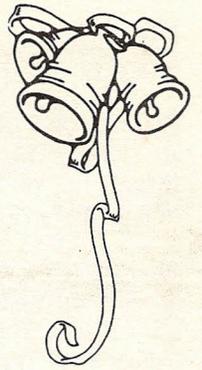




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THE EDITOR OF "FLIGHT" AND HIS STAFF WISH TO EXTEND TO ALL VBA MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES THE WARMEST OF SEASON'S GREETINGS AND MANY BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR



MERTIE AND DUTCH ON THE MOVE

Do you know what Mertie and Horace (Dutch) Shultz were doing the summer of 1976?

Mertie cooking and Dutch cutting the grass of course, BUT, for 84 hours plus the time of a November 13 trip they were promoting archery again. Schedule follows:

Early in May they picked a site and then set up a 'meter' course, with the assistance of Kay Webb the Front Royal 4-H extension agent for the first 4-H archery trials to be held on the newly acquired 230 acres of land now known as the 4-H Educational Center just 5 miles from Front Royal. May 15-the 4-H Archery Trials at this new Center.

Powells Fort 4-H girls and boys camp-Instruct archery July 13-14-15 and 20-21-22-has about 90 students in all. We donated trophies and Dutch had to fix arrows and noching points every day.

August 26 - Demonstrated and exhibited equipment at Police Boys Camp Wamarva near Front Royal.

August 9 thru 12-instructed 25 girls at Girl Scout camp at RMA campus at Front Royal.

September 25-National Hunting and Fishing Day. Set up exhibits and equipment for Front Royal scene and they worked the one at the Izaak Walton Farm below Browntown. Two other TRAC members demonstrated at the route 522 site. At the Farm Dutch explained the equipment to different groups while Mertie demonstrated the technique of shooting. One boy remarked, "That 'old lady' hit a balloon every time she shot", at 25 yards.

October 13-14-they attended the 16 hour Hunter Safety course taught by Captain James Kerrick, Safety officer of the Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries commission and Dutch taught Archery use and set up a display of hunting points, arrows and bows because their regular instructor for archery was on vacation.

On October 16-they both received their certification as qualified Hunter Safety instructors.

At this writing we are to attend the state 4-H Adult Leaders Conference at V.P.I. & S.U. in Blacksburg, Va. November 13 to help push the archery set-up for this new 4-H Educational Center.

Letter from the Treasurer

Too often directors come to the VBA quarterly meeting illprepared to cope with unexpected legislation that may crop up. At the last meeting our 90 day rule requirement to compete in the state closed was changed to 120 days; this rule was enacted many years ago for two (2) reasons:

(1) to encourage archers to attend our shoots.

(2) to help people establish a solid handicap so that the competition in the state closed would be fair in all classes.

It is not at all unreasonable to expect an archer to shoot once a month.

Another item that may prove unsatisfactory and out of line was the voting in of limited and unlimited SRB class. Not only do we have to award three more trophies but our NFAA Director, Bill Enders has very poor directions for securing National acceptance of the SRB class. Evidently your director did not inform all directors of this several meetings ago. Bill Enders commented "If NFAA doesn't adopt an SRB class at the next meeting, VBA should drop the class!" I agree with this as an appropriate end to an endless debate.

Please prepare your director and have your director prepare your club for the VBA meetings.

On a subject of concern; as you probably know by now, Nancy Western will not be running for office as Correspondence Secretary next year. Nancy has been an outstanding member and has spent many years unselfishly keeping our club on a true course.

We now have a difficult task of finding someone to take this office. President Darnell suggested we change the consti-

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tion and By-laws so that this office could
be appointed by the President of VBA.
This item should be considered by all
clubs as Constitution and By-law changes
are a very serious matter.

Someone should check with the
Corporation Commission to make sure
this is legal?

At the last meeting I suggested to
Norman Sparks that the expense of Flight
can be reduced by securing more adver-
tisements. Please help Norman by asking
Archery and Sporting Goods dealers
in your area for their support by putting
an ad in Flight. Send the ads to Norman
Sparks, he will take care of the billing.

I hope to see a lot of you at our
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The 1976 Bowhunter Jamboree was
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hunters enjoyed two days of hunting
practice. The rounds included an NFAA
target round and 3-D styrofoam animal
targets. A coon shoot and turkey calling
contest were held at night. Other activi-
ties included a wildlife movie, furnished
by the National Forest, running deer
target, broadhead championship, Big
Buck judging contest, long deer shot and
a trail bike race.

DEADLINE DATES

*The deadline date for the Jan.-Feb.
issue of "Flight" is January 10. This
issue should be in the hands of the mem-
bers by the last week in January.*

**LOUDOUN BOWHUNTERS
DEER KILL REPORT**

by: Linda Mock

Members of Loudoun Bowhunters
have had another successful year at deer
hunting. These are the members we know
have gotten deer.

- Roger Pierce - 8 pt. buck which is the
biggest rack so far, we believe.
- Jack Denbow - 2 does
- Roger Mock - doe and 4 pt. buck
- Charlie Beaver - doe and button buck
- Bob Cissel - 6 pt. buck
- Luther Vinoski - doe
- Joe Vinoski - doe
- Bob Gibson - 4 pt. buck
- Jim Cox - 3 pt. buck and doe
- Tom Frye - 7 pt. buck and doe
- Darlene Frye - 2 does
- Nelson Elmore - 3 deer
- Tom Ott - 2 deer
- John Ott - buck
- Woody Cooper - buck
- Tom Hancock - 2 does
- Bob White - doe
- Tink Nathan - buck and doe

As far as we know, most of these
deer were taken in Virginia, West Virginia
and Maryland.

I am sure there are more that we
have not heard about and there are still
plenty of the members out hunting.

I do know one thing, there sure are
lots of hunting stories going around,
long ones and short ones!!!!

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southwest virginia indoor archery

by: Jim Overfelt

The members of Triangle Bowhunters and Wythe Bowhunters would like to welcome everyone to our indoor shoots this winter. Shoots are casual and multiple registration.

Registration fees are \$3.00 for the first round and \$1.50 for each round thereafter. Usually an archer may have time to shoot at least four rounds if he wishes.

Indoor shoots are great fun, so bring your entire family.

Triangle Bowhunters will hold shoots in the Christiansburg National Guard Armory. Wythe Bowhunters will hold shoots in their own clubhouse, with it's newly installed oil furnace for your convenience.

Food and drinks are served at both locations as well as a plentiful supply of fellowship.

We need your help and support to keep these shoots going.

Coupons will be awarded as in the past which can be redeemed for cash or trophies.

All V.B.A. classes are recognized.

Contestants are responsible for picking up their awards and checking their scores for the previous shoot to see if they won if they were not present at the end of a shoot.

Handicaps are determined by high score and may change each shoot depending on your score. In other words your last high score determines your class.

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Jan. 8	Sat.	Wythe	2p.m. til
Jan. 15	Sat.	Triangle	12n til 11p.m.
Jan. 22	Sat.	Triangle	12n til 11p.m.
Jan. 29	Sat.	Wythe	2p.m. til
Feb. 5	Sat.	Triangle	12n til 11p.m.
Feb. 12	Sat.	Wythe	2p.m. til
Feb. 13	Sun.	Wythe	10a.m. til 8p.m.
Feb. 19	Sat.	Wythe	2p.m. til
Feb. 26	Sat.	Triangle	12n til 11p.m.

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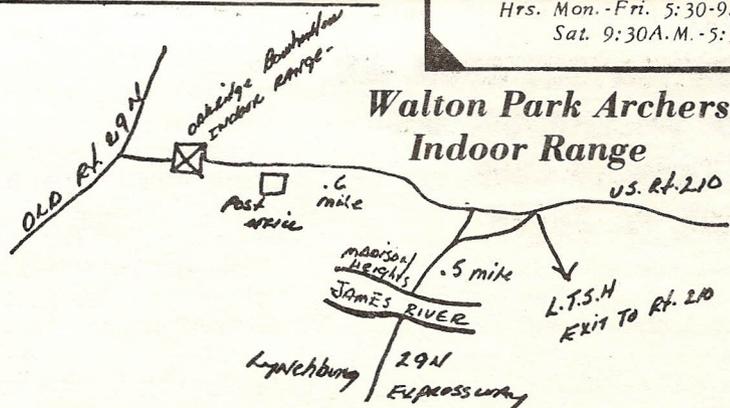
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WARWICK ARCHERS TAKE HONORS

Archery took another giant step on the Peninsula as the Warwick Bowmen captured first place for the best exhibit during National Hunting and Fishing Day held in Newport News on September 25.

Although this was the first annual NHF Day for the Peninsula the public turnout was good and prospects for next year are really promising. NHF Day was held in cooperation with the Virginia Wildlife Federation and representatives of various sporting and outdoor organizations. Mr. Smoot of VWF presented the trophy.

A Warwick spokesman noted: "A lot of hard work went into the project and many thanks are due club members along with the Archers' Specialty Shop for providing us with various display equipment."

Warwick is now in the process of trying to put archery in the right place on the sports totem pole and it seems they started on the right foot.

OUTDOOR RANGE MAPS

It is imperative that ALL VBA chartered clubs send to the Flight editor a map with detailed directions to your club's outdoor range. Please see that this is done by January 1, 1977 and mail to

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1977 STATE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Triangle Bowhunters will hold the State shoot on March 5 and 6, 1977.

The tourney will be held in the Christiansburg National Guard Armory under the direction of the Christiansburg Recreation Department.

They have one of the best facilities in the state and each year continue to improve.

No pre-registration accepted. If you can't be present at one of the registrations times, then have a friend register for you. If you have car trouble and are going to be late, then call us. We want everyone to participate in this tournament and enjoy themselves. . . Registration fees are \$8.00 per archer and \$20.00 per family.

More details will be published in the next issue of Flight, but please make your plans now to attend.

Norman Sparks, White Post, Va. 22663.

We want to publish a map with each club listed according to zones so that each VBA member can know how to get to each club within the state.

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