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V.B.A. MEETING TO BE HELD IN ROANOKE



QUEEN AND COURT OF BOWHUNTERS JAMBOREE

Left to right: Delores Shockley, Vicki Walters, Molly Penley (queen), Beckie Pugh, Teresa McPeak, Joyce Bryant.

HUNTING VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS JAMBOREE BIG SUCCESS.

The Bowhunters Jamboree was once more a tremendous success, Harold Street reported. There were 23 clubs represented and many new faces were in evidence. An indication of the attendance may be drawn from the fact that approximately 300 attended the showing of movies on Saturday night. Harold reported that Clint Western is having some of his movies reproduced, and copies will be made available in the future for clubs wishing to view

them. A number of game wardens and foresters were present and actively participated in the activities of the Jamboree. Among other events, there was an inter-club competition for trophies that had been donated, a quinea hunt which carried out with no undue fanfare and judging of the trophy game heads. First place in the Big Buck Contest went to Bill Crabtree. Harold exhibited the bear trophy and presented it to the winning contestant, W.M. Lyell. At future Jamborees Harold suggested that VBA set up a booth to publicize our program, sign up members and sell supplies.

NEXT MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements have been made with the Embassy Motor Lodge for our next meeting. The Embassy is located on U.S. 11 and 460 west of Roanoke, their address being 4525 Melrose Ave., N.W., Roanoke. A room with one double bed, one person, is \$8.00; the same room with two occupants is \$11. A room with two double beds, two people, is \$12.00, three people \$13.00.

Our host will be Mr. H.W. Cottrell, Assistant Manager. A conference room will be available at no charge and they also have a coffee shop. I don't know the prices of their food except that I do recall him saying a half chicken was \$1.50. There are several nice restaurants within 1 mile, including Lendy's Kentucky Fried Chicken, a Pancake House, etc. Mr. Cottrell asked that we be sure to have people making reservations to indicate that they are with the archery association. Nancy Lee Western is sending out her usual form with the minutes to be used for making reservations so the ones using the form will have their club name shown. All persons making reservations should show they are archers.

Clinton Western

BEHIND THE VBA GAVEL

I hope that every VBA member that spends time hunting for the illusive deer will be successful. I am sure that will not be the case but good luck to you all anyway.

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VBA PRESIDENT BEHIND THE GAVEL

Last month Gene Limerick and I attended a mid-Atlantic Sectional Meeting of NFAA delegates at Harrisburg, Penn. Some of the items to be placed on the agenda for the February 1968, Kansas City meeting were proposed and discussed. In attendance at Harrisburg were the presidents of Penn. and N.J.; Bill Boyle, NFAA councilman for mid-Atlantic; Mrs. Boyle representing N.Y.; and a delegate from Delaware.

We did not commit our state on any issue but did present agenda items for the February meeting. A brief summary of items covered are:

1. 15th target.
2. New legislative procedures.
3. The bare bow question.
4. Youth program.
5. Equipment damage. (More faces on short targets.)
6. Non-competitive NFAA membership.
7. Classifications. (Excessive amount of classes and trophies.)
8. Indoor program.
9. Animal round. (Marking distances or not.)
10. Park round.
11. A new "T" system.
12. Reciprocal agreements between states on non-resident memberships.

By this list you can readily see that we need your club delegates at the January VBA meeting to properly evaluate and instruct our delegation to the February meeting in Kansas City.

Briefly let me ask all of you who have not sent in your bare bow questionnaire to please do so immediately. A quick summary of the first 150 ballots returned indicate that there is great concern on these vital questions. The comments some archers wrote are extremely beneficial to your officers. A sample of the first 150 returned indicate that 94 agree to #1 (leave as is); 14 agree to #2 (separate divisions); 44 agree to #3 (free-style division); and 27 agree to #4 (new bow-hunter division). On question #5, the nation tournament ballot, 73 are for and 48 against. Full details will be ready for the meeting in Roanoke on January 6th and 7th.

Merry Christmas and good shooting in the New Year.

Ralph G. Stevens
President, V.B.A.

BIDS FOR STATE SHOOT, 1968

Junior Booth announced that Augusta Archers desires to exercise its option to host the State Shoot again, next year. No objections were voiced by any of the Directors.

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER

As a result of a secret ballot, the names of Cliff Necessary, Bill Marshall and Clint Western were ordered to be submitted to the Order for their consideration.

BIDS FOR FIRST ANNUAL VIRGINIA OPEN

Bids were submitted by Richmond Archers and Wythe Bowhunters. It was moved by Lucille Darnell that the club hosting the Virginia Open be assessed fifty cents per adult entrant, said funds to be paid to VBA for purposes of defraying administrative costs incident to conducting the shoot. Motion was carried with none opposing.

BIDS FOR BOWHUNTERS JAMBOREE

The Wythe Bowhunters submitted a bid to hold the Third Annual Bowhunters Jamboree. No other bids were offered.

TOURNAMENT REQUEST

The West Point Archery Club has requested that V.B.A. consider the possibilities of holding a State Sanctioned Open Broadhead Tournament. Such rules and regulations and dates as necessary to govern said shoot, to be drawn up and approved by V.B.A.

The West Point Archers believe such a shoot will further the interest of Archery by attracting Archers whose primary interest is "Bow Hunting".

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NANCY LEE WESTERN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OLD ARCHER WHERE ARE YOU?

When a man and his wife went out to enjoy a day of shooting archery. To walk in the woods around a field course. Never knowing how many yards away the target is and not caring. Now days it isn't like that. The first thing an archer says to you is how much did you shoot. How many points did you get. Or do you know the group I was shooting in wouldn't even let me talk. Next thing you know you won't be able to breath hard in such a group. Put a C and D shooter in with a A-A, A or B groupe. That groupe will rase so much h-. Man who wants these low shooters in our group? Dont you realize you were a D, C shooter once. This archer wants to see how it is done. Then comes our most famous word(sandbagging). I have been in archery twenty years. We have always had these people and we are always going to have these people. So forget them. Concentrate on archery its self. Not the high score or the winning of pins or trophys. Just the true sport of this great sport. Sure I like to shoot good but I just like to shoot. If I win in my class, great if I lose! Well I had a nice day and enjoyed myself. Also a person who has marks on his bow extry nocking points on his string. So what! Almost every archer has a point of aim, six anchor points or a gap system are you going to stop archers from using these. (HOW). Again spend more time, labor and words on Archery.

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Archery is being killed by rules, rules, rules. When are people going to wise up to the fact that archery is supposed to be a enjoyable sport not a rat race for points. We as archers are forgetting the true meaning of archery. Progress takes over and we dont do anything about it. We say wait until tomorrow it might change now. How many archers have gone out on a Sundy and shot archery golf. Just for the fun and sport of it? (No prizes, pins or trophys) How many archers have gone through the woods an did stump shooting. Just for the fun and sport.

These are just some of the things I as a true archer am trying to get across to you.

True Old Archers Where Are You?

Brother Long Bow,

Bill Ayres

P.S. This letter is in no way against V.B.A. or N.F.A.A. All I want to know is what happened to the old archer. In my estermation the true archer, The man who made archery, who kept the sport going. But where did it go?

20 PIN WINNERS

20-PIN WINNERS

Sept.-Oct. 1967

- Ronald D. Benson, Richmond
- Floyd R. Burke, Hampton
- William C. Clifton, Richmond
- W.T. McCraw, Radford
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V.B.A. MEETING

ROANOKE

AGENDA FOR JANUARY V.B.A. MEETING

Our next V.B.A. meeting will be held January 6 and 7, 1968 at Embassy Motor Lodge in Roanoke, Va.

1. Officers' Reports.
2. Nominating Committee (appoint).
3. Acceptance of Bid for Bowhunter Jamboree.
4. Acceptance of Bid for Virginia Open.
5. Order of the Golden Feather.
6. Donation of Va. Recourse-Use Council.
7. New Business.

Nancy Lee Western, Cor. Secy.

NOTICE!

President Ralph Stevens has warned that he intends to strickly enforce the rules against drinking during the course of tournaments. If necessary, classification cards will be revoked in order to curb offenders.

EMBASSY MOTOR LODGE
4525 Melrose Ave., N.W.
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Re: Quarterly Meeting Virginia Bowhunters Association, In.

Please reserve _____ Single room for Saturday night, January 6, 1968
Double

Number of persons _____ Approximate time of arrival _____

I will have dinner at the Motor Lodge on Sunday.
I will not

Signed _____

Address _____

Club _____

BARE BOW VIOLATORS

Bill Enders says that reports are still being received in regard to violations of the new rules for a bare bow in that division and Bowhunters, as well. Also, in regard to arrow specifications for Bowhunters he feels that compliance with the ruling requires the use of an 11/32" shaft with 125-grain points (for men) and 5/16" shaft with 100-grain points (for women) plus adapters where needed. Rules for the bare bow will be enforced.

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