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## STATE SHOOT REPORT

By Your Flight Editor, Norman Sparks

Despite the fact that some of the familiar faces were missing from the 30th annual VBA State Championship Tournament, hosted by the Sherwood Archers over the Labor Day weekend at their range in Roanoke, a rather large turnout of 162 archers attended this the final championship for 1976. Undoubtedly, Sherwood can boast that they have two of the toughest ranges in the State as many of the scores indicated.

Tough ranges or not did not stop a fine shooting young archer, the youngest ever to become the Men's Freestyle Champion, from winning this year. Eighteen year old, Rodney Lawhorn, proved his ability by coming up from fourth place the first day, then taking the lead over some very tough competition. Shooting a 554 Field, and 560 hunter and animal, Rodney should truly one day soon be a National Champ.

Tom Ott of Loudoun Bowhunters and Curtis Coleman, a Christianburg archer tied with total aggregate scores of 1672, only 2 points behind the leader. Ott placed second by 1 spot over the first day leader, thus putting Coleman in third spot.

Pansy Norton of NORVA, successfully defended her Women's FS title for the second year posting

scores of 524 Field, 540 Hunter and 552 Animal and beating her Northern Virginia counterpart and constant competitor, Ann Boyd of Winchester by 4 points. Ann shot a perfect animal round, the first ever by a woman in Virginia. Madeline Selby, a delightful newcomer to Women's FS, placed third, coming on strong with a 548 animal.

Leading the Men's Barebow division at the end of the first round was George Hamlin of Manassas, but Dennis Cline of Chester grabbed the lead at the end of the hunter round going on to win the championship, with Hamlin second and his fellow club member, Bobby Norris third.

Manassas archers also took the one-two spot in Women's Barebow. Winning the championship was Diane Hottle; Jerri Norris second. Nina Enders of Princess Ann was third.

In Men's Bowhunter, Kenneth Sorrels of Fredericksburg held onto his lead to win, shooting respectable rounds of 461 Field, 480 Hunter, 510 Animal.

Women's Bowhunter AA champ was Cay McManus, who posted rounds of 360 Field, 379 Hunter, and a terrific 468 animal.

The hot, new semi-restricted Bowhunter division was won by Wallace Harris of Lynchburg who turned in impressive scores of 544 Field, 536 Hunter, 552 animal, to set the pace of really tight competition in that division.

All other winners and their scores are listed elsewhere in Flight.

Our thanks to Sherwood Archers for a fine state shoot - 1976.

### HELP WANTED

Reporters for "Flight" needed. Anyone having articles about club events, archery stories, or photos, submit them to your "Flight" editor, Norman Sparks before each deadline date. Interesting articles and photos submitted will be used whenever space permits.

### ATTENTION ALL CLUB SECRETARIES

The Twenty pins are on backorder with the NFAA. They will be distributed as soon as they come in.

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## POINT OF AIM

by Your VBA President

It was a distinct pleasure to join once again with our many friends and fine archers who turned out for the State Championship. Sherwood Archers, in addition to their usual warm hospitality and excellent food, managed to serve up three days of almost unbeatable weather. By and large, we can say that a great time was had by all. Our many thanks to the members of Sherwood whose efficiency and hard work made the shoot a success.

The feeling of fall is unmistakably in the air, and the primeval urge to the hunt grows stronger each day. Bowhunters across the State are feverishly digging out the hunting gear, checking equipment and repairing tackle. As we take to the woods this season, it may be well that we pause to reflect on a few aspects of hunting that too often are overlooked.

We are all aware that there is more than enough controversy these days over the pros and cons of hunting. Those who oppose hunting frequently use the trick of oversimplifying matters. For example, they would have the general public

believe that hunting boils down purely and simply to the act of killing. Further, they picture the hunter as a ignorant, bloodthirsty slob whose only interest is in slaughtering every poor, innocent little creature that comes into his view.

We know better. Suffice it to say there are as many noble, useful reasons for hunting as there are individuals who hunt. But, what do we do about it? On the theory that a picture is worth ten thousand words, we believe the image we reflect will do more to further our cause than anything else. Whereas we are pictured as uncouth jerks who use hunting only as an excuse for a rowdy time or a drinking spree, we need only to show that we know how to conduct ourselves properly in public. We also can gain nothing by getting suckered into any heated, public arguments over the hunting issue. Without doubt, our side of the story needs to be told, but let's reserve it for reasonable discussion under favorable conditions.

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# 1976 STATE

Men	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total		Field
<b>FS/AA</b>					<b>BH/B</b>	
1. Rodney Lawhorn	554	560	560	1674	1. Mason Ferris	324
2. Thomas Ott	556	556	560	1672	2. Noe Gutierrez	313
3. Curtis Coleman	560	552	560	1672	3. William Smiley	258
<b>FS/A</b>					<b>BH/C</b>	
1. Woody Atwood	550	543	548	1641	1. Elmer Kyle	204
2. Joseph McManus	541	543	548	1632	2. Tom Minton	184
3. Ismail Nuri	532	542	544	1618		
<b>FS/B</b>					<b>SRBH</b>	
1. Richard Gioielli	518	521	556	1595	1. Wallace Harris	544
2. Lloyd Overfelt	517	512	534	1563	2. "Webb" Babcock	534
3. Marion Furrow	513	528	514	1555	3. Robert Lee	537
<b>FS/C</b>					<b>Amateur</b>	
1. Robert Massy	393	429	488	1310	1. Robert Esterline	511
2. Gerald Deibert	381	377	470	1228	<b>Young Adult FS/A</b>	
3. Walter Dillow, Sr.	387	394	444	1225	1. Dennis Gould	540
<b>BB/AA</b>					<b>FS/B</b>	
1. Dennis Cline	515	529	542	1586	1. Jeffery Carr	458
2. George Hamlin	520	521	514	1555	2. Larry Gene Western	357
3. Bobby Norris	480	491	546	1517		
<b>BB/A</b>					<b>Cub</b>	
1. David Tate	440	453	522	1415	<b>FS/A</b>	
2. David Williams	440	447	482	1369	1. Keith Thompson	509
3. Carl Rothlisberger	438	430	466	1334	<b>Young Adult BB</b>	
<b>BB/B</b>					<b>BB/AA</b>	
1. Ronald Lotts	477	442	494	1413	1. Alan Guess	462
2. William Saunders	385	420	418	1223	<b>BB/A</b>	
3. James Gregory	350	270	392	1012	1. Danny Hamlin	310
<b>BB/C</b>					<b>Youth</b>	
1. William Perdue	278	321	426	1025	<b>BB/A</b>	
2. Joe Bowles	207	216	423	803	1. Richard Stark	526
3. John Dodson	143	203	318	663	<b>BB/B</b>	
<b>BH/AA</b>					<b>BB/C</b>	
1. Kenneth Sorrels	461	480	510	1451	1. John Griffin, III	215
2. Charles Dowless	420	428	486	1334	<b>BB/C</b>	
3. Roger Firth	389	370	404	1163	1. Michael Taylor	99
<b>BH/A</b>					<b>Cub BB/A</b>	
1. Lowell Dickens	390	401	420	1211	1. Timothy Overstreet	535
2. Ben Johnson	314	434	448	1196	2. Kenneth Norris	376
3. Harold Graves	353	399	434	1186	3. Thomas Minton	344

# CHAMPIONS

Hunter	Animal	Total	Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
Women						
FS/AA						
346	450	1120	524	540	552	1616
320	438	1071	527	525	560	1612
286	456	1000	485	481	548	1514
FS/A						
236	336	776	345	390	488	1223
163	256	603				
FS/B						
536	552	1632	338	364	468	1170
541	554	1629	282	242	338	862
533	548	1618	210	221	374	805
BB/AA						
520	490	1521	380	412	486	1278
			389	362	456	1207
543	540	1623	366	321	418	1105
BB/A						
474	532	1464	353	359	450	1162
331	410	1098	337	316	436	1089
			283	250	340	873
BB/B						
468	472	1449	343	308	416	1067
			260	292	340	892
			235	302	304	841
BB/C						
427	484	1373	120	138	258	526
BH/AA						
353	484	1147	360	379	468	1207
Young Adult						
507	522	1555				
FS/B						
229	366	810	286	229	410	925
Youth						
119	242	460				
FS/B						
534	520	1589	205	238	443	747
308	256	940				
319	272	935	174	148	310	632
BB/B						



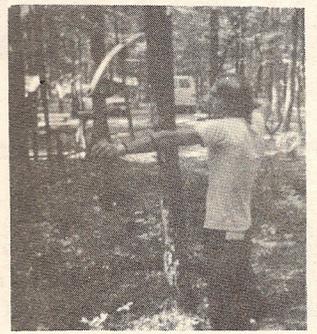
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Madeline Selby, Ann Boyd, Pansey Norton



Curtis Coleman



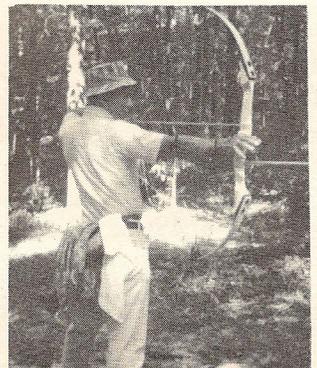
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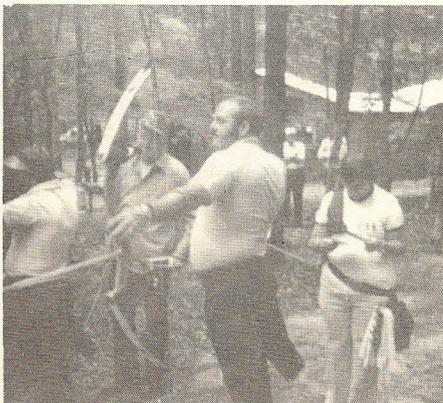
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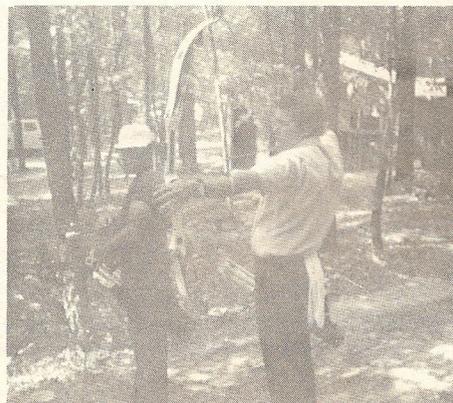
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## BIG BUCK CONTEST

For the past several years Stan Slivinski, a VBA member and manager of Annandale Sport and Hobby's archery department in Annandale, Virginia has sponsored a big buck contest. Every archer who registers for the contest and takes a deer in the eastern United States with bow and arrow under the rules of Fair Chase receives a prize. The lucky archer who bags the biggest buck receives the grand prize.

Stan recorded the type and brand name of bow and broadhead used, distance of shot, distance animal traveled after hit, weight and sex of deer, and number of points if the deer was a buck.

Presented below are some summarized findings of Stan's 1975 contest

- Number of registered hunters 525
- Number of deer registered - 49 (32 bucks and 17 does)
- Type of bow used: Compound 36, Recurve 13
- Brand name of compound: Bear 16, Jennings 9, Precision 9, Allen 1, and Astro 1.
- Broadhead by name brand: Bear 27, Missile Spike 11, Wasp 5, Black Diamond 3, Mark IV 2, Magnum II 1, Super S1, Pearson 1, Copperhead Slicer 1, Cat Claw 1, and Herter's 1.
- Longest shot 53 yards, shortest 7 yards, average 23 yards.
- Shortest distance traveled 0 (there were several spine shots).
- Longest distance traveled 700 yds. Average distance 101 yards

It would be dangerous to draw too many conclusions from such a small sample, however it appears safe to point out some of the most obvious.

Bear Archery seems to be the most popular supplier of both bows and broadheads in the Annandale area.

Compound bows outnumbered recurve bows by about 3 to 1.

About 1 out of 10 hunters got his deer. This is somewhat higher than the national average. Perhaps the high ratio of compounds with their superior performance helped. Of course the skill of the hunters involved had a bearing on the success ratio too. Probably the single most important factor involved in the relatively high hunter success ratio is Stan's urging to his customers to use razor sharp broadheads and heavy bows.

It was interesting to note that the longest distance at which any deer was taken was 53 yards while the average was 23 yards. These figures indicate that the bow is a short range weapon. Bowhunters should keep that in mind.

The statistics also indicated that some of the deer traveled considerable distances after being hit. Since the typical hunting terrain of the East is often brush-covered with

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little visibility from ground level, a deer that travels far can present a tough tracking problem. Consequently, bowhunters in this area must develop their tracking skills to a high level so that the number of lost deer is kept to an absolute minimum.

Who won the grand prize for the biggest buck? Carey Price, former VBA Executive Vice President. Carey dropped a beautiful 9 point buck with one clean shot. He used a 56 number Precision Compound, a 2016 Easton shaft, and a shaving sharp Copperhead Slicer broadhead. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

by John Stockman



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**LITTLE BROWN JUG SHOOT**

The Shawnee Bowmen held their Annual Little Brown Jug Shoot on August 22 with 108 shooters attending. The weather was very hot and so was the shooting. A few of the winners were:

- Mens FS/AA ..... Tom Ott
- Womens FS/AA. .... Pansy Norton
- Mens BB/AA ..... James Sorrell
- Womens BB/AA ..... Jerri Norris
- BH/AA ..... Kenneth Sorrels
- SRBH ..... Tom Hancock

The Shawnee Bowmen would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending and making this tournament very successful.



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