

BEHIND THE VBA GAVEL

This will be my last input to Flight under the byline, 'Behind the VBA Gavel.'

First, let me say that it has been a real experience and mostly an enjoyable one. The experience gained in the last two years is invaluable and I hope that it will be useful to VBA in the future.

Not all of our goals were accomplished. Our membership is not up to expectation; our club growth is almost stagnant. There are several opinions on this, such as the new dues for NFAA and VBA, handicap, etc. No problems have come up where some intelligent solution cannot be found.

With respect to the handicap system, it needs trial, patience, and adjustment to be fully utilized. Until we go through our childhood and move into adulthood concerning this problem, we will experience some confusion. The perplexing remarks that some archers give are really disturbing because they do not yet understand the intent of equalizing the grouping at tournaments. Possibly we need to cut our spread numerically to approximately 30 points per flight, and we must change our old class philosophies. It seems to work in bowling, golf, etc., so let's have a little patience and compassion until your officers have weighed all the facts.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each officer that served the VBA in the last two years. They are all a dedicated, conscientious, and loyal staff; also, the many committees that functioned effectively deserve the praise of all VBA members. When you realize that these people spend hours of their time to help us all, the job of saying thanks adequately is really hard to do.

The dues raise this year was a piece of legislation not envied by the executive board, but necessary if we are to grow and become a strong unity in archery in the state and National. Most archers realize this and accept the inevitable.

The VBA received two awards for membership growth at National this year. For this I am personally very proud. The individuals responsible have my sincere thanks.

I will not be at the Mid-Atlantic in Richmond because of a conflicting appointment in Las Vegas. I had hoped to make both, but circumstances will not permit. However, with the new officers to be installed and every available member at the tournament, you should have a fine meeting and a most enjoyable tournament. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Y. Seneca

N.F.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT SLATED FOR WATKINS GLEN, NEW YORK

July 28th through August 1 are the dates to keep in mind if you wish to attend the 24th annual N.F.A.A. Championship Tournament. This year the week-long event is to be held at the ever popular Sugar Hill, a recreational area located at the bottom of Lake Seneca near the town of Watkins Glen

N.F.A.A. Officials are already hard at work making preparations for this to be one of the finest tournaments in the long chain of NFAA Championship shoots. Pat Wingfield, President of the N.F.A.A. has appointed William E. (Bill) Boyle to coordinate the event as tournament chairman. Archers are familiar with tournaments conducted by Boyle in the past and can expect a wonderful time in the State of New York this year.

The N.F.A.A. Tournament Committee has selected the various breakdowns of competition which will be part of this 1969 event. There will be 20 basic divisions: Men and Women Bare Bow in both open and amateur, Men and Women Freestyle in both open and amateur, Men and Women Bow Hunter in both open and amateur, Young Adult Division for both Boys and Girls in Bare Bow and Freestyle. Classes have been selected for each of these divisions except for the Young Adult. In all senior divisions, there will be breakdowns of classes from A through D. The Youth Division will have classes from A through C. Classes will be determined by the archer's handicap at the time of check-in at the tournament. Here is a rundown of the classes.

Men Bare Bow (open and amateur)

- Class A -- Handicaps of 0 through 128
- Class B -- Handicaps of 129 through 208
- Class C -- Handicaps of 209 through 288
- Class D -- Handicaps of 289 and up

Women Bare Bow (open and amateur)

- Class A -- Handicaps of 0 through 188
- Class B -- Handicaps of 189 through 248
- Class C -- Handicaps of 249 through 348
- Class D -- Handicaps of 349 and up

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N.F.A.A. Tournament (from pg. 1)

Men Freestyle (open and amateur)

Class A -- Handicaps of 0 through 88
Class B -- Handicaps of 89 through 149
Class C -- Handicaps of 150 through 208
Class D -- Handicaps of 209 and up

Women Freestyle (open and amateur)

Classes A through D the same as women
Bare Bow.

Bow Hunter (men & women, open & amateur)

Classes A through D the same as women
Bare Bow.

**Young Adult Boys and Girls with two scores
over 450 (one class for each).****Youth Boys and Girls both bare bow and
freestyle (4 divisions of the following classes)****freestyle (4 divisions of the following
classes).**

Class A -- Handicaps of 0 through 168
Class B -- Handicaps of 169 through 288
Class C -- Handicaps of 289 and up

It is easy to see, there will be enough room
for everyone at this year's tournament. Com-
petition in the various classes should be
quite similar to those of the past.

Even though you will be shooting in a re-
spective class, handicaps will only be used
to place you in a class. The N.F.A.A. Cham-
pions in various divisions will be determined
by their raw or scratch score in tournament
competition.

For the enthusiastic archer, here is the in-
formation on shooting and registration fees.
Adult men and women may partake in the
week-long event for \$13.00. This included
the registration fee and the target fees. If
there are more than four in a family, NFAA
has established a family target fee of \$30.00

rather than \$10.00 for Adults and Young
Adult divisions. For the youth, the fee is
\$8.50 which includes the \$1.50 registration
fee and the \$7.00 target fee.

You may obtain application blanks for the
tournament through two sources this year.
You may write to NFAA Headquarters and re-
quest one; or, you may conveniently contact
your club secretary for blanks. NFAA Head-
quarters will make a direct mailing to all
NFAA Club Secretaries and all pertinent in-
formation on the tournament will be in this
packet. In addition to putting the appli-
cations in the hands of all club secretaries,
NFAA will also make a mailing to archery
dealers as we have done in the past. So, if
you find it hard to locate your club secretary
applications will also be available through
your favorite archery dealer.

Pre-registration? You bet. It will close on
June 30th. All pre-registrations must be
postmarked on or before that date to be eli-
gible for the pre-registration fee of \$3.00
adults and young adults, and \$1.50 for
Youth. In the event you cannot attend the
tournament, only your registration fee will
be lost but your target fees will be returned.
Save the \$5.00 late registration fee by sign-
ing up early.

Watkins Glen and the finger lakes area
make a mighty fine vacation spot, and all
the conveniences of home will be yours at
Sugar Hill. Excellent camp sites have been
established since the former tournament in
1965, and the New York State Conservation
Department is continuing to improve the fa-
cilities at Sugar Hill.

Better start seriously thinking of planning
your vacation to take in the 24th NFAA Cham-
pionship Tournament at Watkins Glen, New
York.

20-PIN WINNERS

Apr. - May

FIELD

Ronald E. Cooke, Newport News
James F. Dulaney, Yorktown
Bill Shields, Yorktown
Maurice D. Horn, Yorktown
Kenneth Evans, Boyce
James E. Wagner, Glasgow
David E. Powell, Glasgow

HUNTER

Jesse Wilkins, Newport News
James Bickel, Virginia Beach
Robert Clarkson, Virginia Beach
James E. Wagner, Glasgow

BOAT ACCIDENT RATE DROPS

Virginia's boating accident rate declined in
1968 in spite of a record 66,941 boats regis-
tered in the state during the year, reports
Game Commission Safety Officer J. N. Ker-
rick. The record shows that boating acci-
dents reached a peak in Virginia during 1962,
from which they have steadily declined. Fa-
talities have also generally been on the de-
cline in recent years as has property damage
from boating accidents. During 1968 there
were 58 reported accidents resulting in 29
fatalities, 21 injuries and \$67,400 in property
damage. In 1962 there were 118 accidents re-
sulting in 27 fatalities, 33 injuries and \$2,
000 in property damage. The record number
of fatalities occurred in 1965 when 55 persons
lost their lives in boating mishaps within the
state. The number of registered boats in Vir-
ginia has nearly doubled since 1960.

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REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ARCHERY TOURNAMENT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA JUNE 21 & 22

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The 1969 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship Tournament will be shot in Richmond, Virginia, June 21 & 22. The range is located 7½ miles west of Richmond city limits on U.S. 60. Half of a National Round will be shot. Shooting begins at 9:00 sharp, Saturday morning, June 21 with the first round being the hunter round (black face), 28 targets. Afternoon round will be the field round, 28 targets. The animal round will be shot on Sunday. (Practice butts will be closed at

8:15 both mornings.) Mid-Atlantic PAA members will shoot a PAA round coincidentally with field archers' rounds. Their tournament will be held on a separate range and competing for separate awards as set forth by the Mid-Atlantic Association.

Competition for field archers shall be class competition, based on handicap, as set forth in the "NFAA Handicap System Booklet," page 8; that is to say, you will be placed in a class, depending on your handicap and shoot strictly scratch, total aggregate determining winners. Awards will be three places in all classes.

ACCOMODATIONS AND FACILITIES

Our facilities include 20 practice butts, staked for all distances, (field ranges will naturally be closed prior to shoot).

Hot plate lunches, sandwiches and drinks are available. Ample camping facilities are located within a few hundred yards of the ranges. Camping fees will total \$2 per unit, some sites have electricity. Come early for the best spot since places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, no reservations. Best sites are located around a large picnic pavillion with indoor toilets and border on a fishing lake. Motels are available nearby for non-campers.

If you need further assistance with lodging, contact: Pat Morrow, Hospitality Hostess, 1025 Kingsway Rd. Richmond, Va. 23225 Phone 233-4038

Mid-Atlantic Tournament - June 21, 22

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~~NFAA Card No.~~

Adult — Young Adult — Youth

~~Amateur — Non-Amateur — P.A.A.~~

Freestyle — Barebow — Bowhunter

~~Current Handicap~~

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Terry Stein, Corr. Sec. Richmond Archers
5014 Caledonia Road, Richmond, Va. 23325
Phone 703 - 232 3136

Fees: Pre-Registration

Adult and Young Adult Classes	\$5.00
Youth Classes	3.00
Family Maximum	15.00

For all other information contact:

Les Hayes, Pres. Richmond Archers
3835 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Va. 23227
Phone 703 - 353-4343

Post-Registration

(Any postmarked after June 10 1969)

Adult and Young Adult Classes	\$7.00
Youth Classes	5.00
Family Maximum	20.00

Registration: Friday, June 20th, 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. No Registration on Saturday.

VBA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT · JULY 5 AND 6, 1969

Registration Fees for the State Open are as follows:

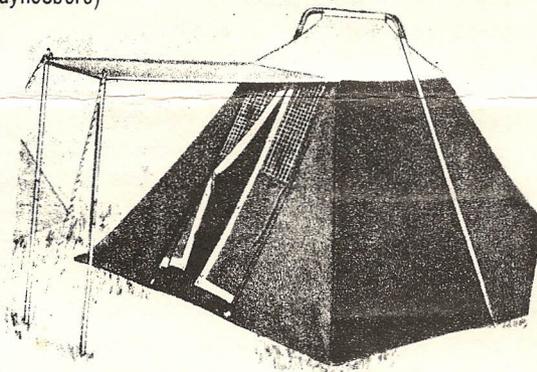
Adults	\$6.00
Youth	\$3.50
Maximum fee for immediately family	\$15.00

Directions for finding Augusta Archers' range:

Range is located off of U.S. Rt. 250, 6 miles west of Waynesboro City Limits sign and 2.4 miles east of Staunton City Limits sign. Turn at M & M Restaurant on Rt. 618. Watch for target signs. For those using Interstate Rt. 81, take Exit 57 and turn east on U.S. Route 250 towards Waynesboro, and go about 1 mile.

For those wishing motel accommodations, listed below are some of them:

- Allstate Motor Court
U.S. Rt. 250 (between Staunton and Waynesboro)
Phone 942-5251
- Deluxe Motor Court
2112 W. Main St.
Waynesboro, Va.
Phone 942-8253
- Holiday Inn
N. Central Ave.
Staunton, Va.
Phone 886-3401
- Ingleside Fairway Motor Inn
Rt. 11 (between Staunton and Verona)
Phone 885-1201



SUNDAY, JULY 6

- 6:30 A.M. - Breakfast starts
- 9:00 A.M. - Grouping and Proceeding to targets
- 9:30 A.M. - Start of Hunters Round
- 1:30 P.M. - End of Hunters Round
- 1:30 P.M. - Lunch served
- 3:00 P.M. - Trophies Awarded

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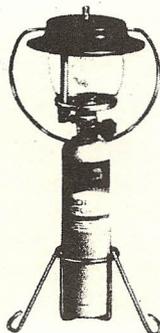
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FRIDAY, JULY 4

7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. - Registration

SATURDAY, JULY 5

- 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. - Registration
- 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. - Lunch- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, etc.
- 12:15 P.M. - Devotion and Opening Ceremonies
- 12:45 P.M. - Grouping and Proceeding to Targets
- 1:15 P.M. - Start of Tournament (Field Round)
- 5:15 P.M. - End of Field Round
- Hot Meals after Field Round
- 6:00 P.M. - Novelty Round



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