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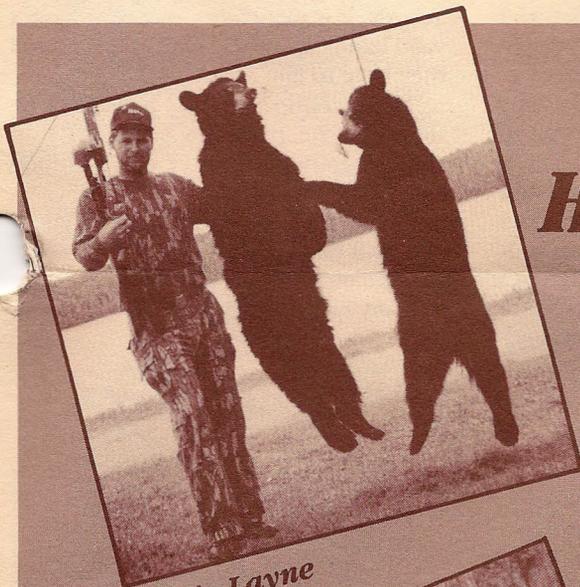
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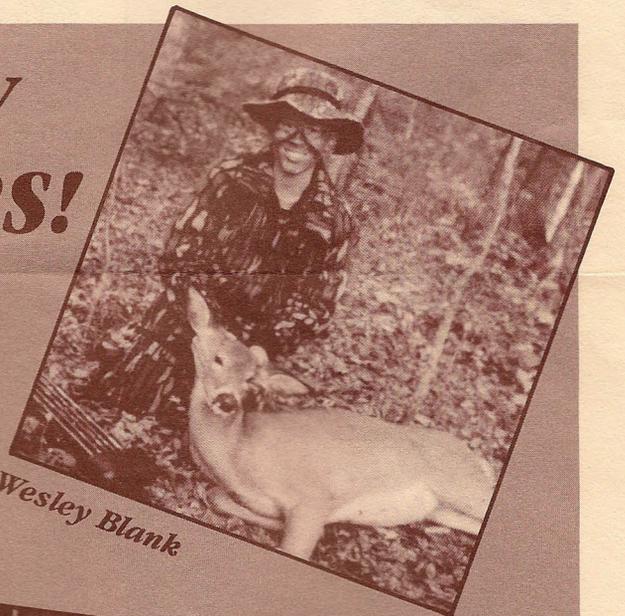
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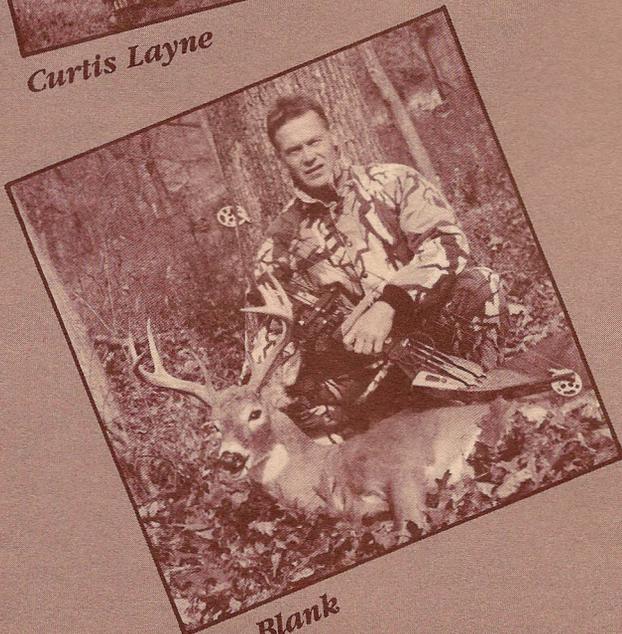
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The deadline for the January-February issue of FLIGHT will be **January 15, 1993**. Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is *your* newsletter.

From the Office of VBA Corresponding Secretary

The end of 1992 is quickly creeping upon us and that means it's time to begin collecting dues for the upcoming year. All club charters and VBA membership dues expire December 31. Lend a hand to your secretary by sending your dues in early. Club officers' dues must be sent in with the charter before the deadline of January 8, 1993.

NFAA will mail the Charter renewal forms to the clubs. All the other necessary papers to re-charter will be mailed to the club secretaries by this office on or before December 5th. All papers, plus your club constitution and by-laws, must be received before I can process your club re-charter application, so PLEASE return all papers at one time. If you no longer hold this office, PLEASE forward the papers to the person who does!

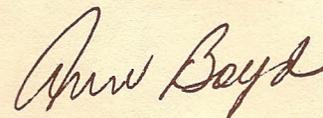
Please send members in the same way as they were sent in the year before. PLEASE, PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE NAMES AND ADDRESSES SO THEY CAN BE READ. New members should be sent in with first name, middle initial and last name. Social security

numbers should be sent in for ALL MEMBERS, since this is the only positive ID we have. Include VBA ID numbers, if possible, as these are used for tournament reports. Do not send in a member without the COMPLETE ADDRESS OR YOUTH WITHOUT THE BIRTHDATE (month, day and year). NFAA will not accept a member without complete information.

All VBA memberships expire December 31 of each year. All club members must belong to VBA. Members who are not planning to shoot in competition may join VBA only, however, if they shoot in competition for awards, it is mandatory that they have a valid handicap card. To receive this card they have to join NFAA.

Membership for 1992 is down a little from the previous year. Let's all work together to better our membership in 1993.

I wish each and everyone of you a safe and healthy Holiday season and am available in the VBA office to offer you any help you may need.



VBA Quarterly Meeting

January 17, 1993

Agenda

1. Order of the Golden Feather.
2. Travel expenses for NFAA Director to attend NFAA Annual Meeting.
3. Recognize Seniors as "State Champions" at all State Shoots. No class breakdown; follow unit rule.
4. Senior Class will not compete against adult classes to receive double honors.
5. Change Senior Division from age 55 to 60. This is optional, not mandatory for persons 60 and older.
6. Eliminate moratorium on rounds shot at State Open and Closed.
7. Replace current 3-D rules for the State 3-D rules spelled out by the NFAA; effective 1-1-93.
8. Establish legal legislative defense fund with donations coming from local clubs or other sources.
9. Establish committee with the responsibility of promoting VBA at State and local levels.
10. Change Indoor classification of adult BHFS and BSFSL to: A-290-300 B-270-289 C-0-269 (Effective 1-1-93)
11. Change Article 18, Section 2, to include the Field Vice President as a member of the Field Archery Committee.
12. Change name of Field Archery Committee to be known as the "Tournament and Field Archery Committee."



Club News

Wythe Bowhunters 1992-1993 Indoor Practice Night Schedule

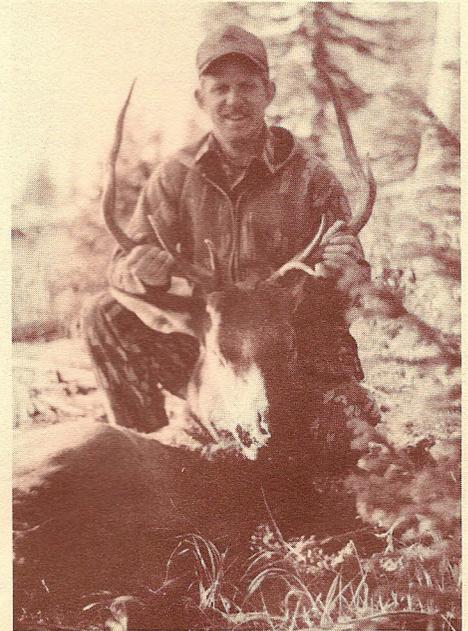
The Wythe Bowhunters will be holding their Tuesday and Thursday practice nights again this year at the Clubhouse beginning Tuesday evening, December 15, 1992 and running until the State Indoor Tournament in March. There will be informal practice sessions beginning each Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 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.



Sherwood Archers

Sherwood Archers has added to our list of charity shoots, a MDA Arch-a-thon. We would like to thank all who participated in our first MDA Arch-a-thon on August 22. With your help we were able to raise more than \$1,300 for Jerry's kids this year. As with some of our past fund raisers such as Toys for Tots, Support the Troops, and the USO shoot to name a few, we plan to make this an annual fund raising event for MDA.

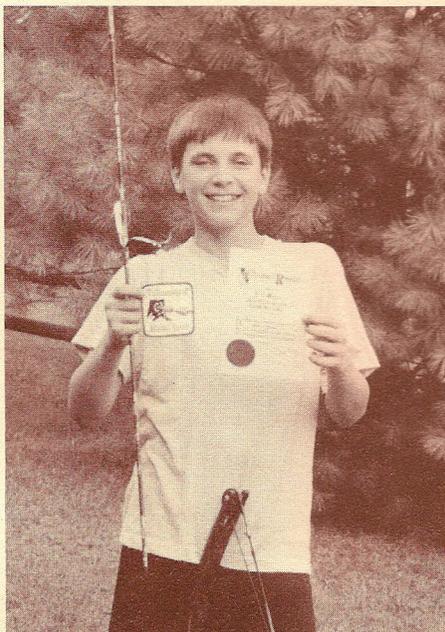
The feeling of giving to a worthy cause is a rewarding experience.



*Gary Wright
Penn Laird, VA*

Massanutten Archery Club

Recognition in the fellowship of Robinhood is Jason King of Orange, Va. This is truly a proud honor received by this 13-year-old archer making Massanutten Archery Club very proud. We look for even more in the future from our kids in the club, making us work even harder to keep up.



Wythe Bowhunters 1993 Sanctioned Indoor Tournament Schedule

Our 1993 Indoor Tournaments will be held on the following dates:

Jan.	Feb.
2	13
16	27
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All tournaments will start at 12 o'clock noon with mult./cas. registration until 7:30 p.m. Awards will be presented at approximately 9:00 p.m. Food and soft drinks will be available.

New for 1993

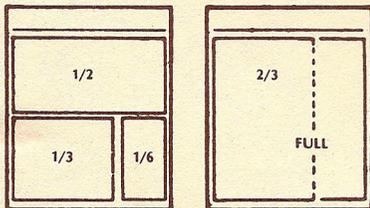
This year, due to popular demand, all of our Indoor Tournaments will be trophy shoots. Plaques will be awarded in all divisions and classes. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a day of indoor archery fun and competition.

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Letter to the Editor

This letter is written in response to Mr. Ron Neville's letter published in the last *Flight*. I have never met you personally but in my many years of VBA membership, whenever I have heard your name in conversation it usually is about your complaining about something.

You stated that you hoped your comments didn't hurt any feelings of Warwick Bowmen but as you are aware once you become a member of a club that club becomes family. If any member of that family is hurt in any way, all family members feel the pain. We at Warwick Bowmen, I feel, have a phenomenal task of maintaining 4 full ranges that are utilized by 1,500 plus individuals a month most of whom are not VBA or NFAA members and have one intention only to sling arrows with no regards to when, how or where. To better shed light on where I am coming from, just our practice range bales are changed 2 to 4 times a year. Most clubs that are private don't change their bales as often subsequently have more time and money to spend on other things in the range upkeep. I am willing to bet that there is not a club in Virginia that can be shot during a tournament and that someone cannot find a fault in the range. There is usually something wrong somewhere.

If our range was so bad and lousy that you had to go to all this trouble to write a letter in *Flight* that not only degraded and demoralized Warwick Bowmen and belittled all of the members that put in hundreds of hours preparation to host the tournament then I feel sorry for you. The only thing that I can figure, being you are a member of Augusta, that since the last time I shot Augusta's range that you and your members have increased the quality of your range to such a level that it sets a standard that should become a requirement in every club in the state of Virginia to follow. I feel in 1993 I should attend tournaments in Augusta and be so impressed with you, your range and your members that I will have to join your club.

Remember not too long ago Augusta was to host a state tournament and at the last minute the members and range captain dropped the ball and another club, which happened to be Warwick Bowmen, pulled off in 30 days a successful tournament. We never downed Augusta or put in writing any comments that would hurt another fellow club.

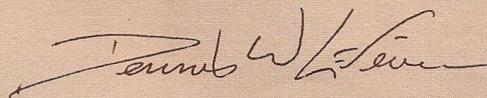
You shot a 549 on a range that according to you had lousy bales which you gave the impression caused your shoot throughs and a less than perfect score. I am sure, myself included, that there are many shooters that wish that they could have a terrible 549 day. I also question some of these so called shoot throughs and how could they be accurately scored! Maybe you didn't shoot as good as you think you did!

You stated that many other people thought Warwick Bowmen did poor range work because we knew we would get the tournament because of the Round Robin. Are you sure your motive putting down Warwick Bowmen is not because how you feel about the Round Robin? Give that a thought. If you feel that you can't shoot in the State or Mids at Warwick we believe that will be your loss not ours.

You also stated that you were an archer that wanted to keep the standards of the sport alive and look out for archery in general. You didn't show that by your letter about our club or John Street. All Directors receive from their club direction on voting. If you wanted to oppose any statement made by John Street why didn't you make yourself known and you would have been given equal opportunity.

Mr. Neville, when you regard yourself so good and special that you can sling criticism to a club and its members that worked so hard to host a good tournament then you might as well consider yourself as the little boy with the apple on his head in the fable William Tell and take my advice and duck!

Everyone is entitled to their opinions and this is mine.



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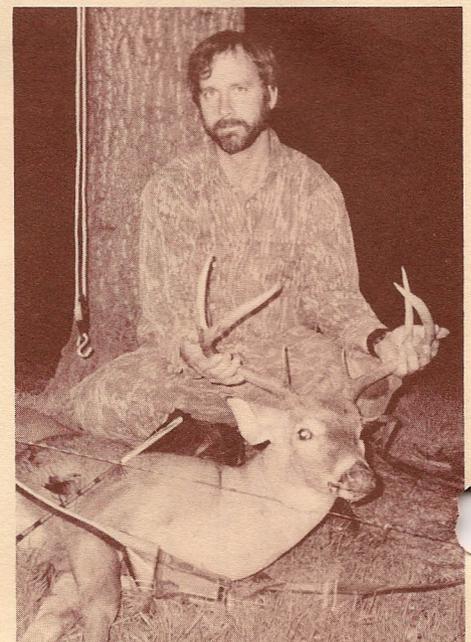
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Paul Vogel

Letter to the Editor

October 21, 1992

Dear Fellow Archers,

I am writing this letter to the editor, not because I'm having trouble sleeping, or to even complain about something. I'm doing so because I have never refused a challenge or an opportunity to have my say, no matter what the forum. Upon reading a letter in the September-October *Flight*, I felt that it was necessary to see for myself the "unsatisfactory conditions" which the recent State Closed Championships were held under. I am to report to you that I found none of the conditions reported in the letter to be true. Granted I do not shoot carbons, but there was a fellow archer with me that did shoot carbon shafts, although not the particular brand that the author of the letter uses. Neither he nor I had any trouble keeping our arrows in the bales. In fact I had trouble pulling some of my arrows. As to the reference to last year's Mid's, prior to that shoot over 106 bales were changed out for routine maintenance. I know because I banded most of them myself. The Warwick Bowmen ranges probably have more bales changed out annually than any other range in the State.

During last year's Mid's and this year's Closed tournaments, I have been available both all day Friday 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mid's, and until 10:00 p.m. at the closed, Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for ANYONE WHO HAS A PROBLEM. I personally take care of a lot of problems during those hours at the range. I was never approached by anyone who was having a problem with a particular bale. The VBA Field Governor at the closed requested that a backboard be put up on one of the ranges, and this was done ASAP as there were personnel to accomplish this task. If the author of the "*Flight* letter" had a problem, he should have said something to one of the officials present that day instead of waiting a month to do so.

As for the "Round Robin" system, the VBA Board of Directors on two separate occasions have reviewed this and voted overwhelmingly that this was the most equitable way of moving State Shoots around the State. This system has built into it a means for a smaller club to put forth the effort to build the added ranges needed to host a State Shoot, and be assured of holding them no matter where they are located in the state. Not all clubs can be centrally located as some. As for incentives for holding the shoots, the number of shooters who are pulled from the "OTHER" clubs in the state are incentive enough.

What indeed is "SAD", is a person who does not accept responsibility for losing, but instead who has to put the blame on other things.

Now to clarify the author of the "*Flight* letter" in which I am not supposed to have an opinion but only "to support what the membership wants:"

POINT ONE: ARTICLE 3, SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH a. ADULT MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE GRANTED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL HAVING REACHED 18 YEARS OF AGE UPON APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF REGULAR DUES THROUGH CHARTERED CLUBS.

Upon last looking, I am a bit older than 18. I pay my dues each and every year through my chartered club. I do not believe that this takes away my privilege to an opinion. I do believe that this makes me a member of the VBA in good standing, with an opinion and an equal right to voice it.

POINT TWO: ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH a. THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, FIELD VICE PRESIDENT, HUNTING VICE PRESIDENT, RECORDING SECRETARY, TREASURER, CONSERVATION VICE PRESIDENT, VBA FIELD GOVERNOR, AND NFAA DIRECTOR.

In the past ten years I have held two of the offices of the VBA mentioned above. For the life of me, I cannot find anywhere in the VBA Constitution and By-Laws where it states that because I am an Officer of the VBA, I forfeit my privilege to an opinion.

POINT THREE: ARTICLE 10: NFAA DIRECTOR
HE/SHE SHALL BE THE VBA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NFAA AND BE FULLY EMPOWERED TO VOTE FOR THE VBA, AS DIRECTED, ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED BEFORE THE NFAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE/SHE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE VBA FOR INTERPRETING AND DISSEMINATING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NFAA. HE/SHE SHALL FURTHER PERFORM ALL OF THE DUTIES OF A DIRECTOR AS SET FORTH IN THE NFAA CONSTITUTION. NO RECORDS SHALL BE DESTROYED WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

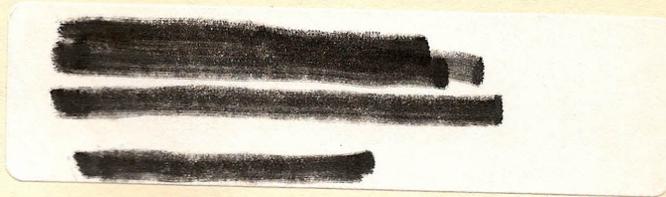
Again, under the duties of an officer of the VBA, it does not state that I lose or forfeit any privilege of opinion.

POINT FOUR: ARTICLE 6.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST THE RESIGNATION OF ANY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICER, SHOULD HE FAIL TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, OR ACT IN SUCH A MANNER DETRIMENTAL TO THE WELFARE OF THE ASSOCIATION

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