

COMING SHOTS

May 5	Blueridge Archers	Buena Vista
	Warwick Bowmen	Warwick
	Chilhowie Bowhunters	Chilhowie
	Culpepper Bowmen	Culpepper
May 12	Shawnee Bowmen	Winchester
	Augusta Archers	Staunton
	Triangle Bowhunters	Christiansburg
May 19	"BOB MONTEITH" Shoot	Richmond
May 26	Pioneer Archers	Woodstock
	Mountain Lake Archers	Churchville
	Walton Park Archers	Lynchburg
	Bowhunters of Rockingham	Harrisonburg
June 2	Sherwood Archers	Roanoke
	Chesapeake Bowmen	Portsmouth

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The above schedule takes us up to the State Championship which I think everyone knows will be held in Lynchburg at the Walton Park Archers 56 target course. It begins to look like this will be the largest shoot ever held in the State of Virginia. Everyone is urged to get their requests in for reservations as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush. This information should be sent you before too long by the Walton Park Archers, the host club. It would also be a big help to the Tournament Committee if those who will arrive on Friday will register on the 1 day instead of waiting until the morning of the shoot. NOTE! to those who do not attend many of the invitational shoots during the year. If you wish to shoot your classification and not be grouped in the Open Class you must have a shoot on your classification card dated within 60 days of the State Championship Tournament. Tournament dates---Saturday & Sunday, June 8th & 9th.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The April meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond on April 14th, and was attended by approximately 50% of the affiliated clubs. Much important work was done and some of the results are evident in the attached tournament Rules. It was hoped that more clubs would have their representatives present, but those who did attend really put in some hard work. The Saturday night committee session lasted until 4a.m. and many problems were ironed out so that the Sunday meeting was able to get most of the scheduled work on the floor and passed. We hope that even more clubs will have their director present at the next meeting as that is the only way we can keep our association strong is by all clubs working with it.

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND MEMBERSHIP

Eather Cole, Treasurer, reported at the meeting that there were as of that date 27 clubs affiliated with the association, with a combined membership of 882. There are new members names being sent in each week and it is anticipated that this bulletin will be sent out to around 1000 archers.

HUNTING SEASON

Your association was represented at the Public Hearing of the Game Commission on April 11th in Richmond by Rodolfo Nicolas, Hunting Vice-President, and Rose Garletts, Executive Vice-President, and they reported that our request for extension of the bowhunting season was well recieved by the Commission and other sportsmens groups from allover the state with only a few in opposition. The Commission announced in the papers on the 24th of April that the Bowhunting season would be from October 15th to November 1st. This will be definitely set at their meeting of May 24th. While this is not all we ask for it is almost twice as many hunting days as we would have had this year if it had remained on the same dates as last year.

NO MORE SANDBAGGING!

Unfortunately there are always a few archers in our midst that sandbag prior to the State Championship Tournament and spoil the different classes for all the rest. This has been a perenial problem in the past and many a VBA meeting has been devoted to discussing this problem. It was discussed at great length in committee meeting on Saturday night before the regular meeting and the committee reported out with the recommendation as it was passed. That is rule #19 in the attached Rules for VBA Sanctioned Tournaments.

MAY 1st, IMPORTANT!

May 1st is a very important date, as that is the date when it becomes effective that only persons who are affiliated with the VBA will be permitted to participate in a VBA sanctioned Tournament. At all shoots after that date it will be necessary to show your membership card when registering and it will be the date for using the new classification cards. So if you have not yet recieved your new classification card be sure to get one from your club secretary, as that is the only place you can receive it.--Rule #6. Also, this is the date that the new standardized pins go into effect and shall be used in all shoots with the exception of the State Championship.

STANDARDIZED PIN AWARDS

While we realize that not everyone has seen the samples of the new pin awards, those who have were favorably impressed. For the benefit of everyone, the pins represent and signify the following;

Blue	enamel	--	Men's Expert A or Open and Women's Expert Bowmen or Open
Red	"	--	" " B
Yellow	"	--	" & Women's Bowmen
Green	"	--	" Archer
White	"	--	" Novice
Black	"	--	Junior & Intermediate for Boys & Girls

The base color of the metal designates the place;

Gold	1st place
Silver	2nd "
Bronze	3rd "

It will take a little while to get used to but we will soon all know what they stand for and then we think our pins will mean something when they are displayed.

NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS

The cost of the pins are 80¢ for gold, 75¢ for silver, 70¢ for bronze. Please send your orders direct to C. J. Woods, Field Vice-President, 120 S. Delphine Ave., Waynesboro, Va. Make your check payable to THE VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC. and include 50¢ per order to cover postage and insurance. It is necessary that your check accompany your order as the VBA has no way to carry accounts. No order will be honored unless accompanied with check.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

It was ruled at the Board of Directors meeting that we would have an intermediate class. This would cover archers aged 13, 14, and 15. Junior class would be 12 years of age and under. It was also ruled that Juniors would be grouped with their parents or the person responsible for bringing them to the tournament rather than having them sent out with some other group who would have to spend their time looking for arrows and in general take care of them while those who had brought them to the tournament would go off with another group and have a carefree day. Your cooperation is requested in this matter.

HUNTING TROPHY

Rodolfo Nicolas informed us that he had offered from some sporting goods dealers that will put up an annual trophy for the best buck and the best doe killed each year. It was voted to accept their offer. We don't know yet how they will be judged as that will be worked out between now and hunting season. Our thanks to those dealers and good luck.

VBA FISCAL YEAR

While the VBA operates on a Fiscal Year, it was brought out that it would be better for all concerned if the individual clubs stayed on a calendar year and paid their assessments on that basis. If all clubs adjust to the same fiscal year as the VBA, the new Treasurer and Secretary each year would be swamped with memberships arriving before they had time to acquaint themselves with the functions of the office. If members dues are sent in for a calendar year, these officers will have had a few months to get accustomed to their duties. While we realize that this is a change in the thinking from the meeting in January, after a little thought and study, it is sensible and while it may cause a little confusion to those clubs who have already changed over, if possible it would help in the long run if they went back to the calendar year. In case of incorporated clubs this would not be possible but they will be in the minority.

CONSERVATION CLUB SHOOT

July 28th has been left open in the schedule of sanctioned shoots for the last six months, and it is suggested that every club in the state on that Sunday to hold a club shoot and send the proceeds to the VBA CONSERVATION FUND. We feel that on a state wide basis that we could raise several hundred dollars by that method which would be turned over to the Conservation Commission to use as they saw fit. Then we would have an answer for those who are always saying that the Bowhunters are always asking for more privileges in hunting, but what do you give to help. Also this would be turned over to the Commission during CONSERVATION WEEK and we think we might be able to get bowhunting some favorable publicity. All clubs are asked to cooperate in this project.

AN IDEA

Has any club ever thought of giving VBA or Virginia Wildlife patches as prizes for the winners in their club shoots. Either organization would profit from this and we think the archer would appreciate the prize.

ADS IN FLIGHT

We believe that an ad in the FLIGHT BULLETIN is a bargain for any of the many tackle dealers in the State of Virginia. We know of no other way that you can reach such a select group of customers as this bulletin is sent to each archer affiliated with VBA. A full one and one-half inch ad the full width of the page only costs \$10.00 and this issue is going out to 1000 archers and each future edition will be larger. Or if you have your own ad that you would like to have sent out with the bulletin, if you will supply the ad, we will send it along for the same price. Think it over and let us hear from you. Edna & Ross

RULES FOR VBA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

1. Range shall be NFAA approved and registered for 20 pin.
2. Only archers who are registered with VBA and carry a VBA membership card shall participate in VBA sanctioned shoots, unless they be a non-resident of Virginia. In this case the classification card of their state shall be honored and they may compete for awards. EXCEPTION: Non-residents of Virginia may not compete for established classes in the VBA State Championship Tournament. They may enter a special non-resident open class with separate awards as determined by the tournament committee.
3. When there are less than three entries in any on class, that class will be declared non-competitive and no awards will be made unless the archer scores his or her class.
4. The men's Expert and women's Expert Bowmen classes are also Open. That is, it is actually not a class at all. The title Expert A and Expert Bowmen only points out that those so classified are able to take care of themselves in an open tournament and need no special class to give them competition. This means that if any one should by chance turn in one of the three top scores of the tournament, he or she would win an award not only in their own class but in the Open class as well. This applies only to the Open and a person entered, for example, as an Archer cannot win a Bowmen award. Also, this rule does not apply if Open class is declared non-competitive under Rule #3.
5. If an archer does not have four scores on his classification card, he shall shoot in the Open class.
6. VBA classification cards must be presented at all tournaments. VBA membership card must also be shown at time of registration. If an archer does not have his classification card, he shall shoot in the Open Class. The host club secretary shall then see that this archer's score is forwarded to his home club secretary, so that his score will be properly entered on his classification. No club shall issue a classification card to any archer other than to members of their own club, except when an archer's card is full. Then the old card will immediately have the word VOID written across it and a new card issued with the word NEW written in the upper right hand corner. This will designate that an old voided card will be required with the new card until four scores have been entered on the new card.
(This rule unfortunately must be included to avoid some archer from having more than one classification card and using the one he chooses.)
7. All tournament field round scores shall be entered on VBA classification cards, whether it be a club shoot or a VBA sanctioned tournament.

8. Double scoring shall be used on all rounds.
9. Archers shall stand with both feet behind the shooting stake.
10. Any kind of bow, except a cross bow, and any kind of arrow, except a broadhead or arrows that would unreasonably injure a target face may be used in any instinctive event unless otherwise stated. The same applies to the Hunters Division except that arrows must comply with weight standards for this division.
11. Each host club shall have a Field Captain whose duties shall be to; (a) See that a target captain is appointed for each group; (b) Designate the order in which groups are to shoot or assign the targets from which each group is to start.
12. The duty of the target captain shall be to order the shooting at his target and to settle all local questions. His decision on arrow values shall be final. Other decisions may be appealed to the Field Captain.
13. An Archer who has to stop shooting because of a broken string, or similar cause, must take witnesses, appointed by the Field Captain with him when he completes the round.
14. The status of doubtful arrows shall be determined by ~~form~~ drawing any arrows from the target, and such an arrow may not be touched until after being scored.
15. Arrows passing through the face, but still in the butt, may be pushed back and scored as a hit in the circle through which it entered. This does not mean that they may be withdrawn and then stuck back through the target.
16. Ties shall be shot off on the first three field target faces.
17. No group of less than three archers shall turn in an official score.
18. All shooting stakes shall be numbered, but the yardage must not be given.
19. From January 1st of each year through the WPA State Championship Tournament an archer can only go up in his classification (not down). After the State Championship Tournament he or she will be classified to whatever class their average calls for until the following January 1st when the above will once again become effective. This rule became effective as of April 15, 1957.

*July Through December
1957*

SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

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JULY 4

FOURTH OF JULY SHOOT,
Augusta Archers, Staunton, Va.

JULY 7

Albemarle Archers, Charlottesville, Va.
Pioneer Archers, Woodstock, Va.
Princess Anne Bowman, Norfolk, Va.
Triangle Bowhunters, Christiansburg, Va.

JULY 14

Bowhunters of Rockingham, Harrisonburg
Va.
Richmond Archers, Richmond, Va.
Rich Creek Archers, Rich Creek, Va.

JULY 21

Blue Ridge Archers, Buena Vista, Va.
Loudoun Bowhunters, Hamilton, Va.
Chesapeake Bowman, Portsmouth, Va.
Powell Valley Archery Club, Pennington
Gap, Va.
Seminole Archers, Danville, Va.

JULY 28

Club Shoots for Conservation
(Let's all shoot in this one)

AUGUST 4

Mountain Lake Archers, Churchville, Va.
Princess Anne Bowman, Norfolk, Va.
Manahoac Bowman, Fredericksburg, Va.
Oakleaf Archers, Clifton Forge, Va.

AUGUST 11

Albemarle Archers, Charlottesville, Va.
Senedo Archers, New Market, Va.
Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, Va.

AUGUST 18

Shawnee Archery Tribe, Waynesboro, Va.
Pioneer Archers, Woodstock, Va.
Warwick Bowmen, Warwick, Va.
Chilhowie Bowhunters, Chilhowie, Va.

AUGUST 25

N.O.R.V.A.A., Alexandria, Va.
Broadhead Archery Club, Stanley, Va.
Oakwood Forest Archers, Covington, Va.

AUGUST 31 and SEPTEMBER 1

ANNUAL SILVER ARROW SHOOT,
Chesapeake Bowman, Portsmouth, Va.

SEPTEMBER 8

ANNUAL PRE-SEASON HUNTING SHOOT,
Loudoun Bowhunters, Loudoun, Va.

SEPTEMBER 15

Blueridge Archers, Buena Vista, Va.
Shawnee Bowman, Winchester, Va.
Richmond Archers, Richmond, Va.
Seminole Archers, Danville, Va.

SEPTEMBER 22

Albemarle Archers, Charlottesville, Va.
Pioneer Archers, Woodstock, Va.
Powell Valley Archery Club, Pennington
Gap, Va.
Walton Park Archers, Lynchburg, Va.

SEPTEMBER 29

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT—
Bowhunters of Rockingham, Harrisonburg,
Va.
Manahoac Bowmen, Fredericksburg, Va.
Warwick Bowman, Warwick, Va.
Triangle Bowhunters, Christiansburg, Va.

OCTOBER 6

Shawnee Archery Tribe, Waynesboro, Va.
Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, Va.

OCTOBER 13

Albemarle Archers, Charlottesville, Va.
Pioneer Archers, Woodstock, Va.
Oakleaf Archers, Clifton Forge, Va.

OCTOBER 20

Broadhead Archery Club, Stanley, Va.
Oakwood Forest Archers, Covington, Va.

OCTOBER 27

Augusta Archers, Staunton, Va.
Seminole Archers, Danville, Va.

NOVEMBER 10

Oakwood Forest Archers, Covington, Va.

NOVEMBER 17

Shawnee Archery Tribe, Waynesboro, Va.

NOVEMBER 24

Chilhowie Bowhunters, Chilhowie, Va.

DECEMBER 1

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT,
Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, Va.

DECEMBER 8

TURKEY SHOOT,
Triangle Bowhunters, Christiansburg, Va.



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