

N.F.A.A. News and V.B.A. Notes

V.B.A. NOTES

* Any release is allowed in Free-style as long as it is hand-held. This is effective immediately.

* Binoculars are allowed in any round -- indoor or out.

* Be sure to look at the N.F.A.A. Flight system elsewhere in this issue if you plan to shoot at the Mid-Atlantic in Warwick Bowmen in Newport News.

* Also in this issue is the newly adopted classification system and numerical breakdown for V.B.A. only. N.F.A.A. is using a flight system.

* From Walton Park Archers -- We have decided to change the times of our scheduled shoots from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The dates involved are March 2 and Sept. 8.

* At the March meeting V.B.A. Directors voted unanimously against the pod.

SLATE OF V.B.A. OFFICERS

Following is the slate of officers for V.B.A. for the year 1974-75:

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- Field Governor - Murray Selby
- NFAA Director - Wm. K. Bolt
- Cor. Sec'y - Nancy Lee Western

NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Following is the new classification system adopted at V.B.A. meeting:

FS MEN	FS WOMEN
AA 540 & up	AA 425 & up
A 500 - 539	A 350 - 424
B 425 - 499	B 250 - 349
C 0 - 424	C 0 - 249
BB MEN	BB WOMEN
AA 450 & up	AA 375 & up
A 400 - 449	A 300 - 374
B 300 - 399	B 200 - 299
C 0 - 299	C 0 - 199

BH MEN

- AA 400 & up
- A 325 - 399
- B 250 - 324
- C 0 - 249

BH WOMEN

- AA 225 & up
- A 125 - 224
- B 0 - 124
- C

N.F.A.A. T System

The following is a breakdown of the T system adopted by National. This system will be shot at the Mid-Atlantic in Warwick this June so please be prepared:

FS-FSL-BB-BH MEN & WOMEN

Flight 1	530-560	3 awards
"	2 500-529	"
"	3 450-499	"
"	4 375-449	"
"	5 275-374	"
"	6 0-274	"

BOYS, GIRLS, YOUTH & CUBS

Flight 1	450-560	3 Awards
"	2 400-499	"
"	3 325-399	"
"	4 250-324	"
"	5 175-249	"
"	6 0-174	"

Champions of each style will be recognized.

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Va. State Open Championship Tournament

May 18 & 19, 1974 AT WYTHE BOWHUNTERS

Where would you like to spend a weekend? In the Mountains of Southwest Virginia, of course. And while you're there, why not participate in the Va. Open? It will be held on the Wythe Bowhunters range located 8 miles north of Wytheville on Rte. 21 and 52 also 4 miles west from Big Walker Mountain Tunnel 1-77, take route 717. There will be free camping on the range. Below is the schedule of events.

- Friday, May 17th 7 to 9 PM registration
- Saturday May 18th 9 to 11 AM registration
- 12:15 PM opening ceremonies
- 12:45 PM Grouping, proceeding to targets
- 1:30 PM Start of Field Round
- 6:00 PM end of Field Round
- Sunday May 19th 9:00 AM Grouping, Proceeding to Targets
- 9:30 AM Start of Hunter Round
- 2:30 PM End of Hunter Round
- 3:15 PM Tropies awarded
- Available Motels Within 9 Miles
- Howard Johnson 228-3188
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- Wythe Motor Lodge 228-5552
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Bluefield Bowhunters No Lack of Energy

Ann Poe, President of Bluefield Bowhunters and Becky Barnes, secretary, put a lot of guys to shame when it came to running an organization. Again this year they ran a flawless shoot, and, as usual, everybody had a good time. The energy crisis did lessen the crowd a bit -- 70 this year against about 90 last year.

Barebow champions were husband and wife Russ and Ann Poe. Their scores are shown elsewhere in this issue. Penny Shannon and Jim Quarles (who else) are the Free Style champions with Murray Selby pushing Quarles with a 2nd round clean (300). But, as Murray and anyone who has shot inst Jim Quarles, know, one has shoot perfect or else forget it. Again, the thanks of V.B.A. officers and the participating members to the very capable Bluefield Bowhunters.

The Evolution of the Classification System

BY TOM HANCOCK

Years ago, when organized archery was still in its infancy, the classification problem as we know it today, did not exist. As many of you know, archers were classed in four classes, namely Novice, Archer, Bowman, and Expert Bowman, with no style distinction for a very good reason; there was but one style. The latest equipment in those days were straight limbed bows with wooden arrows; some were homemade. Sights were yet to be used and everyone shot the only way he knew how - instinctive.

As the archers grew in number, so did the classification system. Today our classification system has grown like a two headed monster - out of proportion. It is not unusual to give away half as many trophies as there are archers, particularly at our annual shoot. This I think is not only cost prohibitive to our clubs, but degrades the value of the trophies. In many cases all one has to do is show up at a tournament, register, shoot and he is awarded a trophy, if he were the only one registered in this class.

Who is to blame for this ridiculous situation? I think there is enough blame to go around - to clubs and even to the V. B. A.

Article VI of the Constitution of NFAA states that all styles of shooting shall be recognized, also that the unit system may be used for awards.

This simply stated is that there will be 3 archers in a class for 1 award, 5 archers for 2 awards and 7 or more for 3 awards.

Clubs have long ago strayed from this ruling. Why? We are afraid. Afraid of sticking to the rules for fear we will make someone mad and he will not come back.

I have heard some club officers state that it is not the fault of an archer because he is the only one registered in his class, therefore he should be given an award if he shoots

his class. This may have merit, however rules are rules and should be abided by.

The awarding of trophies to recognize the champions in each of the classes is a very important part of our tournament, but we may be putting too much emphasis on the number given.

To better understand this very controversial award and classification system, I think we should ask ourselves a few basic questions. First, why do we shoot the bow? Why do we spend hundreds of dollars in equipment and travel hundreds of miles to participate in a tournament? Why do we pay our entry fee of several dollars to compete with all the others in our class for a trophy which in most cases cost less than half the registration fee? Why not go to the home range and shoot all day for free?

The answer is the name of the game "competitive archery". I think everyone who goes to a shoot wants to win, wants to be recognized as the winner in their respective style of shooting, wants to prove himself and everyone else competing that he is the best in his class. I don't think the trophy is nearly as important as the satisfaction of knowing that he is one of the best that day in his chosen field, whether it be Freestyle, Barebow, Bowhunter or any of the recognized styles of competitive archery.

For these reasons I believe the flight system would not be good for archery in that it would not recognize an archer for the class in which he shoots. Sure, he would still be shooting Barebow, or whatever style he elects, but the winner would be the one with the highest score in his given flight, although he may have shot the highest score in his life, he may not get recognition for it. (Example: 500 in B/H and 501 in F/S-A). I think this system would eventually do away with all but Freestyle in competitive archery and in doing so would see a drastic reduction in our ranks. I think we are at the stage today where we should be looking for ways of recruit-

ing new members while trying our best to maintain our "old" and seasoned members.

In conclusion, I submit the following for your study and consideration:

1. Maintain the present classes to conform with the rules in the N.F.A.A. with the exception that the top of F/S-A be moved from the present 500 up to 535 or 540 up in order to afford more realistic competition in this class.

2. That the rules be ammended to conform with the rules in the N.F.A.A. pertaining to awards, that at least 7 archers be present in one class in order for the club to give 3 awards.

3. That the V.B.A., as our legislative representative, see that the rules are enforced by each and every club in the state.

4. That the V.B.A. abide by the same rules and regulations as the clubs and give trophies as awards instead of a piece of paper.

5. That instead of trying to enforce a strict time limit for tournaments, (which in most cases is impractical because generally, only one in a group is responsible for it's slow progress), that two elected officers of a club, one of which should be from the host club, be appointed as "tournament wardens." These wardens shall seek out individuals, who, by their very actions are slowing the general progress of the tournament. For a first offence these persons shall be warned and for a second offence they shall be disqualified from the tournament. The tournament wardens decision shall be final.

If the above procedures were followed and all the classes and styles recognized, and the maximum number of trophies given, (105 including the new F/S-B/H) it would necessitate participation of 735 archers. At \$3.00 per person (\$2,205) what club is going to complain about the cost of the trophies?

This is not intended to be the ultimate answer to the classification problem, however, I do think it would be more acceptable to the majority of archers over the flight system.

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DEADLINE DATES

The deadline date for the May - June issue of "Flight" is May 10, 1974. The issue should be in the hands of the membership by the first week in June.

VBA Indoor Championship

✓ AMFS

Jim Quarles	300	300	600
Murray Selby	295	300	595
Jim Shively	296	297	593
Fred Christian	296	294	590
Lucian Butler	292	295	587
Jim Mitchel	291	293	584
Fred Crockett	291	292	583
W.H. Thompson	285	295	580
Blair Peterson	296	---	Inc.
Leslie Bunnell	291	---	Inc.
Chuck Nease (Non-resident)	297	299	596

FREESTYLE "B" Men

C.D. Miller	296	285	581
Dave Beam	292	286	578
Jim Miller	288	289	577
Jerry Boyd	289	287	576
Carl Addison	288	287	575
Carey G. Price	281	288	569
W.R. Dillow Jr.	284	284	568
James Ennis	287	280	567
C. Shrewsbury	286	278	564
Louis Gatti 2	274	281	555
Norman Sparks	269	285	554
Hasel Linkous	277	271	548
Ronald Raynes (Non-resident)			568
James Lester (Non-resident)			552
Paul Stowers (Non-resident)			544
Chuck Kimble (Non-resident)			531

FREESTYLE "C" Men

Gary Alger	267	256	523
Harry Derenge	257	252	509
W.R. Dillow Sr.	244	251	523

FREESTYLE "A" WOMEN

Penny Shannon	296	296	592
Ann Boyd	276	287	563

FREESTYLE "B" Women

Gwen Trull	248	250	498
Twylia Overfelt	236	246	486

FREESTYLE "C" WOMEN

Brenda Simmons	192	199	391
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FREESTYLE "A" YOUTH

Rodney Lawhorn	288	280	568
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FREESTYLE "B" YOUTH

Chuck Christian	270	243	513
Mark Mitchel	193	204	397

FREESTYLE "CUB"

Steve Thompson	208	232	440
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BAREBOW "A" MEN

Russ Poe	284	278	562
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BAREBOW "B" MEN

Charles Lucas	261	262	523
Paul Whitney	255	242	497
Buford Cox	240	256	496
Billie Umberger (Non-resident)			549
Tony Pickett (Non-resident)			548
John Gal (Non-resident)			499

BAREBOW "C" MEN

William Saunders	245	227	472
Ben T. Counts	230	223	453

BAREBOW "A" Women

Ann Poe	260	260	520
Virginia Dillow	253	260	513

BAREBOW "B" WOMEN

Elizabeth Lucas	240	245	485
Sandy Maxie	224	242	466
Myrtle Saunders	228	236	464

BAREBOW "B" YOUTH

Philip Painter	224	229	453
Kim Kines	226	224	450

BAREBOW "C" YOUTH

Billy Derenge	144	148	352
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BAREBOW "CUB"

Jim Christian	144	171	315
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BOWHUNTER "A" MEN

Jim Overfelt	281	261	542
Jerry Maxie	258	266	524

Donald Stowers (Non-resident)	262	270	532
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BOWHUNTER "B" MEN

Pete Pride	253	239	492
Rickey Counts	235	239	474
Samual Harward	225	239	464
William Smiley	236	227	463
Mark Haynes	213	224	437
Rick Meckstroth (Non-resident)	250	256	506

BOWHUNTER "C" MEN

Jay Woolwine	197	203	400
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SEMI-RESIRICTED BOWHUNTER

Bill Price	265	262	527
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FREESTYLE TEAM

Murray Selby	295	300	595
Lucian Butler	292	295	
Jim Ennis	287	280	
Carey Price	281	288	569
Total			2318

BAREBOW TEAM

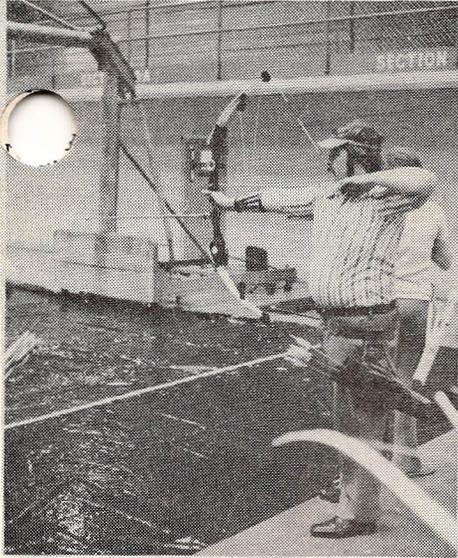
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Buford Cox	240	256	496
Total			2126

Bowhunter Tom's Archery

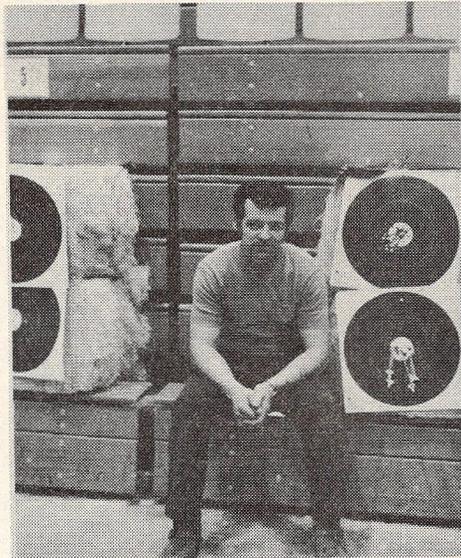
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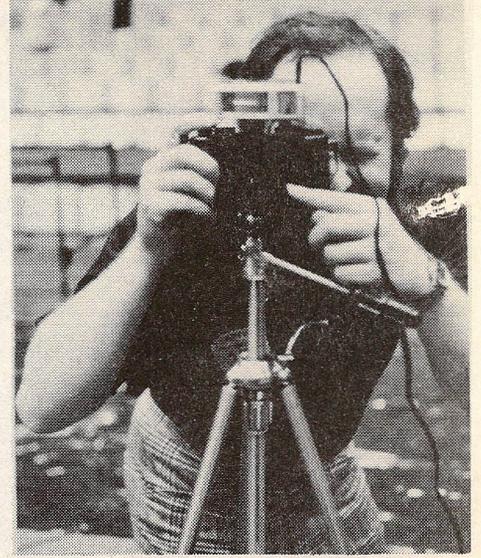
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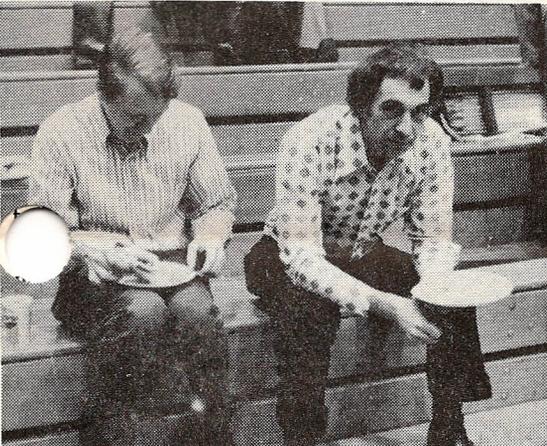
Jim Quarles with his shave, pumps another arrow into the Dot.



Murray Selby sits by his target (top) after shooting 300 on the second round



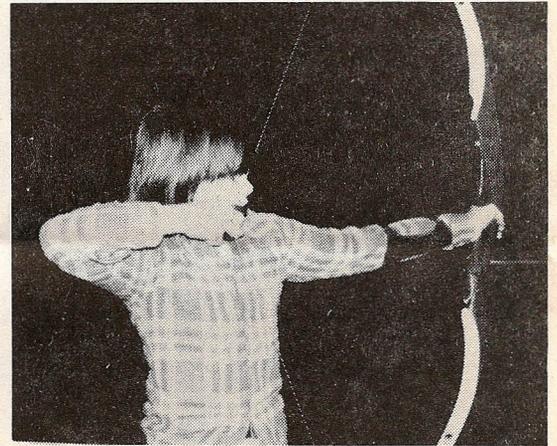
Carey Price focusing in.



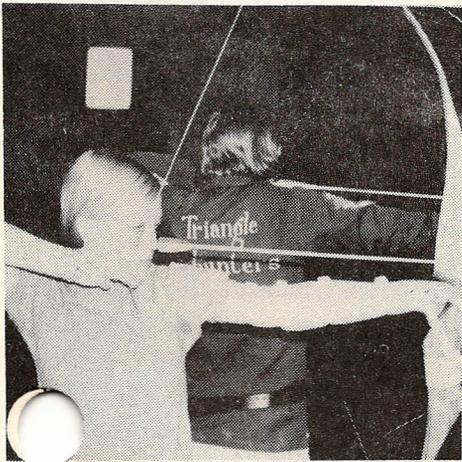
Jim Miller & Doc Dillow enjoying their lunch.



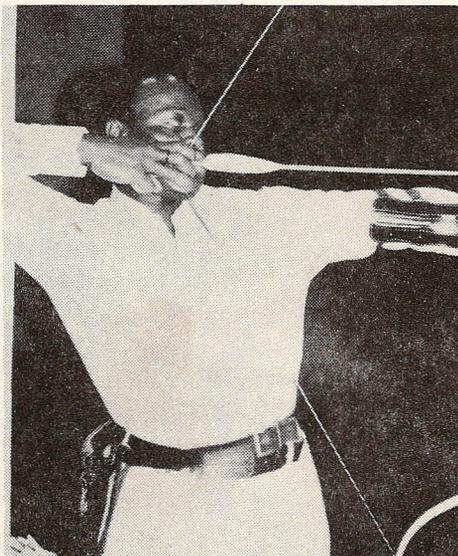
Ann Poe Women's Bare Bow Champ and Bluefield Bowhunter President.



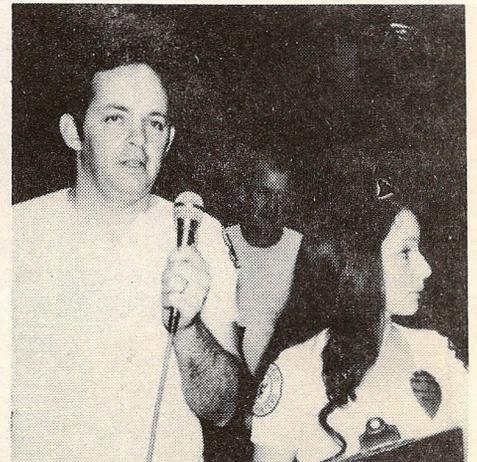
Phillip Painter from Broad Head Archery in Luray takes a bead.



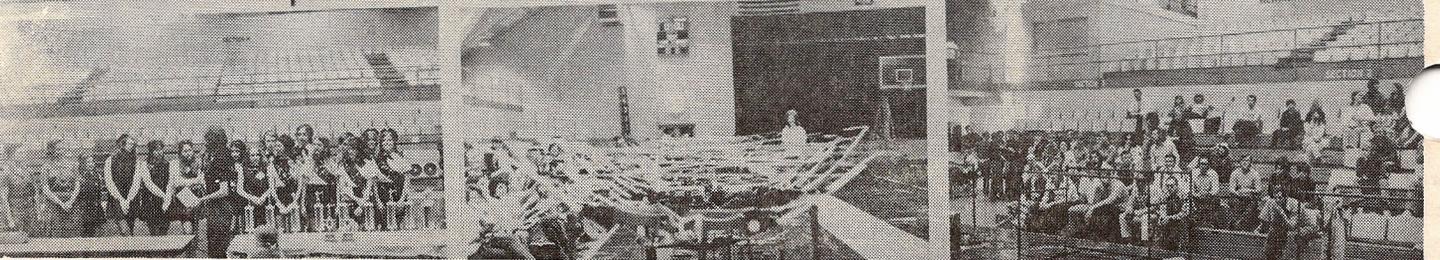
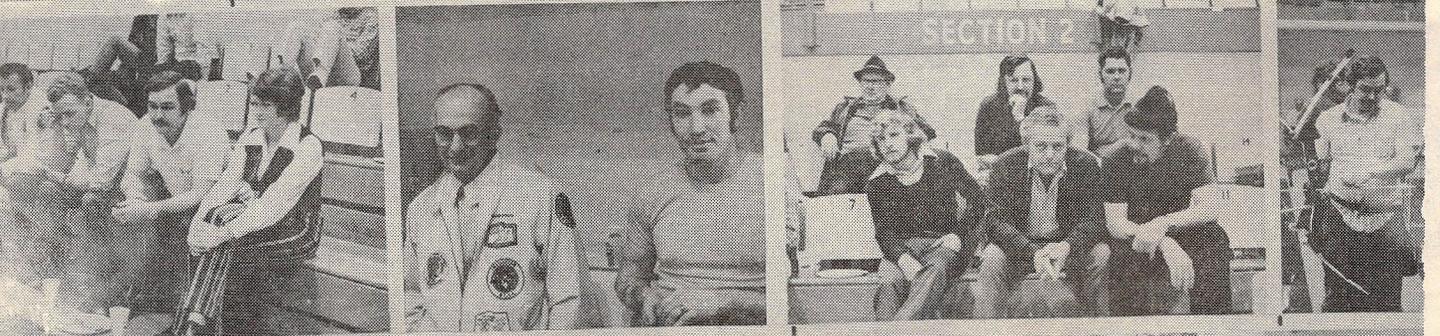
Back to back are Sandy and Jerry Maxey, Husband and Wife from Triangle Bowhunters.



Wm. Smiley was tough to stop.



Becky Barnes (right) and assistant.



Tidewater Tidbits

Hi Folks:

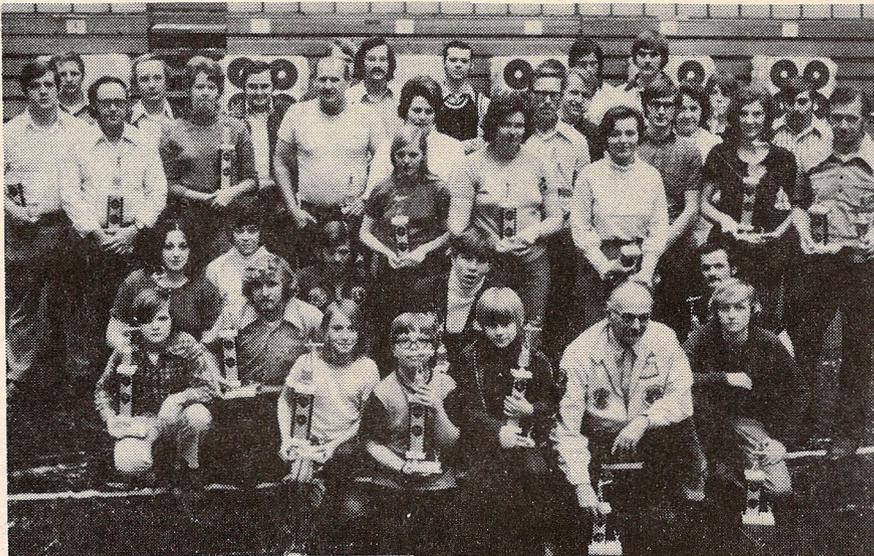
me again. For Those of you who ne last issue of Flight, you'll recall I was discussing snakes and their owners the Corwins. Well, to continue--- It was only natural that out of the crowd, a couple of favorites would emerge. A favorite pastime for Phyllis and Bill was to each take a snake, drape it around their neck and then take a stroll through the neighborhood. Now that was a real eye popper, and probably a heart stopper in some cases. These little jaunts worked pretty well, except when something caught the snakes attention, then they would straighten out and tighten around the neck.

Then disaster struck. Bill was getting transferred to New York. The only solution was to buy a Van to carry their pets in. When they got to New York, Phyllis decided to visit her mother.

Guess who got stuck as a Snake Sitter, yup the poor old maligned mother in law. As in Miami, they found that quite a few up there were very interesting snakes. In fact one Doctor started with snakes and wound up with a wild animal farm. He stocked it with unusual animals such as buffalo, prairie dogs and camels. One of the Corwins snakes was used in a local school in the visual aid class. Things were going along quite well, when Uncle Sam decided that Bill needed a change of scenery. So..... it was pack up time again. This time their destination was Norfolk. In due time they arrived, snakes and all. Then came the rude awakening! In New York and Miami mice to feed the snakes were plentiful and cheap. In Norfolk, they were \$1.00 each. Multiply that by 3 to 5 mice for 33 snakes and you have a problem.

So Phyllis and Bill held a little conference. Either the snakes ate and the Corwins didn't. Since the Corwins had developed the habit of eating, the snakes had to go.

They gave the majority of them to a school to be used in the Science classes. The rest they sold or gave away. Phyllis says that they found out one thing. Young children are not afraid of snakes, it's the adults who make them that way.



Winners at the State Indoor Championship at Bluefield



These Girl Scouts were very helpful to Bluefield Bowhunters helping with refreshments and other activities. From left Bottom: Karol Keys, Gina Jones, Mary Francis, Carol Tabor, Top: Lillian Elliot, Melinda Hagar, Laurel McCue and Leaders Mrs. Keys and Mrs. Francis.

The Princess Anne Bowmen held their first invitational of 1974.

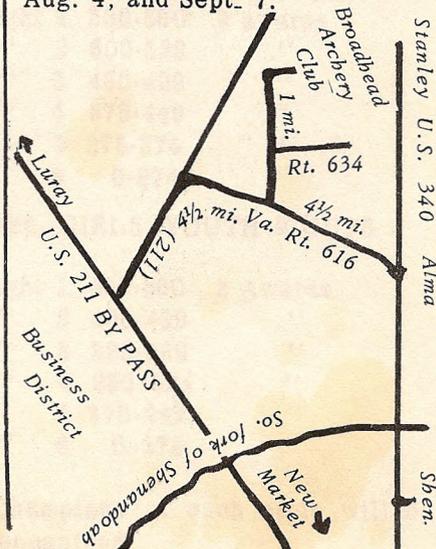
Due to the energy crisis, it was felt that not many would make it. But, where there's a will there's a way. It was a fine turn out. 70 people showed up.

ATTENTION MANASSAS HORSE SHOE PITCHING CHAMPS.....
Gene Henderson (President of Princess Anne) says you'd better be practicing, because your'e gonong to need it.

Although the Princess Anne Annual isn't until July, a challenge is being issued to all interested parties from the Horse Shoe Pitching Dept. If you think you are top dog, come down in July and prove it.....

See you next issue,
Nina.

The Broadhead Archery Club of Stanley, Va. welcomes you to the V.B.A. shoots to be held July 7, Aug. 4, and Sept. 7.



Archer Electrocuted

Orville (Curley) Lester, member of Clinch Valley Archers of Richlands, was electrocuted while flying a model airplane. The model collided with high tension wires.

Curley was a Class "A" Freestyler. He was well liked by all his fellow archers & he will be missed.

20 PIN WINNERS

Jan. - Feb. 1974

FIELD

Robert Klinsic, Virginia Beach
Bob Goode, Norfolk

HUNTER

Robert Klinsic, Virginia Beach

THE EVOLUTION

Continued from Pg. 3

The final decision will be up to the V.B.A. It is hoped that they will give this very controversial subject their ultimate in study and thought. Their decision may well mean the rise or fall in the membership of the V.B.A.

It is suggested that before a final decision is made by the V.B.A., that a referendum be held by each of the chartered clubs in the state to get a general opinion of the membership.

At the last regular meeting of the Loudoun Bowhunters on February 14, 1974, and with 36 members present, this letter was unanimously endorsed.

Respectfully submitted
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