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Indoor Trophy Shoot

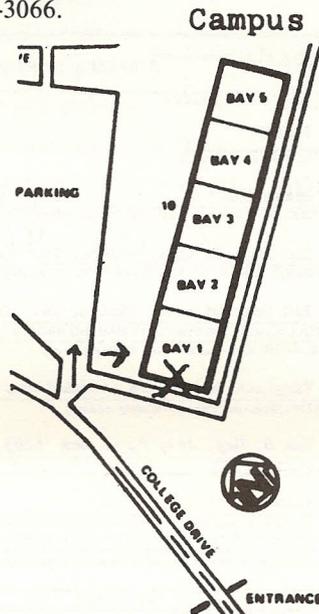
Kingsboro Bowmen of Suffolk, Virginia cordially invite you to a Pre-State, 20 Yard, Indoor Shoot in cooperation with Tidewater Community College (Frederick Campus), for a single 300 round. Target face will be either the NFAA Championship Face or regular NFAA Indoor Face (Shooters Choice). 15 ends — 4 arrows each end. 4 minute time limit each end. A break will be taken after the 8th end. Registration will be from 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, (Practice Available) and 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Saturday, February 8. Opening ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. Begin Shooting at 10:30 a.m. Awards at 5:00 p.m. VBA Indoor Classification will be used. Ben Pearson pays shoot.

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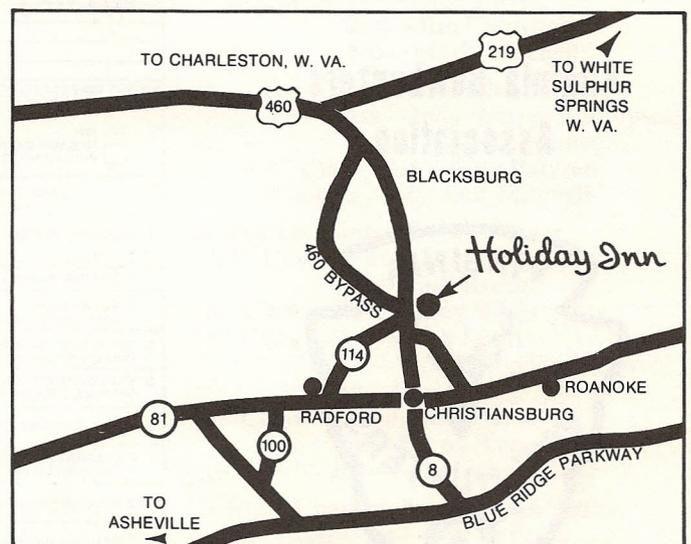
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From The President

I hope that all of you have had a pleasant holiday season. At this time of year, indoor archery is in full swing throughout the state. From what I have seen, it looks like Triangle Archers is once again ready to put on a fine season finale with the Indoor Championships. If some of you missed the special welcome affair put on by the Holiday Inn of Blacksburg, try to get to it this year, it was a nice touch.

On December 10th, 1985, Operation Respect held their annual meeting in Richmond. The VBA was represented by Chris Anthon of Blue Ridge Archers and there will be a report given at the January VBA meeting.

Some time ago, at the request of your Directors, I wrote a letter to the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture stating VBA's opposition to their proposals for timber management programs in the George Washington National Forest. I received a reply in the form of a supplement to their environmental impact statement which I have forwarded to our Conservation Vice-President, Jim Overfelt. The Forest Service has asked for our reply by January 30th, 1986, so we should be able to respond with our position based on discussions that will take place at the January VBA meeting.

More and more, the VBA is becoming involved with outside organizations. As our activities and influence grows, we take on more responsibilities as an organization. This, when added to our ongoing internal affairs on behalf of all VBA members and the clubs chartered with VBA, it is increasingly important that the Board of Directors be as in-

formed and as effective as possible. I can think of no better basis to insure that this occurs than to ask each club to have your VBA Director be as permanent and as active a position in your organization as your rules permit. Your member of the VBA Board of Directors is not simply a "delegate" as some clubs call it. But he or she is a full Director of the VBA Board, a voting director who introduces and passes legislation and sets VBA policies. Like the VBA's NFAA Director, your club's VBA Director is a very important individual to your club.

With this in mind, I would like to ask that each of you consider having your rules changed to reflect the position of "VBA Director" as an elected or appointed position filled by someone who can attend all VBA meetings and who has the interest and desire to do so. Further, I would ask that you consider paying the travel expenses for your VBA Director to remove any financial burden which might prevent attendance.

I wish all of you a very prosperous and healthy 1986 . . . Good Shooting!
Van Vanek

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Winners List

Cub—Male—FS—L—State Champion—Phillip Chris Schroeder

Youth—Male—BB—State Champion—Jimmy Hoye
“B” Class—1st—Victor Riggleman, Jr.

Youth—Male—FS—L—State Champion—Larry Grogg
“B” Class—1st—Dale Edward Board
2nd—James Moore, Jr.
3rd—Chris Blevins
“C” Class—1st—Chris Sturgill

Youth—Female—FS—UL—State Champion—Lori Hertzler

Youth—Male—FS—UL—State Champion—Steven Quarles

Young Adult—Male—BB—State Champion—Tony Craig

Young Adult—Male—FS—L—State Champion—John Blevins

Young Adult—Male—FS—UL—State Champion—Donnie Surber
“AA” Class—2nd—Daryl McKenzie
3rd—Andre Hertzler

Women’s—BB—State Champion—Cay McManus

Men’s—BB—State Champion—Thomas Schanbacher
“AA” Class—2nd—Robert Hoye
3rd—Albert Walker, Jr.

“A” Class—1st—Mickey Baugh
2nd—Clarence Abel
3rd—Jack Allen

“B” Class—1st—Dennis LeFever

Men’s—BH—State Champion—Howard Faris

“AA” Class—2nd—Kenneth Sorrels
3rd—Joe McManus

“A” Class—1st—Danny Belcher
2nd—Joseph Elder
3rd—Junior East

“B” Class—1st—William S. York
2nd—Robert Eason
3rd—D. H. Vanek

“C” Class—1st—Keith Rogers

Women’s—BH—State Champion—Marlene Vanek

Men’s—BHFS—L—State Champion—Richard Rhodes

“AA” Class—2nd—Gregory Blevins
3rd—Dallas Hoover

“A” Class—1st—James Little, Jr.
2nd—Richard Neupert, Jr.
3rd—Dennis Grogg

“B” Class—1st—Robert Brown, Jr.
2nd—Scott Betterton
3rd—Edward Board

Women’s—BHFS—L—State Champion—Brenda Smith

“AA” Class—2nd—Patsy Hall

“A” Class—1st—Pat Sturgill

“B” Class—1st—Sharon Guillen
2nd—Jana Brooks

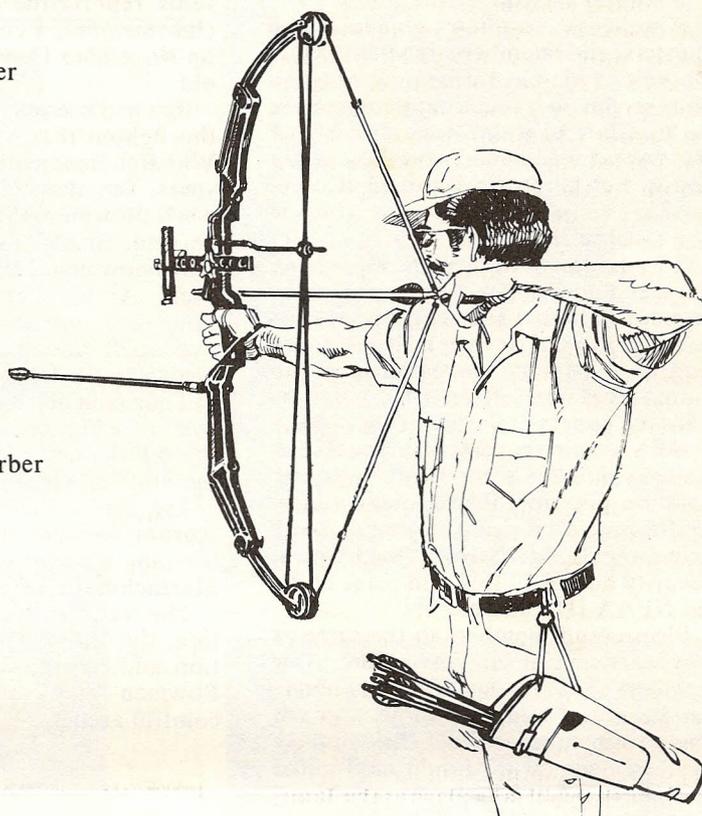
Men’s—BHFS—UL—State Champion—Earl McCauley

“AA” Class—2nd—Ron Neville
3rd—Ron Layman

“A” Class—1st—Neil Miller
2nd—Luther Vinoski
3rd—Dennis Mongold

Women’s—BHFS—UL—State Champion—Phyllis Adrian

“AA” Class—1st—Janice Batten



Men’s—FS—UL—State Champion—Joe Herbert
“AA” Class—2nd—Jim Quarles
3rd—Ricky Harper

“A” Class—1st—Earl Berry
2nd—Mike Horne
3rd—Barry Wolfe

“B” Class—1st—Tom Massie
2nd—Jim Caywood
3rd—Mark Mitchell

Women’s—FS—UL—State Champion—Ellen Madison

“AA” Class—2nd—Nancy Thompson
3rd—Sue Johnson

“A” Class—1st—Judy Paulsen
“B” Class—1st—Dot Mitchell

Men’s—FS—L—State Champion—Robert Ryder

“AA” Class—2nd—Don Brunk
3rd—Bill Russell

“A” Class—1st—Danny Wells

“B” Class—1st—Mitch Smith
2nd—Victor Riggleman, Sr.

3rd—Carl Grogg
“C” Class—1st—John Emerson
2nd—Ellroy Russell
3rd—Jack Upham

Women’s—FS—L—State Champion—Deborah Ryder

“B” Class—1st—Gail LeFever
2nd—Julie Hodges

“C” Class—1st—Ann Harper

Office of Corresponding Secretary

Another year is almost gone! All club charters and membership dues expire December 31. Give a helping hand to your secretary by sending your dues in early. Club officers' dues (VBA and NFAA) must be sent in with the Charter application before the deadline of January 31.

The necessary papers to re-charter will be mailed to the secretaries around the first of December. ALL papers must be received before I can begin to process your club re-charter application, so return *all* papers at one time. If you no longer hold this office, PLEASE forward the papers to the person who does!

NFAA now requests that the Social Security number of the Head of Household be put on the Handicap cards. Additional family members will also be under the Head of Household Social Security number—this is in place of the old NFAA ID number.

Please send members in the same as they were sent in the year before. New members should be sent in—first name, middle initial and last name. Do not send in a member without the complete address! Secretaries should mail in the membership dues often—several times a month.

The 1986 dues breakdown is as follows:

NFAA	VBA
\$15.00—1st	\$ 7.00—1st
2.00—2nd	7.00—2nd
2.00—3rd	2.00—3rd
\$19.00—Maximum	\$16.00—Maximum
\$8.00—Independent Youth	\$4.00—Independent Youth
\$35.00—Total family membership (VBA and NFAA)	
31.00—Man & Wife	
28.00—1 Adult & 1 Youth	
12.00—Individual Youth	

All children under 18 years of age must have their birth date sent in. (Month, Day and Year). All children 18 years or older must pay \$15 NFAA regardless if they are living with another member. Page 20, NFAA Constitution. There are no add on memberships allowed with the \$8.00 Independent Youth membership.

Membership as of October 31 is 1602 with a total of 32 clubs. Let's make 1986 another great year!

Here's wishing each of you a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Nancy Lee Western

Renier "Tex" Straeten

Princess Anne Bowmen of Norfolk sadly reports the death of our oldest club member, Renier Root Straeten—on November 11, 1985. He was 76 years old.

Tex had been a familiar face to archers throughout the country. He joined the Warwick Bowmen in 1958. Through the years, Tex also belonged to the Chesapeake Bowmen, the Breezy Point Archers and, finally—in 1976, the Princess Anne Bowmen. Tex went to the National Field Archery championships many times and, in the senior division won two gold, one silver and two bronze medals in the freestyle division.

Tournament trophies were not all Tex won. As a hunter, he was the recipient of the Bill Bennett Big Game Award from the State of Virginia.

Tex was a life-time member of the Aurora Archers of Illinois and also a life-time member of a club in Ludlow, Massachusetts.

The National Field Archery Association, the Virginia Bowhunter Association and, most of all—Princess Anne Bowmen—has lost an interesting and colorful archer.



Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Jan.-Feb. issue of FLIGHT will be Feb. 1, 1986. Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. *Remember*, this is your newsletter.

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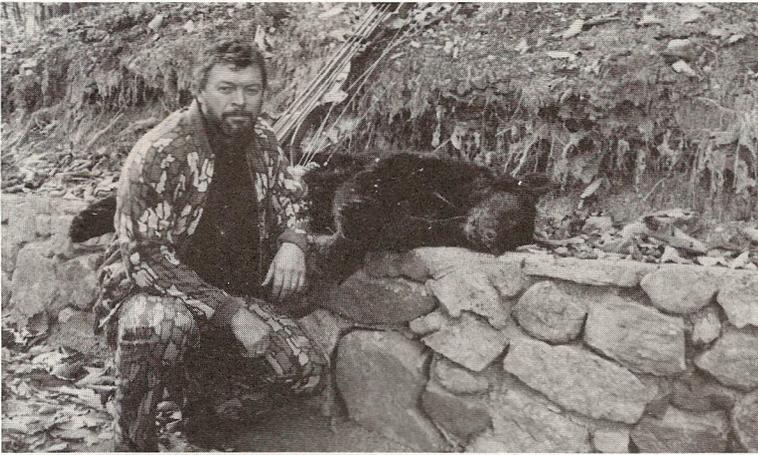
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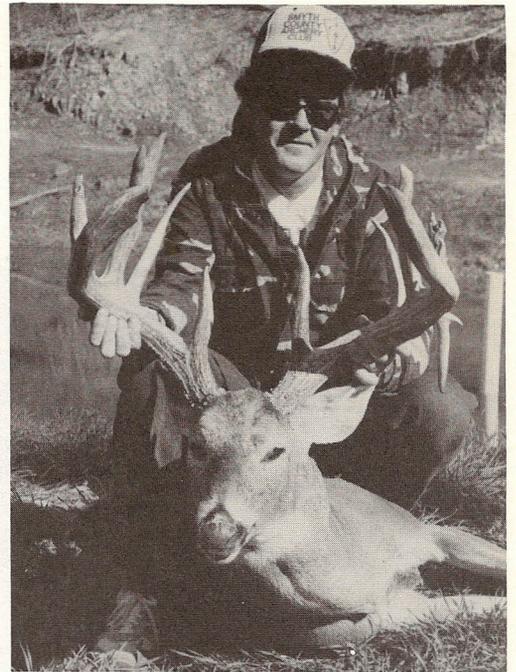
Dates To Remember

July 21-25
NFAA Nationals
August 30-31
VBA Closed State Championship
September 13-14
VBA Bowhunter Jamboree
September 20-21
VBA Meeting
October 4-5
NFAA Jamboree
March 15-16
VBA Indoor Championship
March 22-23
VBA Meeting
April 5-6
Mid-Atlantic Indoor
May 17-18
VBA Open State Championship
June 21-22
Mid-Atlantic Outdoor
June 28-29
VBA Meeting

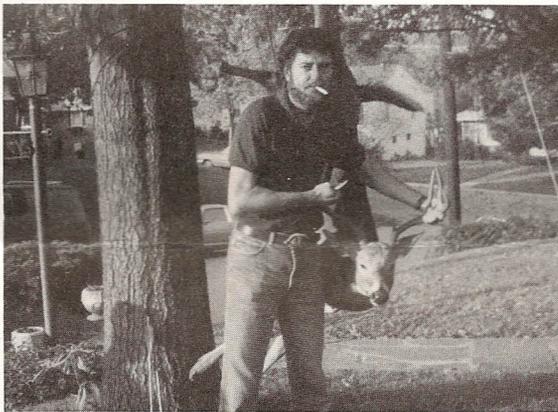
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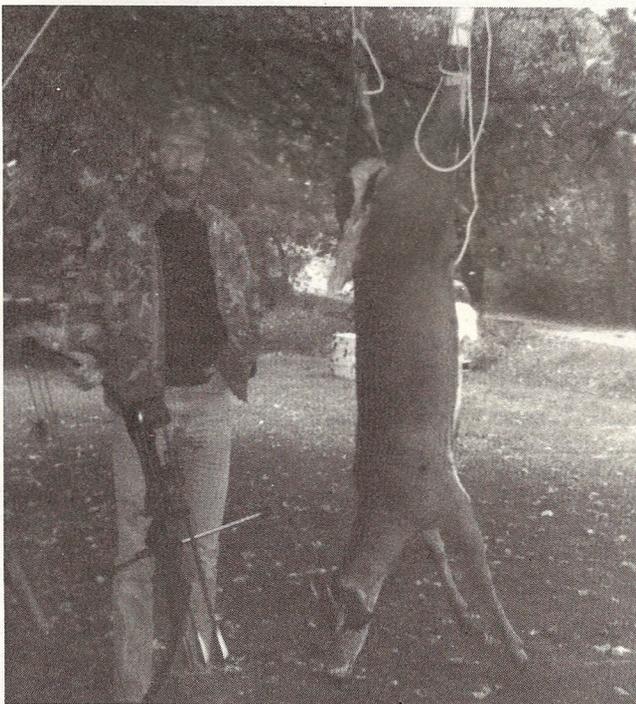
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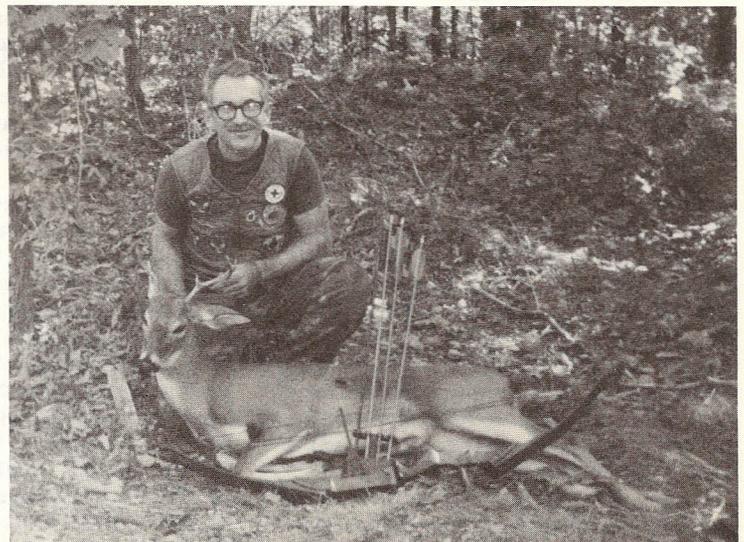
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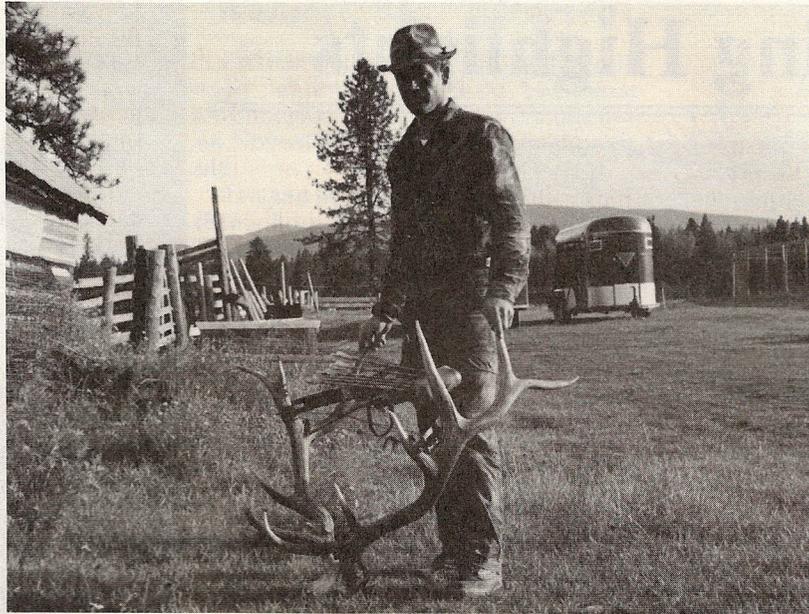
Gary A. Williams



Jerry A. Williams



Claudie T. Gaskins, Jr.



Montana Elk Bowhunt

Jerry Blank

Bowhunting for an elk had been a dream for fifteen years. One evening, while in Dave Proctor's archery shop, he asked me to go with him on an elk hunt. He said it's time to stop talking about it and "LET'S DO IT." He also asked Owen Shifflett, another good friend and a member of our bow club.

We started planning the next week and for two years in advance, we worked at getting ready. Dave did most of the leg work on getting an outfitter lined up. This turned out to be one of the hardest things we had to do.

We finally decided on Jerry Malson, an outfitter and guide at Trout Creek, Montana. Our hunt was a 14 day hunt beginning the 8th of September and running through the 21st of September.

September finally came and we were on our way after months of planning, exercising and lots of shooting. We decided to fly out to Missoula, Montana, where Jerry would pick us up for the remainder of the trip to his ranch.

Our first day of hunting was a long and wet one. We could not see very far due to the weather but we knew we were in "Big Sky" country. Dave and I hunted together the first day with Jerry Malson as our guide. Owen and Richard Stonecipher, from Georgia, hunted with Darrel Tessier, better known as "Speed," Dave and I heard one bull, while Owen and Richard heard a couple and had one bull come in close but offered no opportunity for a shot. That first day was a 12-15 mile hike for both parties.

Owen fell a few times and hurt his knee. He went stand hunting and Dave and I were guided by Speed on the second day. Speed was an ex-marine

drill instructor who also knew what elk hunting was all about and could bugle well. Although our second day was a good day weather wise, it was bad for calling bulls.

The third day Owen and Dave went into high country on horse back, with Jerry Malson. Richard Stonecipher and I went with Speed on another ¼ mile hunt on foot. We started off the day by hearing bulls right away but none were responsive to Speed's bugling. Then around 3 in the afternoon, we had a bull respond and we were off over and through dead falls, through heavy brush, and along steep slopes of the mountain to get closer.

The bull would not come to us. Speed said we had to get directly above him, get him mad and make him think we were another bull ready for a fight. Finally, Speed said he though we were directly above him and to set up.

I went straight ahead and to the left. Richard went to the right and down. Speed stayed in the middle about 20 yards behind us. I jumped over a fallen tree of about 50 feet in length with green needles on the tree and good camouflage. After a few minutes, Speed bugled. There was no answer. The forest was dead silent. Then I heard a limb snap straight down the mountain from us. I decided it was time to nock an arrow and get ready in case it was an elk. Then I saw white tips of antlers coming up the mountain. He was moving fast and to my right which would bring him out in front of Richard. Then he turned and started straight up at us. After another 20 yards, he turned towards me. He was in full view at about 50 yards and closing. All this time, Speed was working the bull by grunting and raking trees.

He looked awesome in size. His antlers seemed to bounce up and down with each step. I felt excited that I might get the shot but I calmed down while watching the bull close the distance, still angling to the left and up. He passed around the end of the tree I was behind and turned to the left, coming along side the fallen spruce tree. I started standing up and came to full draw.

My eyes saw a massive set of antlers coming right at me. My bow cleared the tree and the sight pin settled on his chest. The bull stopped. I pulled slightly to the right, settling my sight pin on the left side of his chest and released.

A dark spot appeared where I was holding. The bull wheeled and was gone. Speed was beside me in a flash saying, "How's that for guiding? Where did you hit him?"

I was too excited at that moment to say anything. Then Speed said, "There he is beside a tree." Then he disappeared.

I told Speed that I hit him where I was aiming and that was in the chest cavity angling back through the elk.

After a few minutes for regrouping, we started on the bull's tracks. There was no blood, just footprints in the soft ground. We went about 20 yards over a small rise and Speed saw the bull on the ground. He told me to nock another arrow just in case. It was not needed.

So, after three days of hunting and 40 miles of walking, I had my bull on the ground. A ten yard shot through the chest, taking out the heart and cutting through a rib on the other side and lodging in another rib. My PSE Vector cam bow, set at 62 pounds and XX75 aluminum arrows with a 3 blade Thunderhead had done the job. My bull had traveled 66 yards from where I shot him.

He was a beautiful 6 x 6 weighting an estimated 800 pounds. After some picture taking, Speed caped and quartered him and hung the quarters in a tree to cool. As this job was finished, it started to rain. Speed hoisted the cape and head on his back and we started for the ranch. We returned the next day with some other help and carried out the meat.

It was a good feeling back at the ranch

with congratulations from Owen, Dave and Jerry.

Incidentally, my pictures at the kill site were ruined by a fast photo processing shop. Some advice to take your film to a reliable photo shop.

Dave and Owen hunted the rest of the time without success. The weather really went sour with rain practically every day. The meat was frozen and packed in

boxes and I was able to bring about 200 lbs. of elk steak back on the plane at a very reasonable cost. The antlers were wrapped at the base and pieces of a garden hose were taped around the tips to protect them. Everything came back on the plane in great shape.

It was a great hunting trip. Elk steaks will beat beef anytime and the memories of this trip are priceless.



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration Form
State Indoor Championship

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Club _____

VBA-No. _____

Division _____

FS, BH, BB, CFBH _____

Send to Jim Overfelt

Limited (Finger Shooter)
(yes, no) _____

Unlimited (Release)
(yes, no) _____

Adult, Young Adult, youth,
cub _____

Birth Date _____
(Cub, Y & YA)

Male-Female _____

Which Round 1st _____

2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____*

* same round both days

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