

FLIGHT NO. 4

JULY/AUGUST 1990

VOLUME 32

#### Registration:

Pre-registration by mail must be postmarked by August 25th.

Friday night, Aug. 31, 6 pm to 9 pm.

Saturday, Sept. 1st, 8 am to 9 am.

#### Registration Fees:

\$15.00 each, \$30.00 per family.

#### Rounds:

Saturday, Sept. 1st, 1st Round 10:30 am.

Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 2nd Round 9:00 am.

#### Contact Person:

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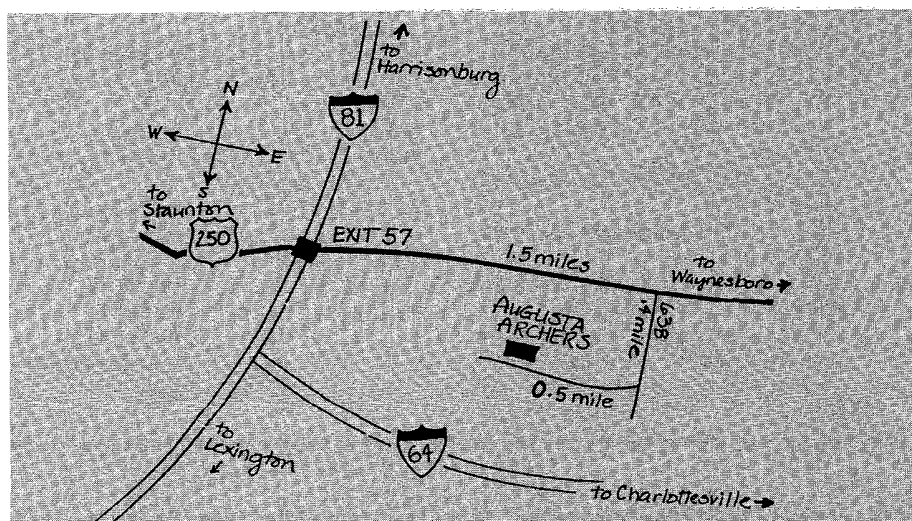
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Identify yourself as a competitor in the State Archery Championship for rates.

#### Things to see and do:

American Frontier Cultural Museum  
Shenandoah Outlet Mall  
Woodrow Wilson Birthplace  
Blue Ridge Parkway  
Gypsy Hill Park  
Shenandoah Acres  
Statler Brothers Museum

## Augusta Archers Host VBA State Closed Championship at the Augusta Archers Range, Staunton, Va. September 1 & 2, 1990



#### VBA State Close Pre-Registration

Single	\$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Family	\$30.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited-Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Club:	_____			_____	
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Division Circle One	FS FSL BH BB BHFS BHFSL			Mark Dorton	
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## VBA Meeting September 22-23

To all club secretaries, presidents, VBA officers and committeemen:

The next quarterly meeting of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc. Board of Directors will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m., as well as Sunday, Sept. 23, 1990, 9:30 a.m., at the Mount Vernon Motel, Intersection U.S. 29 and 250, Charlottesville, VA. Scheduling meeting will be on Saturday night, Sept. 21 at 9:30 p.m.

For toll-free reservations, call: 1-800-528-1234.

VBA Officers: Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, Sept. 22, 4:00 p.m.

11. Update VBA Brochure.
12. Recognize Senior Division (60 or Older) with 3 Styles.
13. Host 1992 State Indoor Regionally.
- \*14. Clubs must be represented at Scheduling Session or lose right to schedule shoots.
15. Unfinished Business.
16. New Business.
- \*14a. Appoint Nominating Committee.



### AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Bids for State Tournaments.
2. SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING SESSION (Be sure to have a director present to insure your shooting dates on the schedule.)
3. Officers Reports.
4. Committee Reports.
5. Next Quarterly Meeting Site.
6. 25 Cents Shooter Fee Payable to VBA for all Shoots Advertised in *Flight* Excluding One Annual.
7. Establish a Senior Division—55 and Older.
8. Raise BHFS-UL Class A From 500 to 515.
9. Charge For 20-Pins and Bars be Based on Cost Plus 25%.
10. State Tournament Locations to be decided in a Round Robin System beginning in 1992.

The following dates were given for the 1991 schedule:

VBA Meetings—Jan. 12/13  
Mar. 23/24  
Jun. 22/23  
Sept. 21/22

State Indoor—Mar. 9/10  
State Open—May 18/19  
Mid-Atlantics—6/22-23—Warwick Bowmen

State Closed—Aug. 31/Sept. 1

Jamborees—Sept. 14/15

Rendezvous—Aug. 8/11

Bids for 1991 Tournaments:

State Indoor: Kingsboro Bowmen, Prince William

State Open: Sherwood, Warwick and Bowhunters of Rockingham

State Closed: Warwick Bowmen, Augusta and Sherwood

Jamborees: West—Princeton

East—Princess Ann

North—Shenandoah and

Two Rivers

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## Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Sept.-Oct. issue of *FLIGHT* will be **SEPT. 23, 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.*



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## Bowhunters Jamboree Eastern Region September 15, 16

Princess Anne Bowmen would like to invite you to join us on Sept. 15 & 16, 1990, for The Eastern Region Broadhead Jamboree. We have just constructed a new broadhead range and are looking forward to hosting this state tournament. There will be many varied shooting events as well as many door prizes and awards. Come have an enjoyable weekend with the Princess Anne Bowmen. For more information, contact Tom Schanbacher at 804-467-7512 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thank you.

PAB

## A New Way

by Iris Street  
Warwick Bowmen

At the September, 1990, V.B.A. meeting, directors will be voting on an agenda item which could change the way the sites of State tournaments are decided.

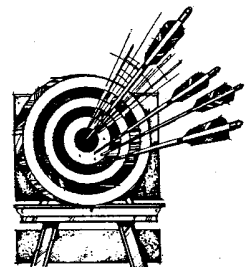
Virginia is fortunate to have four clubs who are in a position to host outdoor state tournaments. It seems only fair that state tournaments should be held at all of these sites to give archers in Virginia a variety of challenges.

The system proposed is a round robin system which would work this way: At the September, 1991, V.B.A. meeting, those clubs interested and able to host an outdoor tournament would state their interest to do so. Each club would draw a number which would become the sequence for the sites of each tournament. There would be a separate drawing for the open and for the closed. Once the sequence was set it would rotate continuously.

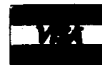
If the new clubs develop ranges for the purpose of hosting a state tournament, then they would notify the V.B.A. so their name could be added to the round robin. As the Constitution requires, new clubs building ranges would have a 2 year option on the tournament.

At the present time there are four clubs able to host outdoor state tournaments. This system would allow each club to host one of the state tournaments every 2 years. Hosting state tournaments has become a fairly lucrative event for clubs and this would spread the "wealth around." This system would encourage the growth of more ranges large enough to hold tournaments since there would be some assurance that the opportunity to host tournaments would be fairly decided.

Hosting a state tournament is both an honor and a challenge. This new system would benefit both the archers of Virginia as well as the clubs.



# DOMINION



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**Receipts:**

Membership Dues	\$17,500.00
FLIGHT Advertising	1,000.00
VBA Charter Fees	280.00
Patches & Decals	500.00
VBA Pin Sales	1,000.00
Shooters Fee	750.00
\$ Registration From State Shoots	3,500.00
VBA Hats	150.00
Interest on Checking	400.00
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$25,080.00</b>

**Expenses:**

Officers Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance	300.00
Administrative Expenses:	
Cor. Secy. Petty Cash	\$1,900.00
Field V.P. Petty Cash	300.00
Office Equipment Repair	150.00
Office & Computer Supplies	500.00
	<b>2,850.00</b>

**Corresponding Secretary's Salary:**

Salary	3,200.00
Federal Tax & FICA	1,200.00
State Tax	180.00
	<b>4,580.00</b>

**Trophies & Awards:**

VBA Pins	900.00
Trophies for State Shoots	2,800.00
Bill Bennett (Plaques)	900.00
Carp & Gar	200.00
	<b>4,800.00</b>

FLIGHT & VBA Printing	6,500.00
Virginia Wildlife Federation (Membership)	400.00
Camp Fantastic	250.00
Virginia Hunter Show	250.00
Bank Service Charge	150.00
	<b>7,500.00</b>

**EXPENSES** **\$25,080.00**

C. D. Miller, Treasurer

### 20-Pin Winners May-July 1990

**FIELD**

Wayne Peery, Hot Springs  
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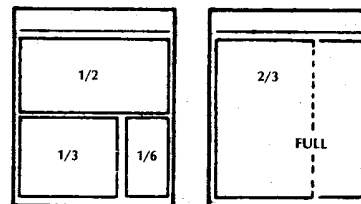
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Full Page 7 1/2"x10" \$100.00	Full Page

(Price is based on camera ready art.)







# Club News

## \*\*\*Attention Hunters\*\*\*

### Time to Check Your Equipment and Skills at the Cub Run Archers' Buckbuster September 30, 1990

The CUB RUN ARCHERS' BUCKBUSTER shoot will consist of 28 deer targets at unmarked distances with the longest shot at less than 40 yards. One arrow will be shot at each target with scoring to be +3, -1 or 0 for kill, wound, or miss respectively. There will be two Divisions; SIGHTS and NO SIGHTS, with up to six classes per Division; Men, Women, Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men, Junior Women. This will be hunting equipment only (arrows with screw in points, no scopes or levels, 12" stabilizer limit, sights limited to a max of 5 fixed pins), however no broadheads and no rangefinders. The cost will be \$6.00 for the 1st round and \$1.00 for each additional round. Only the 1st round will be used for determination of prizes. There will be up to three

prizes per class depending on the number of participants, and the prizes will consist of merchandise items such as canned hams, bacon, etc. for the men/women/senior men/senior women. The prizes for the junior men/ women will be medals. Registration will be casual from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available for a nominal price. Further details will be available at the shoot or from Bob Keaton at (703) 368-4085. All VBA/NFAA members (and their friends) are invited to attend. However, please note that participants do not have to be either VBA or NFAA members to attend and compete for prizes. We look forward to seeing all of our friends and future friends at this dynamic shoot. Come join us in our fun and fellowship in archery.



## Open Trail Archers

Our annual trophy shoot will be held on Sept. 9th only and not the 8th also, as in the schedule.

August 19th Novelty Shoot  
marked Animal  
Sept. 9th VBA Annual Trophy Shoot  
Official Animal Round  
All Shoots are  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon



## Seminole Archers

Our last scheduled shoot of the season, in September, will be changed from a pin shoot to a deer and wild boar shoot. Prizes will be awarded, but we haven't decided what they'll be yet.

Bobby Hodges  
President

## Triangle Archers

Triangle Archers all animal shoot has been changed from Sept. 9 to October 6 & 7. Mult. and casual 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Barry Wolf  
President Triangle Archers



## Dickinson County Bowhunters

Dickinson County Bowhunters will host on Sept. 8 & 9 their annual Trophy Shoot and Southwest Va. Bowhunters Championship. It will be multiple/casual both days with Saturday registration 9-11 a.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

## Prince William Archers Broadhead Shoot Sept. 22, at 9:00 A.M.

Robert Day Novelty Shoot  
Sept. 23 at 9:00 a.m.  
Hunting Equipment Only

Come spend the weekend. Primitive camping available on the creek with boat access. Bathroom and shower facilities available.

Contact for further information:  
Pres. Ronney Fowler 368-6815  
Treas. Bobby Norris 368-6562



## Shawnee Bowmen

Shawnee members would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets from our fundraising event.

The winning number was 977 and was claimed by Mark Bowman of Berryville, Va.

Area clubs in our zone will be notified by mail of our planned animal shoots this fall. Our range is in great shape with lots of improvements having been made and we invite everyone to come on up to our shoots and enjoy our challenging range.



## Warwick Complains

Warwick Bowmen would like the Executive Board and Directors to know we feel the error on the scheduling card did an injustice to our club. We have always held a 2-day Silver Bow Annual which is the major means of our revenue, the error on the scheduling card cost us!

We tried to have the date corrected by using *Flight* and that came out after our annual.

We feel this was not only our problem but the problem for many VBA Clubs.

This does not have to happen again and we see no reason it should if the dates given at the scheduling session are taken and printed correctly.

Thank you.

Warwick Bowmen

## Caribou Experience

by Owen Shifflett



In 1987, Dave Proctor and myself became interested in a Caribou hunt. While at the Harrisburg Sportsman show, Dave talked with Bob Folkrod of Delay River Outfitters.

After considerable investigation, we tried to book a hunt for 1988 and found they were full. We then booked a hunt for Sept. 1989.

We checked with some of our stand-by hunting buddies and found three others who wanted to join the venture. Richard Grubbs and Chip Williams from South Carolina and Jerry Blank from our Bowhunters of Rockingham club.

Two years seems like a long time but as usual, some of us were still packing the night before departure. A limit of 100 lbs. per person, including bows and everything, takes careful consideration.

The hunt had been booked for Aug. 31-Sept. 7, historically the prime time for the caribou migration.

We departed Harrisonburg on Aug. 28 in anticipation of the great hunt. We were all in a van with a large trailer to bring back our two racks each and all the meat. We proceeded leisurely

to a motel at 1000 Islands and over-nighted for some rest and recuperation.

After the recuperation, we proceeded to a hotel in Montreal, Quebec, and checked in our hunting equipment and bags in the facilities on the premises.

After checking into the hotel, freshening up and making a visit to the watering hole, we decided to check on returning hunters. Upon observing the first group in and talking to some of them, we received information that starts that little burny feeling in the pit of your stomach. They had only a few medium sized racks and a few cows out of a group of 20 hunters.

Wednesday morning, we boarded our plane (carries only 20 hunters) for Schefferville for our next overnight. This was paid for by the outfitter. Upon landing and locating the representative, you can imagine our first question. **HUNTING CONDITIONS IN OUR CAMP?** We were assured things were pretty good. We checked around with some other hunters from different outfitters and the reports ranged from terrific to terrible. By this

time, we all decided it was too late to worry and just kick back and relax.

Everything in Schefferville was expensive since the only way in was by plane or a 19-hour train trip. The nearest road was 300 miles away. Since the mine closed down, the only industry was outfitting and hunters.

Early Thursday, we boarded a twin engine Otter (ten hunters) for a 235 mile flight to land on a sandbar in the middle of the Melaise River. We flew across some beautiful but desolate country. Water and lakes everywhere and seeing only an occasional outfitters camp. While flying at about 2000-3000 feet, it was absolutely mind boggling to see the number of caribou trails that went on and on as far as you could see.

We off-loaded, loaded into canoes and went to camp. It was composed of 2-5man tents, a guides tent, a recently constructed cook and dining building, shower building and screened in meat shack. Everything was comfortable and rustic. This was to be home for 7 days. The only communication to the outside was by radio telephone which worked most of the time. Generators ran everything at night.

We paired up, received instructions and got ready to hunt. The method of hunting caribou in this camp is very simple. Two men per boat with 1 guide. Go either up or down river for a distance of 1-10 miles. A guide will place the hunter in a ground blind in the alders (about chest high) about 20 yards from the river. The 2 hunters are placed about 75-100 yards apart and the guide will place himself about 75-80 yards from a hunter. You watch the opposite side of the river and the mountain to see when migrating caribou are coming or hit the water. You wait until they swim ashore, hopefully within 25-30 yards. They always stop on the bank and shake off the water and this is when you are supposed to shoot. (If everything goes right). HA!!!

Richard and I, with guide Barney Raphael, headed down river and observed a number of cows and calves crossing the river plus a black bear. After about 7 miles, we were placed in our stands and were ready. Cows and calves in groups of 4-10 were crossing pretty steadily. I glassed a nice bull hitting the water on the other side and got ready. He was slowly swimming down river from me, but landed between me and the guide. The guide stood up and waved his arms and

spooked the bull towards me. He seemed to be moving at a leisurely slow trot. I drew and as he passed in front of my blind and his chest crossed my 20 yard pin, I released. It seemed almost impossible to miss any animal that big at that distance, but my arrow passed right behind him. Believe me, they are moving much faster than they appear. Almost like fluid motion. You must lead them and follow through like shooting at doves with a shotgun. Don't stop.

The Indian guide came down to me and smiled, shook his head, but his eyes could have withered a cactus. He said, "Real nice bull, you miss. Pope & Young." My dear friend, Richard Grubbs, came down and sympathized with a few words that would not go in any book.

We settled back down and nothing but cows and calves crossed the rest of the day.

After returning to camp, we found that Marty from Penn. had killed a fairly nice bull. One of the guys from Michigan had taken a small bull. Jerry Blank had passed on a fair bull with good antlers, but no points on the beams. (Mistake #1).

On Friday, about 11 a.m., I observed thru glasses 5-6 caribou way up on the ridge headed down. The one about a hundred yards behind was much larger and I could tell he was a bull. When he hit the river, I could see that he was a nice bull with double shovels. He swam ashore at about the same place as the bull the previous day. Again, the guide stood up to drive him towards me. I drew as he was coming in front of me, but my arrow tipped a branch and fell off. Until I got everything ready again, he was by me and going between Richard and myself. Richard took a shot and was just a few inches below his chest. The bull whirled and returned the same route. I drew and followed the running animal and then pulled in front and released. The arrow and bull arrived at the same time. The quartering away shot caught the femoral artery and passed through the bull and exited right behind the front shoulder. The bull was surprised as hell and so was I. He ran 50-60 yards and piled up in the river. The guide got his boat and pulled him in.

This time, Barnaby really smiled and shook hands and I still caught a few choice words from Richard about being a lucky so and so.

While Barnaby was caping and dressing the bull, Richard and I switched stands and continued to hunt. The activity was decreasing all the time.

When we returned to camp, we

found that only 1 other hunter had taken a cow and there was very little activity. Only a few cows and calves.

Saturday, we returned to the same stand. We glassed those ridges constantly and saw practically nothing up top and very few caribou crossing the river. By this time we were beginning to realize that we had missed the migration and were just catching a few stragglers. The weather varied from rain, sleet, sunshine to snow flurries. When the wind quit stirring, the black flies came out by the jillions. We were glad we had brought head nets for protection.

On Sunday, practically all hunters head up hill. When we got to the top, we could see for miles over some beautiful country with 10-20 acre lakes, draws and valleys and no caribou. Richard and I saw 2 cows and some of the other guys saw a few.

While Jerry Blank was on top with his group, they explored around finding nothing. Then they happened to look back down to the river and saw some boo crossing the river. They headed back down and found some cows and a small bull on a large sandbar. This was desperation time and a willingness to try anything. Jerry and another hunter would try to stalk as close as they could and see if they could get a shot.

As they advanced, the boo retreated to the end of the sandbar. One hunter quit, but Jerry had watched a Tink Nathan video stalking caribou by holding his bow up to his head like antlers. We all guffawed and snickered. Jerry was willing to try anything, so he followed Nathan's example. He would walk a little, paw the ground, grunt and slowly worked his way closer. Surprisingly, the boo were curious and stood their ground. Jerry got within 50 yards, the boo were getting nervous and Jerry decided it was now or never. He cleaned that bull's clock.

Richard and I went up the river a short distance the next morning with 2 other groups further up. After about 9 or 10 o'clock, we saw hundreds of caribou with some bulls crossing the river way above us. We saw 1 hunter chasing caribou all over the place and getting nothing. Our guide did not want to infringe on the other guides territory and was reluctant to move up.

We finally walked up river aways and spotted 4 bulls coming to the river. We stalked upriver as fast as possible but were still late. They crossed over to a sandbar in the middle of the river and stood wide open about 80 yards away.

The lead bull was a magnificent

animal. He could have probably qualified for Boone and Crocket. His antlers were clean of velvet, probably a fifty inch spread and had beautiful bez tines and many long tines on his beams. The other three were no slouches and all we could do was look.

The up river hunter had hit a caribou and he had to trail it. Richard and I insisted we move up and the other guide agreed. But we were too late by then and did not see any more large bulls.

What we did not know until that night from the other two hunters further up the river was the number of caribou crossing the river up around the bend. They said it was like the videos they had seen. There were literally thousands crossing with groups of 10-20 bulls in a group. Many of them would have qualified for Boone & Crocket. They were able to come away with only 1 bull.

Steve finally admitted that the caribou had migrated about 2-3 weeks early for some reason. There had been a number of large fires which may have caused them to move early. He had never heard of a reverse migration, but some of the herd had turned back, probably due to a burned area.

Most of us went up river the next morning, but it was all over. Not a caribou crossed that morning. Chip had gone down river and he was fortunate to shoot a nice bull also reversing.

On the last day, Jerry and I went down river again and we decided that after three o'clock, we would try for a cow. At 4 p.m. 5-6 cows crossed the river and Jerry dropped 1 trotting away at a quartering angle and about 50 yards.

The Delay River Outfitters did the best they could under the circumstances. I do wish they would have been more straightforward about conditions on our arrival. In this type of hunting area, if you miss the migration, you are in trouble. We knew this before we even booked the hunt.

We all did not accomplish what we had hoped. I was most fortunate to harvest a bull that made Pope & Young. However, the most important factor that makes a hunt enjoyable and a success, is your hunting companions. The hunters in our group take the bad with the good and still have fun. We see new and different country and meet other fine people like Marty and Kentucky.

It was time to say goodbye to this beautiful country and head back to civilization.

# SHERWOOD ARCHERS

## Host The State West Jamboree September 15-16, 1990

One Time Registration For The Weekend 8-11 a.m. Sat. & Sun.  
\$10.00 Single      \$20.00 Family

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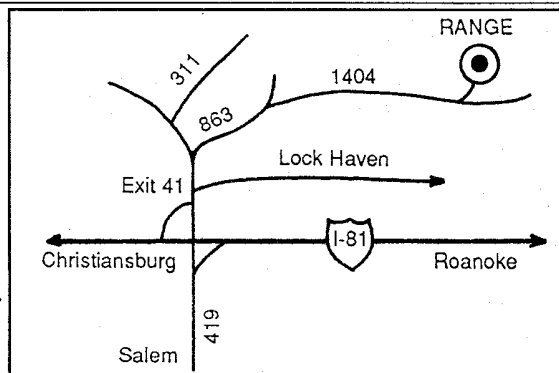
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### SUNDAY - TOURNAMENT DAY

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Trophies Awarded

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