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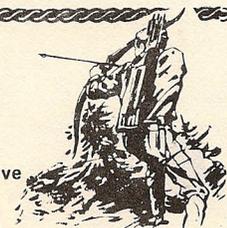
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- Tommy Minton, Jr., Virginia Beach
"PERFECT PIN" - FIELD
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CLINT WESTERN of Sherwood Archers Writes

This letter is in response to comments, inquiries, and some complaints received by Sherwood Archers in connection with our annual shoot, and also in connection with regularly scheduled invitational shoots held by our club and other clubs in the area.

As I understand it, there seems to be some confusion over two items that should be of special interest and concern to every club, not only in our area but throughout the State. These two items are:

1. Are awards to be given to individuals who do not shoot their class?
2. The use of the Unit Rule as prescribed by NFAA, or a variation of that rule.

Lets look first at item 1. VBA has ruled on this matter (the ruling having been made at a regularly scheduled VBA meeting with the voting being done by a director from each club represented at that meeting). That ruling states that an individual must shoot his class in order to be eligible to win an award. This ruling is supposed to be followed by every club in the state at all shoots except club shoots and annual shoots and it can be followed at club and annual shoots if the club so desires. I sincerely believe all clubs should follow it for financial reasons. Most clubs border on bankruptcy at all times and many fold because of financial difficulties. In our club's case, real estate taxes have tripled and will amount to \$470 in 1975. (I know of one club in the state that pays over \$800 annually in real estate taxes). Something similar could happen to other clubs and it would be well to try to achieve and retain a healthy financial condition. We in archery not only do not have a hedge against inflation, we have not been keeping up with inflation. To give awards for shooting less than class is the same as giving an attendance prize or simply having a person receive an award just for coming to a shoot. Can we continue to afford to operate in this manner?

In connection with ITEM 2, the Unit Rule, this is approved by NFAA but has not been established on a mandatory basis statewide. We at Sherwood believe it should be and the reason again is finances, not so much at a pin shoot but at annual shoots where trophies are given. Had we not used the Unit Rule (which we did and which we advertised in advance and announced at the shoot), we would have done little more than break even at our annual trophy shoot. Again I think we need to look and plan ahead and do everything possible to make our shoots profitable and fair. I don't believe in carrying the Unit Rule as far as NFAA suggests; that is, not give any award unless there are at least three people shooting in a class. To me that seems to be penalizing a person because there are not enough people in his class I believe in giving one award even if there is only one person shooting, if that person shoots his class.

To sum up, I sincerely believe that we must look and plan for the future; we must make archery competitive by at least requiring an individual to shoot his class to be eligible for an award at all shoots; and we must make mandatory the Unit Rule to assure the survival of our clubs. If these two policies could be adopted statewide by all clubs at all shoots it would be fair for everyone and it would certainly improve the financial condition of all clubs. It's simple arithmetic.

I personally would appreciate your views, or the views of your club, as well as any comments or suggestions you may have. If it is thought that an area or zone meeting would be helpful, I would be in favor of that and would assist in making arrangements for same.

A couple of added thoughts--- this letter was read to the members who attended our club meeting on May 12 and all agreed with its contents. They also felt that we (all clubs in the area) should be in complete agreement on items 1 and 2 regardless of what the agreement might be.

Several of our members said they paid \$3.00 each to shoot at regular invitational pin shoots, I told them this was an overcharge (probably unintentional) because VBA sets the fee for pin shoots and the fee is \$2.00 and has been for quite some

time. Pins for these shoots come through VBA and cost \$1.10 each.

In a conversation this morning May 13, with Nina Enders, wife of Bill Enders, Field Vice President, she asked that I spread the word to all clubs in our area that, effective immediately, the cost of pins is \$1.25 each plus \$1.00 per order for shipping. It seems that the original manufacturer has gone out of business which necessitated this change and the corresponding price increase.

'75 NATIONALS

The 1975 Nationals to be held in the Jay Peak, Vermont area which sets astride the Canadian and American borders sounds like a very exciting place to visit and to have a fun filled shooting week. It is a ski resort and also a summer resort. They have golf, tennis, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, antique hunting, sighting-seeing and also night life.

The tournament takes place July 21 thru 25, 1975. Jay Peak is only 85 miles from Montreal, Quebec, the sight of the 1976 Olympics, which might be of interest to some of the non-shooters for a sight-seeing tour. Sounds like a very good place for shooting, sightseeing, and just to spend a very nice week - So mark it on you calendar.

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TRIANGLE BOWHUNTERS ANSWER

MAY 19, 1975

This letter is in response to Clinton Western's letter of May 14, 1975, concerning the confusion over two items that should be of special interest and concern to every club, not only in our area, but throughout the State. These two items are:

1. Are awards to be given to individuals who do not shoot their class?
2. The use of the Unit Rule as prescribed by NFAA, or a variation of that rule.

Item one (1) we do not agree with for the following reasons:

1. Bad weather and early season rusty shooters can prevent a shooter from doing his best. The only requirement of a person to win an award is beating his competition.

You will find that "A" shooters can maintain class requirements.

2. Our club has an un-written law of "no-sand baggers". Therefore we know that everyone in our club is shooting their best at all times!

Item two (2) concerning the Unit Rule we agree upon and use regularly in our club and pin shoots.

As for the \$3.00 pin shoot, Triangle Bowhunters was not aware that V.B.A. controlled the price of a pin shoot nor did we know that \$2.00 was a standard price.

Please accept our apologies for this mistake.

Please make constructive criticism to the club or clubs involved if you are present at one of their shoots. Don't complain to a third party, because, we rely on all V.B.A. members for their help and leadership.

A meeting of the two (2) zones in Southwest Virginia is a great idea and I personally would like to see it take place before the next V.B.A. meeting on June 21 and 22, 1975.

I also think that Roanoke or Christiansburg would be a likely location.

As for price of pins ----- "pooh"!

Triangle Bowhunters and Wyth Bowhunters used coupons this past indoor season very successfully for awards and "Doc" plans to propose this system for V.B.A. pin shoots.

I personally would like for the clubs in this area to meet regularly for several reasons:

1. To provide some unity at the V.B.A. meetings.
2. To provide better shoots and more enjoyment to all.
3. To settle old differences and provide a media for arbitrating new problems.
4. To schedule shoots before the V.B.A. scheduling session.

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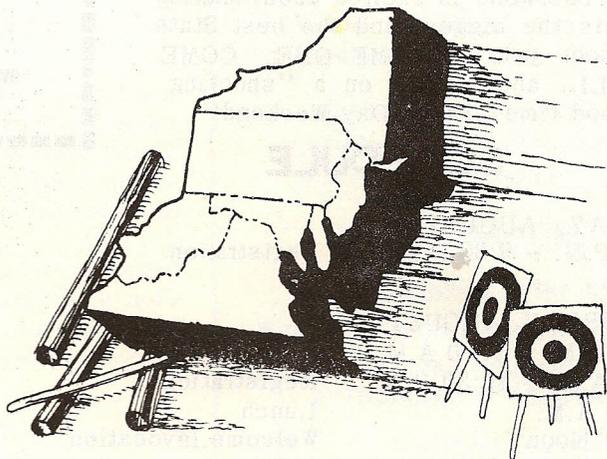
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