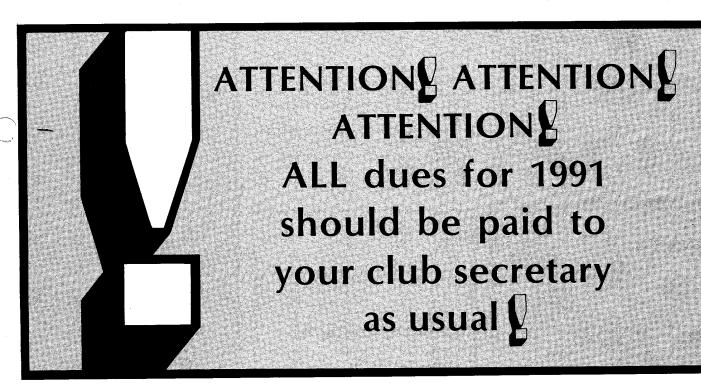
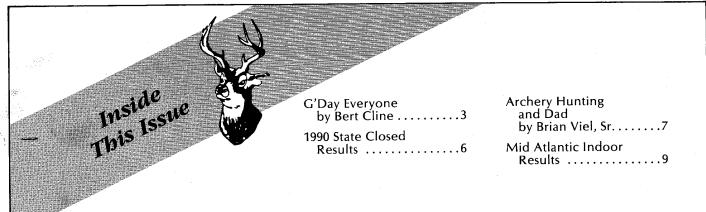


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Virginia Bowhunters Association Bowhunting Committee

Robert Pecora, Chairman

The Bowhunting Committee is proceeding with plans for a Virginia State Rendezvous in August of 1991. We have selected Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista as the location and have reserved the second weekend in

August for the event.

We have procured the services of several nationally known personalities to speak at the event as well as more locally known ones. G. Fred Asbell of Bighorn Bowhunting Company will be the main speaker. The Reverend Stacy Grosscup will stage his trick shoot artistry. Mr. George LaCross, taxidermist from Ohio, will give a seminar and demonstration on trophy caping. We will also be selling both space inside pavilions and out to interested exhibitors and hope to attract 50 or more. We are also planning to set up a 3d target range to be shot during the event.

We hope to attract over 5000 people in our first year, but realize that to achieve this goal we need to have quality events and must get the word we will require the help of the VBA membership at large to achieve any meaningful results. We also plan to advertise the event in both local and as possible.

The Committee is committed to both the idea of and necessity of establishing a Virginia Bowhunters Rendezvous. The VBA claims to be the voice of the bowhunter in the State, yet, too many bowhunters do not even know of our existence or stature. This event would go a long way to broaden the exposure of the VBA as well as increasing our member-

Any support that you as individuals, groups, or clubs can give to this project will only help to strengthen the VBA as a whole.

out to the vast public. We are in the process of developing a brochure to be distributed to sport shops and other means. Since word of mouth is a very strong means of advertising, we realize state publications and will need your help in getting ads to as many sources V.B.A. OFFICERS

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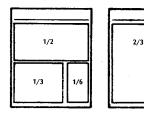
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The deadline for the Nov.-Dec. issue of FLIGHT will be NOV. 10, 1990. Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is your newsletter.

G'Day Everyone!

by Bert Cline

It was my good fortune to be able to attend the World Field Archery Championships held in Valla Park, Australia. It was an experience to say the least. You know all those travel brochures depicting Australia as a land of perpetual sun? Forget it. We had 11/2 days of sun out of the 15 days I was there. It just so happened the tournament was held during the wet season and they were setting rain level records at that. Oh well, I went to shoot and not to surf-although tan lines would have been nice. I have a theory that tanned fat looks better than lily white fat.

There were approximately 560 competitors, representing 22 countries. The turnout made this the largest International Field Archery Association (IFAA) championship ever. The great thing was the quantity of barebow and pure bowhunter shooters. There were 20 male recurve barebow shooters (my class), 51 male compound barebow shooters, and 35 female barebow shooters. I don't have the exact figure but there were more than 50 bowhunter shooters as well. The pity is that on our best state and national days we don't come close to assembling this amount of non-sight shooters. Come on out guys and gals. I made an international fool of myself and had a ball doing it. It's not hard and you'll probably get this "non-sight" shooting thing right.

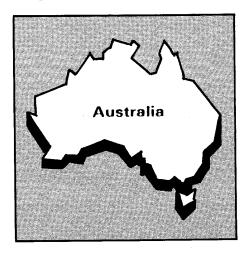
The tournament site was located at a sea side resort park, complete with its own "relocatable home village" (trailer park). The park offered swimming, surfing, aqua bike rides, paddleboats, fishing, local tours, nightly entertainment, etc. The competitors and their families stayed in the park's cabins, adjacent camping area, or at

local hotels.

The Australians cut six courses out of the rain forest. Kangaroo, Koala, Dingo, and Platypus were the adult ranges; Tasmanian Devil was the youth range; and if I remember correctly "Wombat" was the cub range. The ranges were similar to those found in the western part of our state, namely a lot of uphill, downhill, and crossing shots.

The main difficulties with the ranges occurred as a result of the rain. The shooting lanes were floating seas of mud and water. Many shooting stakes were seven or more inches under water and the mud made it practically impossible to gain a firm foothold for your shot. You tended to slide down the slope. The tournament coordinator, Terry Scheather, had made the widely publicized comment "They'll shoot even if the water's up to the necks." It wasn't quite that bad but one large gentleman did fall in (on the path) up to his chest. Most of us got away with having to go knee or thigh deep.

They did cancel the first day's shooting after about three hours. The groups were all in different stages of completion (ranging from 10-26 targets done) so the tournament officials wound up wiping the slate clean. I won't say what my score was but I didn't protest too loudly. The second day was also cancelled because of the weather and so the ranges could be repaired as necessary following our minor flood. I've got to say that more than a few campsites were under water (some with rivers running through the tents) and there was a mad scrambling for new lodging arrangements. The camaraderie of the archery community came together as most cabin dwellers took in a few campers until the situation got straightened out.



Besides mud and water, the courses had another twist I wasn't expectingleeches. These little suckers (pardon the pun) were everywhere and were quite energetic. I picked five off me before the shotgun started us on the first day. Over the course of the week they convinced me that A-negative blood (mine) was a rarity in Australia and they were stocking up. They don't hurt but the wounds take forever to stop bleeding because of the anticoagulant in the leeches' saliva. In two cases I bled for at least 51/2 hours before just giving up and going to sleep anyway. I know what you're thinking. You're right. I paid for this

After it was all said and done we wound up shooting one hunter, one field, and one animal round. With just a few minor procedural differences, these rounds are exactly what you're used to shooting. Out of deference to the round originators, America, the distances are in yards versus meters. Consequently, I was smiling and most other competitors were busy converting. One difference that catches most peoples' attention is that there are no practice targets. Your first arrow is for

The male professional freestyle winner, Terry Ragsdale, had a 548, 549, and 560 respectively. The amateurs were right behind (high 530s and perfect animal). Michelle Rags-dale took the women's honors with a 522, 548, and 560. The male compound barebow winner was from New Zealand and took the title with 480 scores and a 528, I believe. The ladies barebow title was taken by Cathy Corbin (Minnesota) with 440s and a 476. My dear old mom (from Colorado) finished seventh here and was the number one seniors lady. Too bad they don't recognize seniors in international competition. Cay, I'm sorry you and the rest of our Virginia archers weren't there. Debbi Barker should have easily captured ladies freestyle limited and our bowhunter freestyle shooters should have done well. As for me, I scratched and clawed my way into third place-content with a Continued on page 8

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News from Staunton River Archery Club

Howdy, all! Once again we had a good turn-out for our 2nd Annual Fun Shoot this August. This is an informal shoot with only 4 basic classes: Sights/unlimited, sight/ limited, No sights and traditional. True life animal targets were shot from NFAA animal stakes. I noticed that bowhunting equipment replaced a lot of tournament equipment. Also, a lot of "first-time archers came out to try their luck.

Congratulations to the winners. In the "kids" division:

S/UL Jeff Woody—536

S/L Mike Bibee - 522

Young Adult: No/S Chris Willard—376 Vicki Younger—432

Adult:

S/UL Billy Dodd-542-winner of a shoot-off

Brenda Bibee-484 S/L A.L. Self-536 No/S Joe McManus—406 Cay McManus-538

Traditional—Tim Reynolds—330 Congratulations also goes out to our raffle ticket winners: Larry Reynolds of Lynchburg won the 50 caliber Thompson Black Powder rifle. Mike Kenney, Front Royal won a bow case and Donald Adkins of Atlavistaknife.

The club wishes to thank all the archers and friends that supported us our first season. We are hoping to expand our 14 targets to 28 by next season, and are also discussing the addition of an unmarked bowhunter's range.

Regards til the next time. Cay

Wythe Bowhunters 1990-1991 Indoor **Practice Night Schedule**

The Wythe Bowhunters will be holding their Tuesday and Thursday practice nights again this year at the Clubhouse beginning Tuesday evening, December 11, 1990 and running until the State Indoor Tournament in March. These will be informal practice sessions beginning each Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and lasting until approximately 10:00 p.m. A small fee will be collected to cover targets and other expenses. Everyone is invited to attend.





Triple Crown Winners

Cay McManus, Howard Ferris, Gary Goins, Debi Barker and Linda Bradley.

"Thanks, Gail"

Our VBA recording secretary, Gail LaFever, resigned at the recent VBA meeting. She and her husband, Dennis, and family are heading west to take up a new life in Oregon. Gail, we'll miss you and appreciate the years you have so faithfully served the VBA and Warwick Bowmen. The very best of luck to all the LaFever's as they begin their "new life."

We welcome Scarlet Rucker as our new recording secretary and know she will do an able job.



20-Pin Winners

Aug.-Sept. 1990

Field
Doug Cooper, Norton
Andy Yates, Strasburg
Donald L. Smith, Newport News
Randy S. Powers, Coeburn
David Spangler, Forest
Robert W. Exley, Catawba
Andy Jett, Straburg
H. J. Kramer, III, Virginia Beach
Maxie Cameron, Front Royal
Kevin Shepard, Roanoke
Janet L. Boger, Manassas
Kevin Gregory, Danville
Michael Anderson, Berryville
Karen Baranski, Virginia Beach
Dennis Laing, Front Royal
Richard Sutphin, Christiansburg
John Gray, Dale City
Richard Parker, Chesapeake
Hunter
Lee Harlow, Mt. Solon
Ron Testerman, Woodstock
Chris Wells, Edinburgh
Andy Yates, Strasburg
Dwaine DeLappe, Hurt
Sam Short, Chatham
Buddy Shelton, Hurt
Billy Reynolds, Hurt
Tim Reynolds, Hurt
Cena Simmons, Woodstock
Robert F. Hicks, Woodstock
Barry Shrum, Woodstock
John Gray, Dale City
James Coffer, Smithfield
Dick Sutphin, Christiansburg
Gwemda Willard, Altavista

1990 State Closed Results

Editor's Note: I regret any errors which you may find in the State Shoot Results. The winners and their scores were not easily understood from the list I received from the host club and I certainly did the best I could to get this published as correctly as possible.

Ann Boyd

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Class	Shooter	Total Score
M/traditional	S/C Larry Fisher	459
F/BB/AA	S/C Cay McManus	983
	Roberta Jones	681
F/BB/A	Brenda Younger	561
M/BB/AA	S/C Elmer Moore	985
	Tom Schanbacher	983
	Jim Barker	972
M/BB/A	Mickey Baugh	892
	Russell Young	864
	Gary Janks	849
M/BB/B	George Cullers	829
	Ursel Miller	815
	Louis Kleber	794
M/BH/AA	S/C Howard Faris	978
	Michael Smith	970
	John Boyd	967
M/BH/A	Larry Robinson	865
IVII BIII A	Frank McPeak	812
	Craig Lavis	697
M/BH/B	Anthony Hall	720
(VI) BI I/ B	Rodrick Jones	694
	George Jean	624
F/FBL/A	S/C Linda Bradley	831
F/FDL/A		827
	Shirley James Jane Mabe	
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M/FBL/A	Rob Owens	1018 off
MI/FBL/A	Stevie Dodson	985
	Gregory Housdon	979
NA /EDI /D	Donald Sawyers	977
M/FBL/B	Orlan Elsea	809
F/FB/AA	S/C Susan Maggard	939
E /EB / A	Joyce Cameron	903
F/FB/A	Gwenda Willard	884
	Cindy Williams	850
	Vickey Laing	<i>7</i> 91
F/FB/B	Brenda Bibee	829
	Janet Boger	819
M/FB/AA	S/C Gregory Petefish	1084
	Charlie Parsons	1076
	Dusty Nutter	1068
M/FB/A	David Chandler	1040
	Richard Arbogast	1032
	Curtis Lane	1031
M/FB/B	Wayne Helsky	944
	Michael Anderson	908
	Robert Hicks	873
F/FSL/AA	S/C Debra Barker	1035
	Linda Parker	992
	Mary Jones	921
F/FSL/A	Judy Hooler	892
F/FSL/B	Catherine Heidlebaugh	628
F/FS/AA	S/C Scarlet Rucker	1062
	Paula Weissend	1056
	Robin Vogel	1019
F/FS/A	Linda Baranski	933
	Sharon Graybill	927
M/FSL/AA	S/C Ronnie Lewis	1054
	Tom Halpin	1018
	Richard Statton	1016



M/FSL/A	Kenneth Atkinson	980
, ,	Earl Cash	971
	Donald Johnson	967
M/FSL/B	Robert E. Lee	908
M/FS/AA	S/C Daryl McKenzie	1095
111/10/10/1	Michael Lewis	1093
	C. D. Miller	1092
M/FS/A	Ray Miller	1071
141/13/71	Sam Day	1067
	Luther Vinoski	1062
M/FS/B	John Gray	943
141/ 1 3/ D	Jim Caywood	926
	Larry Heidlebaugh	925
Y/FS/AA	S/C Amy Withers	1002
1/13/77	Jessica Megee	994
Y/FS/A	Karen Baranski	978
	S/C Kelly Fisher	355
Y/FSL/C	S/C Vickie Vounger	547
YA/BB/B	S/C Vickie Younger S/C Noell Seagle	759
Cub/FBL/A	S/C Dustin Robinson	570
Cub/BB-C	S/C Tad Hartsel	1031
Cub/FBL/A	Davy Alger	897
	Michael Bibee	880
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Cub/FB/A	S/C Jeff Woody	833
0 1 /55 / 1	Chris Shifflett	1036
Cub/FS/A	S/C Anthony Shifflett	886
	Matthew Harris	873
N (50 ())	Michael Ware	1008
Y/FS/AA	S/C Chad Waybright	910
Y/FS/A	Peter Lariviere	694
Y/FS/C	Robert Abel	866
Y/FBL/B	S/C Matthew Heidlebaugh	857
· <u></u>	Jamie Ryan	579
Y/FBL/C	Dewayne Cullers	556
YA/BB/C	S/C Scott Evans	
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YA/FB/A	S/C Donald Tynes	
	Patrick Aldridge	902
YA/FB/AA	Matt Stallard	824
YA/FSL/A	S/C Kevin Shepard	948
	Lee Harlow	896
YA/FSL/AA	Stacy Knighton	939
YA/FS/AA	S/C Gary Goines	1034
	Steven Quarles	1014

Archery Hunting and Dad

by Brian Viel, Sr. and Chrissy Viel

I would like to share with you why I am a happy man. My two children, Brian 12, and Chrissy who is 15. Now most fathers are generally happy with their children, I am no exception; but

here is why.

Brian has since his earliest days of toy bows and rubber cupped arrows, loved archery. This passion of his rekindled a fire in me for archery, causing me to pursue it as a hunting sport, which I once loved but drifted away from. So you see, it's not because of me that he shoots archery, but rather, I shoot because of him. We practice together, laugh together and occasionally look for lost arrows together. Someday soon I hope to see him harvest his first big game trophy. Then archery will have made a complete circle from son to father.

Now Chrissy, my daughter, has no desire for archery or hunting. Her sports and desires run different. As her father, I've always tried to maintain a close relationship with her. Being her biggest fan when she participated in sports. Leading her and

guiding as only a father can. Today she really astonished me, I thought that since she didn't hunt she would never understand what it was all about. Well, I was wrong. The education of a father is an on going business with children. Here is a short story she wrote which pretty well explains why I hunt. I hope you enjoy

it like I did.

"As he looks out along the dew christened meadow, he awaits his prey, who walks with the tenderest of footsteps. He turns stealthily, not a sound he makes. As he finishes his notation, his keen eyes catch the slight movement of a slender known body. He rears back and releases, his aim is true, his only chance for a kill. As he watches the show, a smile enlightens his serious face, a perfect 8 pointer, falls to the ground.

This is a game of passion, the hunter

and the hunted.



G'Day Everyone!Continued from page 5

434 field and 480 animal. I didn't do as well with the hunter round, a lack of control that I'll leave at that. New Zealander Trevor walked away with our division by posting scores of 454, 417, and 522. Not bad for a boy with a stick.

The Australians were the friendliest group of people I think I've ever come across. I've travelled the world since I was born (military brat and active duty now) so that says a lot. I've got several new friends and in many instances it was like old home week for me. Because of past competitions (1980-1983) I knew many of the English, Swedish and German shooters. One of my best German friends, Arno Karmarek, beat me by three points to secure a second place finish. I'll never

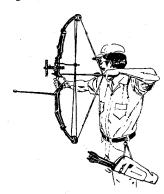
forget his greeting on the last day, "Good luck—but not too much."

I was surprised to see the amount of carbon arrows being used, especially by the Australians and New Zealanders. I felt like an antique with my "line cutter" 1814 X-7s. The massive use of carbon arrows showed me the seriousness of my compatriots. I don't know what carbon arrows go for, but in Australia XX75 gold shafts are nine dollars apiece, if you put them together yourself. There's a lot of controversy about carbon arrow durability versus A/C/E shafts but from what I saw, carbons stand up. A gentleman even shot out both headlights of one of our American professional's rental car with no damage to the arrows-but that's another story. There was a wide mix of bows present but my unofficial compound survey showed PSE, Browning,

and Pearson to be the tools of choice. Admittedly, it may be because the solar glow bows stood out. On the recurve side of the house, I felt like everyone but me had a Hoyt Gold Medalist. That's o.k. I've now retired the little Martin I bought used in 1983. It did its job. The bales were fantastic. They were just bundles of rag-like material but they stopped all arrows and allowed two finger extraction, regardless of the rain. I don't know how they work in dry conditions.

The entire trip was a memory building experience. I've driven on the left before so that was no problem. Only the price of restaurant food (19-30 dollars per person for a sit down meal-without salad) was surprising. The sights and the experiences are things I won't forget. Frank Pearson and Terry Ragsdale each hosted guestion/answer sessions and they were quite informative. You'll see pictures of the Ragsdales under a tree, people by the beach, etc. Don't be fooled. They were staged on one sunny day after the shoot. If there isn't mud, water, and leeches everywhere they weren't on the course. On the way home I stopped in New Zealand and did a bungee jump. The "oh, what a feeling" commercial doesn't have a clue as to what will really jumpstart (or stop) your heart. What can I say? I've been told barebow people are

I'd like to say thanks to all of you and to Ron Moore in particular. Ron, without your friendly kicks in the right direction I never would have gone or did as well. Virginia, I had given up archery for about five years and all of you made my first year back (last year) very enjoyable. I'm not planning on putting the bow down again. In fact, I plan on listening to Cay, Emo, Jim, Donnie or anyone who'll talk to me and getting a bit better at this game. I shot last year with a compound but I think I'll stick to my recurve now. I enjoy it and I love barebow. Win or lose, isn't the feeling what it's all about?



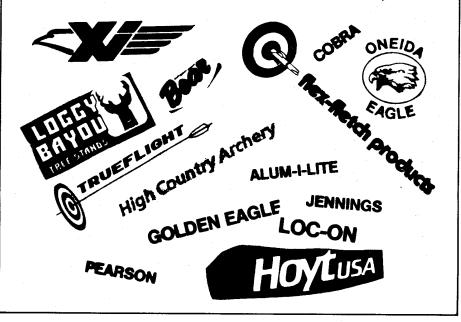


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Virginia Shooter Participants

Championship Fli	ght	
D. Daino	VΑ	300-53
B. Sanger	VA	300-52
R. Williams	VA	300-51
B. Hott	VA	300-51
J. Street	VA	300-51
J. Weissend	VA -	300-49
D. Book	VA	300-47
M. Reis	VA	300-45
1st Flight		
M. Lewis	VA	299-48
J. Thomas	VA	299-42
G. Askins	VA	299-38
2nd Flight		
T. Branhan	VA ·	298-46
3rd Flight		
T. Truxell	VA	295-53
T. Evans	VA	292-31
4th Flight		
J. Darden	VA	291-32
A. Thatcker	VA	290-29-2
J. Scalet	VA	287-22
5th Flight		
K. Reis	VA	268-8
"A—F—FS"		200 12
P. Weissand	VA	300-43
L. Baranski	VA	256-9
"A-M-FSL"		
Championship Fli	gnt	206.20
R. Lewis	VA VA	296-38 289-29
D. Boyd	VA	209-29
1st Flight	VA	284-30
M. Murphy P. Kemble	VA VA	261-8
"A—F—FSL"	٧٨	201-0
D. Barker	VA	284-32
A. Webb	VA	280-16
M. Komble	VA	275-16
M. Kemble "A—M—BB"	V / V	275-10
1st Flight		
D. Smith	VA	270-10
T. Schanbacher	. VA	267-14
J. Barker	VA	264-10
G. lenks	VA	256-10
B. Kline	VA	255-8
"A—M—BHFS"	V / C	235-0
Championship Fli	ight	
G. Petefish	VA	300-53
D. Diehl	VA	300-46-6
G. Alger	VA	300-43
1st Flight		
R. Williams	VΑ	299-49
W. Stigall	VA	299-43
K. Stigall	VA	299-40
E. Fletcher	VA	298-50
P. Landes	VΑ	297-41
2nd Flight		
B. H. Rakestraw	VA	295-36
R. Taylor	VA	294-38
R. West	VA	294-31
C. Settler	VA	293-29
S. Nickoles	VA	291-27
R. Cox	VA	290-29
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3rd Flight		
J. Myerhoff	VA	288-25
W. R. Quillen	VA	275-23
J. Kramer	VA	241-8
"A—F—BHFS"		
S. Askins	VA	287-15
'A—F—BHFSL"		
L. Bradley S. James	VA ,	258-7
S. James	VA	211-4
"A—M—TRAD"		
L. Fisher	VA	158-2-0
"A—M—BHFSL"		
Championship F		
L. Goss	VA	294-33-2
R. Rhodes	VA	292-26-3
R. Young	VA	290-22-1
B. Baker	VA	288-28-4
D. Alger	VA	288-25-1
1st Flight		
A. Lownsbery	VA	282-17
2nd Flight		
J. Bauswell	VA	274-12
L. Kleber	VA	261-7
J. Bradley	VA	258-9
"YA—M—FS"		
P. Aldridge S. Evans	VA	259-8
S. Evans	VA	233-4
"YA—M—FSL"		
S. Knighten	VA	262-12
"Y—M—FS"		•
K. Landes	. VA	287-38
A. Felty	VA	265-9
"Y—F—FS"		
C. Young	VA	212-6
F. Settler	VA	142-1
"C—F—FS"		
K. Baranski	VA	275-17
"C—M—FSL"		
M. Goss	VA	178-3
Senior Divisions		
S—M—FS		
A. Thatcker	VA	290-29

Letter to the Editor

I thoroughly enjoy the bowhunting articles written by Dan Mathis. Dan is obviously an individual who values the entire bowhunting experience. He writes with sincere feeling. I hope that he continues to submit stories and that you continue to publish them.

Sincerely,

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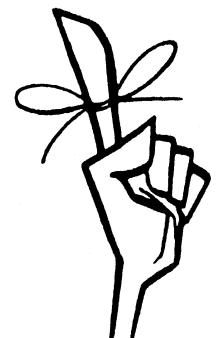
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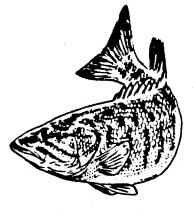
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(city & state)	(zip)					
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VBA Club Affiliation						
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(town)	(county)	(state)				
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Distance deer/bear traveled after being hit	No. c	of hits				
Location on body of hits						
Shooting position	(Sitting, standing, kn	eeling)				
Hunting method: Tree stand Ground blind	•					
Sex of game No. Points, if buck						
	Spread of unitiers					
Field dressed weight of game						
Draw weight of bow lbs.						
Type of bow: Compound Recurve Long	gbow Other	·				
Brand name & number of blades of broadhead						
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