any other club to match that. My club is now in position to say we have eight Expert A's.

CLAY DILLON,
Sherwood Archers
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ROVING SHOTS

by
ROSS E. GARLETTS

To those archers who go by the Annual VBA State Tournament, another year has passed. Our hats off to the new champs, and especially to Kermit Whitacre of Shawnee Bowman in Winchester, who set a new record winning the coveted crown with the spectacular score of 1321, a 420 field round, 480 broadhead and a 421 hunters round shot in the rain. Truly a championship performance in anyone's book. Good luck to all our champs in the nationals, and if they can continue the kind of shooting exhibited at Harrisonburg this year, I'm sure Virginia will be in the running.

Another milestone has passed in that the first fiscal year of the reorganized VBA has passed and your new officers have been elected. To those who supported your reporter with their votes, I extend my appreciation for their confidence. To all, I pledge my best within my ability and shall sincerely do what I can to carry on, with the help of you and the other officers, the wonderful progress already accomplished in the past years by your association. To the retiring officers, congratulations on a job well done. To the re-elected, the same, and you are the working cogs that make the wheels turn. Keep up the good work.

Don't know how many of you are taking advantage of the bowfishing season for carp and gar, but if you haven't, you are missing out on a barrel of fun. We've heard many comments that it's "more exciting than deer hunting." We won't argue that point, but here in the Valley it's catching on like a prairie-fire. Some archers have landed better than a hundred carp already this season. Your reporter tried a couple weeks ago and has really flipped over it. Beats squirrel hunting and don't think those sluggish looking carp are any fools. They are as wary as any game animal we have come across. We haven't heard how the southern guys are doing with gar, but if it is anything like is taking place here in the Valley—Boy! We would like to hear reports from you as to how many of these rough fish you have taken and their average weight. If we have this information, we can report to the commission how many have been removed from the waters of our streams, and **no game violations!** Also please do not leave your catch lying on the banks to rot in the sun. They just plain stink! Either bury them or give them to some one who will make use of them. A tip to you who garden, they're good fertilizer. Send your reports to me at P. O. Box 229, Harrisonburg, Va., by August 10th.

At the last VBA meeting in Lynchburg, we had some reports of dissatisfaction over the 10% ruling. Unfortunately, in our sport there are always some trophy happy archers who sand-

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bag and spoil the whole sport for everyone else. True they are a minority of the group, but they louse-up the whole deal for everyone else. This has always been a perennial problem. It is recognized that in some cases it does penalize the honest shooter, but to date this is the best system to curb the sand-bagger. It does not get them all, but it has helped. If we realize that this rule was made as protection to the honest archer and not to penalize him, the rule shows it's better side. There are provisions for downgrading if desired, study them. Let's not tear it apart or throw it out until we can improve it by modification or substitution of a better rule.

We are proud to report that your representatives to the Mid-Atlantic States meeting of the NFAA held in Annapolis, Md., were the states of Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, District of Columbia and Virginia sat together and swapped ideas, that your state association appears far ahead of most of the others. We learned some things from the other states which we

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will consider and weigh, but the most outstanding feature of the whole meeting was the way in which our VBA gave our clubs complete freedom in their own club affairs and at the same time standardized our operations on a state wide basis. Also our standardized pin award system was the hit of the meeting. Wouldn't be surprised if several other states adopted it in the near future. A Mid-Atlantic states tournament will be held in 1959. We will keep you posted as plans develop.

Say, on page 21 of the July issue of Archery Magazine is an idea that looks like a good one for us to adopt. The B & B Arrow Identification System seems to be a simple system to put into effect. We'll work it up and have it ready as soon as possible. This looks like it will get more arrows back to their rightful owners than any other method we have heard of to date. It does not affect your individual crest, yet identifies what club you belong. Strays can be bunched and exchanged at shoots or the VBA meeting every quarter.

Those of you who could not attend the VBA State Tournament this year missed the presentation of the Big Game Award and Honorary Membership made to "Uncle Tom" Herring of the Game & Inland Fisheries Commission. It was deeply appreciated by our good friend "Uncle Tom" and no one person more justly deserved such recognition for his many years of dedicated service to outdoor sportsmen. Were it not for such as he, there would not be much for such as we. Now's the time to start planning for this fall's hunting as it is closer than you think. Less than 90 days until the big moment arrives. Better start getting your tackle and gear in shape.

Roomer: "I don't see why you should raise my rent when I live on the top floor and have to climb all those stairs."

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Recommendations By Field Vice President

The following recommendations were made by the Field Vice President, Woody Woods and adopted by the Directors.

1. That all targets have Junior Stakes.
2. That the stakes be white with the letters JR on them.
3. That the shooting lanes be clear with no close shots through brush.
4. That all rounds (Field, Animal and Hunters) be shot from the same JR stakes.
5. A 5% variation be allowed but distance lost on one target must be made up on another.
6. That only the Field rabbit shot be a four position or spread shot.
7. Juniors are not eligible for VBA 20 pin unless shot from regular field stakes.
8. That all clubs install junior stakes by August 1, 1958.
9. That the 20 ft. field stake be the shooting position for the animal rabbit shot.

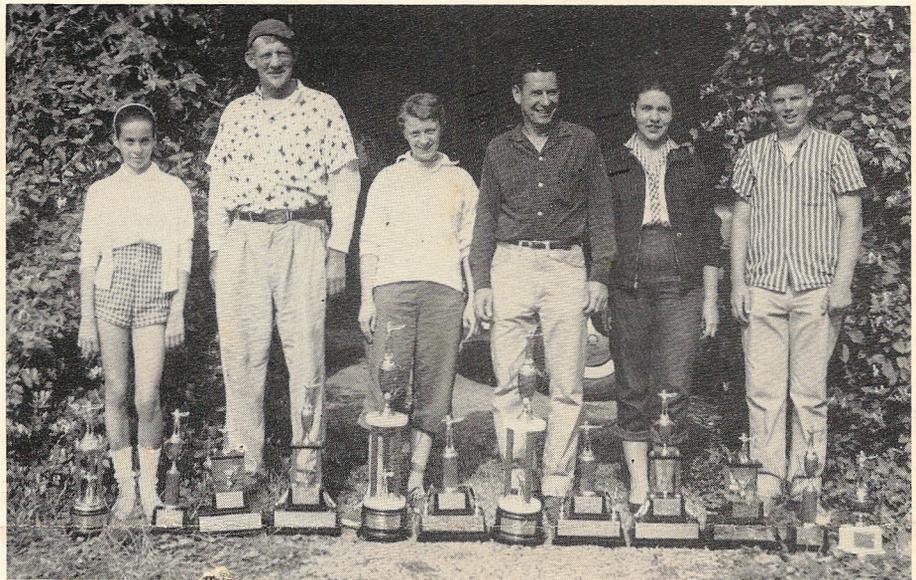
Distance reference from regular field round.

- 80 yards to 50 yards
- 65 yards to 47 yards
- 60 yards to 43 yards
- 55 yards to 40 yards
- 50 yards to 37 yards
- 45 yards to 34 yards
- 40 yards to 27 yards
- 45 yard walk-up to 30 yards
- 35 yard spread to 23 yards
- 30 yards to 20 yards
- 25 yards to 17 yards
- 20 yards to 14 yards
- 15 yards to 11 yards
- Rabbit shot 4 position regular Field Stakes.

Fay: "Your husband never tips his hat to me when I meet him on the street. What's the matter with him, lack of courtesy?"

May: "Nope. Lack of hair."

1958 STATE CHAMPIONS



Left to right—Sha'ron Lane, Jr., Joe Selby, hunters; Mary Lee Craft, woman's champion; Kermit Whitacre, men's champion; Betty Kello, womens hunters; Wayne Whitacre, intermediate boys.

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