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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 Anoke, a rather large turnout of 162 archers attended this the 30th annual 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 Christiansburg archer tied with total aggregate scores of 1672, only 2 points behind the leader. Ott placed second by 1 spot over the first day, thus putting Coleman in 3rd 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.

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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.

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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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Some have tried to show us as Joe Slobs, and they point out the appearance of the worst examples they can find. Well, we all know that hunting clothes (camouflage in particular) are not the most glamorous uniform around, and there are no bath houses in the woods. (After a few days in the woods together, our buddies do seem to get a little rank, don't they?) If we will give this a little thought, and plan ahead, we can find ways to combat the Joe Slob image others have painted of us.

Then there is the picture of the greedy, bloodthirsty poacher without regard for the future of our wildlife. To show the true picture of the hunter, each of us must bear in mind at all times, whether in view of the public or among the hunting fraternity, that we reflect the image of VBA and organized archery. As members, the record clearly shows we are pledged to oppose game violations; our aim is conservation; and, our goal is to perpetuate bowhunting and all forms of archery. We must conduct ourselves accordingly.

Each member may be proud that he belongs to the organization primarily responsible for obtaining every bowhunting privilege available in Virginia. VBA also offers the NFAA Bowhunter Education Program, with which we hope to gain much-deserved recognition of bowhunting as a valuable tool of wildlife management. If each of us in some small way can project the story of VBA and the ideals for which we stand, we may be assured that we have taken a step toward maintaining our bowhunting privileges for the future.

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2.Thomas Ott	556	556	560	1672
3.Curtis Coleman	560	552	560	1672
FS/A				
1.Woody Atwood	550	543	548	1641
2.Joseph McManus	541	543	548	1632
3.Ismail Nuri	532	542	544	1618
FS/B				
1.Richard Gioielli	518	521	556	1595
2.Lloyd Overfelt	517	512	534	1563
3.Marion Furrow	513	528	514	1555
FS/C				
1.Robert Massy	393	429	488	1310
2.Gerald Deibert	381	377	470	1228
3.Walter Dillow, Sr.	387	394	444	1225
BB/AA				
1.Dennis Cline	515	529	542	1586
2.George Hamlin	520	521	514	1555
3.Bobby Norris	480	491	546	1517
BB/A				
1.David Tate	440	453	522	1415
2.David Williams	440	447	482	1369
3.Carl Rothlisberger	438	430	466	1334
BB/B				
1.Ronald Lotts	477	442	494	1413
2.William Saunders	385	420	418	1223
3.James Gregory	350	270	392	1012
BB/C				
1.William Perdue	278	321	426	1025
2.Joe Bowles	207	216	423	803
3.John Dodson	143	203	318	663
BH/AA				
1.Kenneth Sorrels	461	480	510	1451
2.Charles Dowless	420	428	486	1334
3.Roger Firth	389	370	404	1163
BH/A				
1.Lowell Dickens	390	401	420	1211
2.Ben Johnson	314	434	448	1196
3.Harold Graves	353	399	434	1186

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BH/B	
1.Mason Ferris	324
2.Noé Gutierrez	313
3.William Smiley	258
BH/C	
1.Elmer Kyle	204
2.Tom Minton	184
SRBH	
1.Wallace Harris	544
2."Webb" Babcock	534
3.Robert Lee	537
Amateur	
1.Robert Esterline	511
Young Adult FS/A	
1.Dennis Gould	540
FS/B	
1.Jeffery Carr	
2.Larry Gene Western	
Cub	
FS/A	
1.Keith Thompson	509
Young Adult BB	
BB/AA	
1.Alan Guess	462
BB/A	
1.Danny Hamlin	310
Youth	
BB/A	
1.Richard Stark	526
BB/B	
1.John Griffin, III	215
BB/C	
1.Michael Taylor	99
Cub BB/A	
1.Timothy Overstreet	
2.Kenneth Norris	
3.Thomas Minton	

CHAMPIONS

Hunter	Animal	Total		Field	Hunter	Animal	Total
Women							
FS/AA							
346	450	1120	1. Pansey Norton	524	540	552	1616
320	438	1071	2. Ann Boyd	527	525	560	1612
286	456	1000	3. Madeline Selby	485	481	548	1514
FS/A							
236	336	776	1. Norma Douglas	345	390	488	1223
163	256	603					
FS/B							
536	552	1632	1. Reatha Atkinson	338	364	468	1170
541	554	1629	2. Carole Sandi Slaughter	282	242	338	862
533	548	1618	3. Virginia Arthur	210	221	374	805
BB/AA							
520	490	1521	1. Diane Hottle	380	412	486	1278
			2. Jerri Norris	389	362	456	1207
			3. Nina Enders	366	321	418	1105
543	540	1623					
BB/A							
4	532	1464	1. Virginia Dillow	353	359	450	1162
	410	1098	2. Lucille Darnell	337	316	436	1089
			3. Mary Fry	283	250	340	873
BB/B							
468	472	1449	1. Myrtle Saunders	343	308	416	1067
			2. Imogene Hamlin	260	292	340	892
			3. Della Holdren	235	302	304	841
BB/C							
427	484	1373	1. Lillian Ferris	120	138	258	526
BH/AA							
353	484	1147	1. Cay L. McManus	360	379	468	1207
Young Adult							
507	522	1555					
FS/B							
229	366	810	1. Teresa Norris	286	229	410	925
Youth							
119	242	460					
FS/B							
4	520	1589	1. Kathleen Darnell	205	238	443	747
8	256	940					
19	272	935	1. Tammy Norris	174	148	310	632



Curtis Coleman, Jim Ennis



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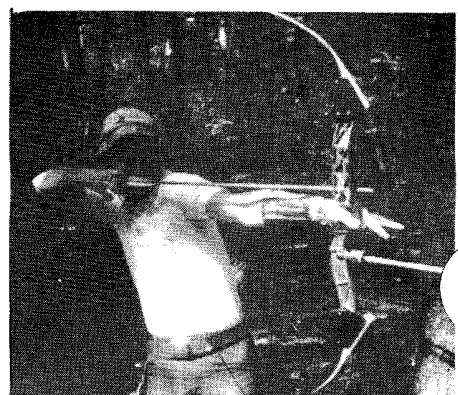
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BIG BUCK CONTEST

the past several years Stan ski, a VBA member and man-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 biggerst 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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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!!!

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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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