

FLIGHT

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COMING SHOOTS

June 2	Bowhunters of Rockingham Sherwood Archers Chesapeake Bowmen	Harrisonburg Roanoke Portsmouth
June 8 & 9	ELEVENTH ANNUAL VBA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT Host Club Walton Park Archers Lynchburg	
June 16	Princess Anne Bowmen Oakwood Forest Archers	Norfolk Covington
June 23	Chilhowie Bowhunters Broadhead Archers	Chilhowie Stanley
June 30	Warwick Bowmen Oakleaf Archers	Warwick Clifton Forge
July 4	FOURTH OF JULY SHOOT	Augusta Archers Staunton

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The big event is just about here, and it appears that this one will be the biggest and the best of all. From the bulletin sent out by The Walton Park Archers it looks like they have a grand program outlined for the event. Everything possible will be done at the shoot to keep confusion to a minimum by centralizing all information at a central point at the Walton Park. We ask that all participants make themselves familiar with the schedule of events upon arrival so that they can take full advantage of the program.

Most of the Officers and Committeemen of the VBA are arriving early Friday and will be on hand to greet you upon arrival. If any questions should arise, contact one of them and they will do their best to find an answer to your problem. See you there and good luck.

CONSERVATION SHOOT

There seems to be some confusion as to what was meant when we announced that the proceeds of this shoot was to be sent in for the Conservation Fund. By proceeds, it is meant that the net proceeds after expenses would be sent in. Some clubs were confused and thought that they were expected to send in the gross receipts. Sorry if we confused you. Remember the date, July 28th, and get busy and let's make this a big thing.

SANDBAGGING AGAIN

It seems that we have run into a new form of sandbagging. It has been called to our attention that one of our archers intentionally blanked the last four targets in a tournament to keep from advancing before the state shoot. It is known that it was done intentionally as the matter was openly discussed in front of the other archers in the foursome. Also, we hear of some archers who are intentionally staying away from tournaments for the same reason. Of course there is no way that rules can be written to cover such things, but any archer who intentionally, by one method or another, shoots in a class below his true ability, be or she is no better than the hunter who will hunt and kill game out of season. He is stealing from his fellow archers and friends the right to compete against other archers of equal ability by his unsportsmanlike conduct. The Trophy won by such a method will be a hollow victory indeed, for generally, the persons who will resort to such means to hold their classification are known to others and are held in contempt by all other archers. Bad news travels fast and the names of those who are guilty are widely known throughout the state in a very short while. We hope that anyone who has used any such means to remain down, will honestly ask themselves which they value the most, their friends or a piece of metal to place in the trophy room. If it is the later, they have no place in our sport as that is not the true spirit of field archery.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Attached you have found your copy of the scheduled shoots for the remainder of 1957. It was felt that this would be the best way to get a copy of the schedule into everyone hands. If additional copies are needed, have your club sect. write in and they will be sent out. Please do not ask for more than you can use.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The June meeting of the Board of Directors meeting will be held at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond on June 23rd. Start planing now to attend or at least have your club represented at the meeting. By having all clubs represented and presenting their views on the various matters that will be discussed, is the only way which your association can give you what you want. If possible, try to arrive the night before and attend committee meetings.

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