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The deadline for the September/October issue of FLIGHT will be *Sept. 24, 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.

Virginia Bowhunters Association MEETING

September 25-26, 1993

On Saturday at 7:30 p.m.,
the scheduling session will be held
for the 1994 Tournament Season.

**CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED
IN ORDER TO SCHEDULE SHOOTS
FOR 1994!**

Important Dates For September Scheduling Session

January 15-16, 1994 - VBA Meeting
March 12-13, 1994 - State Indoor Tournament
March 19-20, 1994 - VBA Meeting
May 14-15, 1994 - State Open Tournament
June 11-12, 1994 - VBA Meeting
June 25-26, 1994 - Mid-Atlantic Tournament
July 25-29, 1994 - National Outdoor Tournament
September 3-4, 1994 - State Closed Tournament
September 17-18, 1994 - State 3-D Tournament
September 24-25, 1994 - VBA Meeting

20 Pin Winners

May 1, 1993 to July 27, 1993

FIELD

Bob Colby, Salem
Alan W. Buckner, Danville
Troy Wilson, Madison Heights
Kenneth Paulson, Suffolk
William L. Klabnik, Virginia Beach
Robert L. Mitchell, Union Hall
Perry Blankenship, Glade Hill
Elvis O. Vera, Norfolk

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Christi Crawford, New Castle
Robert B. Whitehurst, Virginia Beach
Russ Shannon, Poquoson
William Perry, Glasgow
Donald Minnick, Troutville

From the Office of the President

"John's Kitchen"

It will be my practice, as President of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, to have published in *Flight* an editorial each time the publication goes to press. You may not always agree with what I have to say in these articles, but that is not my goal in writing them. The topics will be as varied as my imagination. The editorials will be my personal views. For those of you who do not think that I have a "right" to my own views, I say this now and only now-tough! I have taken the job in the "kitchen," and the heat is just fine. If it were ever to get too hot, I would, as I have expressed to other members of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, simply go fishing.

In my years as Club Director and Officer of the VBA, when the general public talks about the VBA, they usually mean the Officers of the VBA. That's fine and dandy. Since most feel that way, I have instructed the Officers of the VBA starting in September, to become more involved in the policies of the VBA. Each Officer will have the opportunity to propose changes to the VBA Constitution and By-Laws as do the Club Directors. Once proposed, it will take a "second" from the Club Directors to make the proposal the property of the Board. This will give the Officers input into the meetings. Instead of simply giving their reports, if any Officer feels the need to make changes, there will now be a forum for that Officer. An Officer of the VBA was elected by you, the members of the VBA, to be a "leader" of the organization. By doing as I have proposed,

an Officer now has the means by which to lead. If you, the member, do not agree with the workings of a particular Office, it is within the Constitutional rights to have that person removed and new Officer installed. This way you as members of the VBA can become more involved.

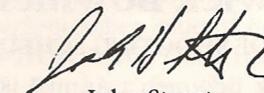
As in the past, the Saturday night session of the VBA is usually reserved for the "informal" part of the VBA meeting. It is here that guests, Club Directors and Officers can bring up and discuss practically any subject. There are now two Quarterly Meetings that have the "formal" Saturday night sessions; the Saturday night in September, for scheduling, and the Saturday night in January for coverage of NFAA Agenda Items. That leaves only the March and June Saturday nights for our "informal" meetings. I do not believe that this is enough. Therefore, after the "formal" meetings in September and January, on Saturday night, the floor will entertain a motion at each meeting, to have an informal meeting afterwards. I feel that this is necessary, since the "formal" meetings of the VBA will be conducted formally. That is to say that *only* Club Directors and Officers of the VBA may address the Body. Guests will be welcome to sit on the outside of the table, but will not be afforded a voice. In the event that a Guest has been asked a question by the Chair, that Guest will be allowed to answer, but only then. Guests may get prior approval to address the Body from the Chair on specific issues. Prior means before the meeting begins. In an effort to get the

business of the VBA taken care of in an efficient manner, I believe this format is essential.

All committees will give written reports to the Chair prior to their reports at the formal meeting. If there is a problem with time, notes will be accepted, but a written report will be submitted at a later time. Without the written report of the notes, the committee report will not be given. Anyone asked to attend any function on the behalf of the VBA, will be expected to submit a written report to the Chair prior to the next quarterly meeting. Again the reasoning behind my "madness" is to get the business of the VBA done in an orderly fashion. Any guest that should be sitting at the formal part of the VBA meeting, will not be subjected to the "bickering" of VBA Members.

So that there are no misunderstandings between myself and the Executive Board of the VBA, I made clear my expectations of VBA Officers. One major change will be the presence of "ALL VBA OFFICERS" at the VBA State Championships, the Indoor, the Open, the Closed and the 3-D. Any member who wishes to address an Officer of the VBA will now know where and when he may find that Officer. Again the "kitchen" is where the heat is. And the "kitchen" will be open at all State Tournaments.

Yours in Archery,


John Street

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Club News

Shawnee Bowmen

The members of Shawnee Bowmen regret to announce that we must cancel our remaining shoots for this year. The dreaded "pine bores" have invaded our range, and the Izaak Walton League on whose land we are located have decided to clear cut and replant pines. We hope that things are back to normal by the time next year's tournament season rolls around and we will keep your posted as to our future plans.

Loudoun Bowhunters

Due to circumstances beyond their control, Shawnee Bowmen will be unable to host their remaining shoots for the rest of the year. The Loudoun Bowhunters have received permission from Jim Overfelt to host an additional pin shoot on August 29, 1993.

The shoot schedule will be as follows:

Date: August 29, 1993

Place: Loudoun Bowhunters

Registration: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Multiple registration

Field/Hunter Round

For any questions, please contact Kenneth Payne at 703-347-3346.

Warwick Bowmen

CHANGE OF SHOOTING SCHEDULE

Warwick Bowmen's Annual is currently scheduled for August 28 and 29. We would like to request that it be only August 29, 1993, 8 - 11 a.m.

F/H M

Iris Street

Where are the release aids and overdraws?

(1958 photo)

Norva Deerslayer - September 18 - 19

28 Real Life Deer Targets at unmarked distance. Awards in all classes. Also a 20 target 3-D range. Shoot one or both.

Registration:

Casual and multiple.

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

Awards:

4 p.m. Sunday.

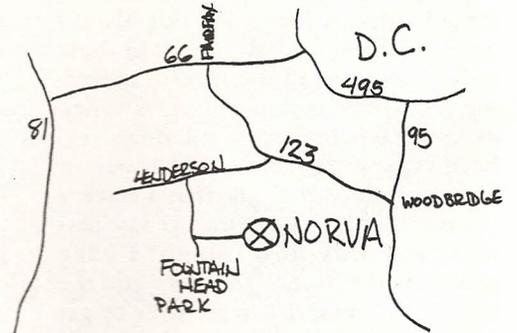
Door Prizes & Novelty Shoot:

Sunday afternoon

Information:

Jim Little 791-3659

Chuck Pillar 251-0773



Prince William Archers

CHANGE OF SHOOTING SCHEDULE

Prince William Archers 3-D shoot scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 1993 has been canceled due to recent changes to the Virginia hunting regulations. Thank you for your support in the past and have a successful season. Good luck!!!

Wythe Bowhunters

CHANGE OF SHOOTING SCHEDULE

We are changing our October 3, 1993 3-D shoot to September 26, due to the changes brought on by the legislators changing the upcoming archery season dates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jim Harper



Belvoir Bowhunters Sponsor Early Hunt . . . Of Sorts!



Spectators admire carp and gar taken during the Belvoir Bowhunters Fourth Annual Carp Shoot held in May. More than 190 pounds of fish were landed by 16 shooters using an assortment of bow and arrow fishing rigs.

The hunt began on command: "Ready, set, go!"

This is not the usual way you hear a hunt start. Usually a hunt starts with

animated conversation over a hot cup of coffee and transitions into whispered words as the hunters slowly exit a vehicle and slip into the woods.

This time, however, the hunt was not for deer in the middle of November. Instead, it was a bow shoot for carp and gar in May.

The hunt was held at Fort Belvoir in Tompkins Basin on the Potomac River and was sponsored by the Belvoir Bowhunters. This was the fourth annual carp shoot sponsored by the club and was by far the most successful.

Steve Frank led all 16 shooters with six carp and four gar weighing a total of 105 pounds. This was the fourth year in a row that Steve has won the tournament.

Richard Morris took second place with six gar weighing a total of 48 pounds. Third place was captured by Paul Vogel with four gar totaling 39 pounds.

Shooters formed two and three man teams that operated from personally owned boats or boats provided by the Ft. Belvoir marina. The motors authorized were those powered by electricity; gas motors of any size were prohibited.

The small entry fee covered lunch and formed the pool of prize money.

This was the best year in the history of the tournament in terms of fish seen, shot at and retrieved. Everyone saw plenty of fish and almost everyone had multiple chances to shoot an arrow.

The real winner of the day, however, was the crew that opened two packages of hot dogs and ate eleven before Bob Seltzer ran it off!

Kingsboro Bowmen

Come and warm up for deer season! Kingsboro Bowmen announces the opening of our 3D range at Lone Star Lakes in the Chuckatuck section of Suffolk. We will have two matches this year, both on Sundays, so as not to interfere with hunting time. The dates are September 26 and October 17 with registration from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days. There will be five divisions, elite, release, fingers, women and cubs (shooters through age 11). One place will be awarded in elite and unit rule to apply in all other divisions. One place will be awarded with 1-3 shooters; two places will be awarded with 4-6 shooters, and three places will be awarded with seven or more shooters.

Entry fee will be \$5. No broadheads on range; only target and field points allowed. Contestants may not use binoculars, or similar devices, or any range finding aid.

Join us in Suffolk this fall and have fun, even if you're not hunting this year!

Douglas M. Lester

High Caliber Video Produced by VBA Member

VBA member Bill Ware and his High Caliber crew shot a bowhunting video last fall in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The video, sponsored by Bear/Jennings bows, features well-known bowhunter, author and lecturer Bob Fratzke.

Favorably reviewed in the August/September issue of *Bowhunter*, "BOWHUNTING TROPHY WHITE-TAILS: Looking for the Buck of a Lifetime" has been well received since its February 1993 release. Featuring an exciting trophy kill and a close encounter with a true Minnesota monster, the video also highlights Bob Fratzke's unique approach to mock scrapes and discloses all the facts a bowhunter would need to take this affordable trip themselves.

The video, which sells for \$29.95, may be ordered directly from the producer by calling 1-800-851-HUNT or see convenient ordering form on page 11.

State Tournament Bids for 1994

Indoor: Triangle Archers
Kingsboro Bowmen

Open: Sherwood Archers
Augusta Archers

Closed: Sherwood Archers
Augusta Archers

3-D: Augusta Archers
Princess Anne Bowmen
Sherwood Archers

1993 Mid-Atlantic Sectional NFAA Championships Hosted By: Warwick Bowmen, Newport News, Virginia

FLIGHT	PLACE	DIV,SEX,STYLE	NAME	1ST	X'S	2ND	X'S	TOTAL	X'S
	CHAMP	PRO,F,FS	BONNIE KEYES	524		533		1058	
	CHAMP	PRO,F,FSL	* SUE WEINSTEIN	498		504		1002	
	CHAMP	PRO,M,FS	JAMES DESPART	554		550		1104	
	CHAMP	PRO,M,FSL	RONNIE LEWIS	518		531		1049	
1	CHAMP	AMFS	ANTHONY CLEM	552	63	551	72	4403	135
1	2ND	AMFS	JAY BRADWAY	553	60	544	55	1097	115
1	3RD	AMFS	KENDALL WOODY	545	52	552	62	1097	114
2	1ST	AMFS	TONY BIANES	536	52	549	61	1085	113
2	2ND	AMFS	JOE MAGROGAN	535	50	546	60	1081	110
2	3RD	AMFS	JOE HERBERT	533	60	545	61	1078	121
3	1ST	AMFS	LEE KORRELL	530	54	542	48	1072	102
3	2ND	AMFS	JEROME BAUERNFEIND	526	44	537	45	1063	89
3	3RD	AMFS	MARK IRLBACHER	528	28	526	36	1054	64
4	1ST	AMFS	THOMAS LAHMAN	514	36	524	40	1038	76
4	2ND	AMFS	BILL HAMLIN SR	515	26	521	35	1036	61
4	3RD	AMFS	DANIEL VUKICH	518	38	517	27	1035	65
5	1ST	AMFS	JOHN OBRIEN	499	22	517	25	1016	47
5	2ND	AMFS	ALFRED DE LA HOUSSAYE	499	23	500	31	999	54
5	3RD	AMFS	MICHAEL CHANCELLOR	502	18	493	21	995	39
1	CHAMP	AMFSL	DAVE HRYN	513	33	530	38	1043	71
1	2ND	AMFSL	DREW BAINBRIDGE	520	32	516	31	1036	63
1	3RD	AMFSL	JOHN GROSSL	513	33	521	33	1034	66
2	1ST	AMFSL	GENE GRODZKI	495	22	503	25	998	47
2	2ND	AMFSL	DAVID TARRY	483	21	472	16	955	37
1	CHAMP	AMBHFS	DON GRAHAM	545	43	543	54	1088	97
1	2ND	AMBHFS	MARTIN STONESIFER	535	56	543	49	1078	105
1	3RD	AMBHFS	RICHARD PASTRANA	530	53	538	55	1068	108
2	1ST	AMBHFS	JOSEPH HOGSETT	522	37	524	30	1046	67
2	2ND	AMBHFS	MIKE STONESIFER	519	27	525	33	1044	60
2	3RD	AMBHFS	DAVID TOWNSEND	517	40	515	28	1032	68
3	1ST	AMBHFS	KELLY DOUBLE	499	29	513	35	1012	64
3	2ND	AMBHFS	AL SZYMBORSKI	500	30	512	27	4012	57
3	3RD	AMBHFS	SCOTT BEARD	497	30	501	26	998	56
4	1ST	AMBHFS	RANDALL SIMMONS	496	23	506	25	1002	48
4	2ND	AMBHFS	WAYNE KELLUM	474	15	492	17	966	32
4	3RD	AMBHFS	BEN RODRIGRO	482	19	472	17	952	36
5	1ST	AMBHFS	HARRY MIDDLETON	465	16	473	14	938	30
5	2ND	AMBHFS	CLIFF BAUCOM	457	13	471	16	928	29
1	CHAMP	AMBHFSL	JOSEPH ROZMUS	503	26	512	21	1015	47
1	2ND	AMBHFSL	NEIL NEWKIRK	509	26	498	16	1007	42
1	3RD	AMBHFSL	JIM RUDOLPH	509	32	483	14	992	46
2	1ST	AMBHFSL	WALTER LANIER	470	22	464	9	934	31
2	2ND	AMBHFSL	ROBERT HUGHES	457	11	472	14	929	25
2	3RD	AMBHFSL	MIKE HEASTER	455	16	463	14	918	30
1	CHAMP	AMBB	ROBERT WALKER	485	19	499	25	984	44
1	2ND	AMBB	JOHN MASON	482	18	469	13	949	31
1	3RD	AMBB	WILLIAM SPRECHER JR	473	23	469	14	942	37
2	1ST	AMBB	ALLEN LANG	437	9	433	5	870	14
2	2ND	AMBB	WILLIAM KEEN	435	6	433	6	868	12
1	CHAMP	AMTRAD	PAUL VOGEL	433	14	434	9	867	23

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	2ND	AMTRAD	BILL FOWLKES	408	8	432	11	840	19
1	CHAMP	AMBH	JIM BROWN	506	28	506	29	1012	57
1	2ND	AMBH	HOWARD FARIS	488	17	485	19	973	36
1	3RD	AMBH	JOHN BOYD	469	16	471	9	940	25
2	1ST	AMBH	JOE MCMANUS	408	7	427	5	835	12
2	2ND	AMBH	RICK JONES	380	3	409	8	789	11
1	CHAMP	AFBB	CAY MCMANUS	470	13	489	21	959	34
1	CHAMP	AFBH	ROBERTA JONES	356	4	363	4	719	8
1	CHAMP	AFBHFS	ROBIN VOGEL	513	25	533	39	1046	64
1	2ND	AFBHFS	VICKI CLEM	500	26	507	28	1007	54
1	CHAMP	AFFS	JANICE WALLACE	530	48	532	38	1062	86
1	2ND	AFFS	PATRICIA CHURCHEY	528	39	521	49	1049	88
1	3RD	AFFS	DIANE BOTTJER	521	41	517	28	1038	69
2	1ST	AFFS	GWEN MCMURRAY	478	12	455	15	933	27
2	2ND	AFFS	MARY MERRINER	428	11	433	12	861	23

YOUTH DIVISIONS

1	CHAMP	YAFFS	JENNY WALLACE	494	18	472	23	966	41
1	CHAMP	YAFFSL	TANYA HEASTER	458	14	455	13	913	27
1	2ND	YAFFSL	LORI DODSON	436	12	466	14	902	26
1	CHAMP	YAMFS	DOUG JR WILLIAMS	550	67	553	64	1103	131
1	2ND	YAMFS	BOBBY NORRIS	535	44	536	43	1071	87
1	CHAMP	YAMFSL	JAMES BURRELL JR	397	10	381	13	778	23
1	CHAMP	YFFS	SUZANNE LOWE	424	8	388	5	812	13
1	CHAMP	YMFS	TOM NEWKIRK	492	13	493	19	985	32
1	2ND	YMFS	BRIAN TOWNSEND	498	22	469	15	967	37
1	CHAMP	YMFSL	ROBERT HUGHES	374	5	376	6	750	11
1	2ND	YMFSL	GEORGE BAKER	230	0	217	2	447	2
1	CHAMP	CUBFFS	TIFFANY MORRIS	118	1	165	1	283	2
1	CHAMP	CUBMBB	JIMMY DODSOS III	504	25	496	18	1000	43
1	CHAMP	CUBMFS	STEVEN LOWE JR	555	68	552	64	1107	132
1	2ND	CUBMFS	JASON BOWEN	475	12	493	10	968	22
1	3RD	CUBMFS	RICHARD MORRIS JR	481	13	469	17	950	30
1	CHAMP	CUBMFSL	RICHARD BRUNO JR	544	61	550	48	1094	109
1	2ND	CUBMFSL	JOSEPH ROZMUS III	513	35	472	19	985	54
1	3RD	CUBMFSL	CHRIS CARDARELLI	406	15	0	0	406	15

SENIOR DIVISION WINNERS

AFFS	1ST	EVA MAZZELLA
AFFSL	1ST	BETTY GORDON
AMBB	1ST	ROBERT WALKER
AMFS	1ST	JOE BAUERNFEIND
X AMFS	2ND	JOE HERBERT
X AMFS	3RD	ANDREW DOBRANSKI
AMBHFS	1ST	WAYNE KELLUM

The National Field Archery Association Mid-Atlantic Sectional Championships were held June 26-27 1993. A great time was had by all who attended.

The cry was heard through out the entire weekend, "Where are the local shooters, from Virginia?"

A special thanks to all that helped out at the tournament. A very special thanks to the shooters from the other 6 States for their support.

The 1994 Mid-Atlantic Sectional Championships will be held in June 1994 at the Warwick Bowmen Range in Newport News, Virginia. This was the only bid to be submitted. Without which there would not have been a site for the 94 Sectional Championships.

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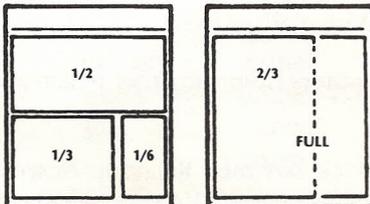
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1993 VBA State Open Championships

DIVISION	PLACEMENT	NAME	1ST X's	2ND X's	TOTAL X's
YA-M-FS-AA	CHAMPION	BOBBY JOE NORRIS	531	37x	533 50x 1064 87x
YA-F-FS-AA	CHAMPION	APRIL CHAMBERLAIN	509	25x	506 25x 1015 50x
Y-M-FS	CHAMPION	BOBBY LOWE	478	25x	460 6x 938 31x
Y-M-BHFS-L-A	CHAMPION	NICK WILLARD	392	4x	393 8x 785 12x
Y-M-BHFS-L-C	1ST	GEORGE BAKER	247	2x	254 5x 501 7x
Y-F-BHFS-C	CHAMPION	DENYA PECORA	297	3x	365 5x 662 8x
CUB-M-FS-A	CHAMPION	STEVEN LOWE JR	554	71x	547 63x 1101 134x
CUB-M-BHFS-A	CHAMPION	RICHARD MORRIS JR	421	5x	450 6x 871 11x
CUB-F-BHFS-L-B	CHAMPION	JENNIFER WILLARD	262	4x	274 3x 536 7x
CUB-F-BHFS-C	CHAMPION	TIFFANY MORRIS	161	0x	126 0x 287 0x
A-M-TRAD-AA	CHAMPION	PAUL VOGEL	412	6x	403 5x 815 11x
A-M-TRAD-A	1ST	RICHARD MORRIS	348	3x	389 5x 737 8x
A-M-FS-L-AA	CHAMPION	DREW BAINBRIDGE	519	45x	516 41x 1035 86x
A-M-FS-L-AA	2ND	CHARLES WAYBRIGHT	511	37x	501 29x 1012 66x
A-M-FS-L-A	1ST	EARL CASH	494	19x	483 15x 977 34x
A-M-FS-AA	CHAMPION	RON NEVILLE	553	65x	553 76x 1106 141x
A-M-FS-AA	2ND	KENDALL WOODY	547	66x	543 52x 1090 118x
A-M-FS-A	1ST	RICK ROPER	532	48x	533 46x 1065 94x
A-M-FS-A	2ND	JOHN VAN LEW	528	49x	527 43x 1055 92x
A-M-FS-A	3RD	WALTER WONG	530	43x	525 42x 1055 85x
A-M-BHFS-L-AA	CHAMPION	JIM RUDOLPH	491	20x	503 20x 994 40x
A-M-BHFS-L-AA	2ND	MICHAEL KLINE	490	19x	490 19x 980 38x
A-M-BHFS-L-AA	3RD	ANDY JETT	486	21x	488 17x 974 38x
A-M-BHFS-L-A	1ST	ROBERT HANCOCK	476	15x	469 16x 945 31x
A-M-BHFS-L-A	2ND	CHARLES PRUE	460	16x	456 11x 916 27x
A-M-BHFS-L-B	1ST	KENNETH PAYNE	408	20x	503 20x 833 40x
A-M-BHFS-AA	CHAMPION	VANCE CAVE	531	51x	532 48x 1063 99x
A-M-BHFS-AA	2ND	BILLY BURKHOLDER	526	41x	534 49x 1060 90x
A-M-BHFS-AA	3RD	JERRY TICE	530	40x	529 53x 1059 93x
A-M-BHFS-A	1ST	LAWRENCE RUCKER	513	32x	517 33x 1030 65x
A-M-BHFS-A	2ND	WEBB BABCOCK JR	510	42x	518 33x 1028 75x
A-M-BHFS-A	3RD	JEFF TOLLEY	512	33x	512 34x 1024 67x
A-M-BHFS-B	1ST	JAMES BAKER	459	9x	466 13x 925 22x
A-M-BHFS-B	2ND	RUSSELL MORRIS	467	13x	452 11x 919 24x
A-M-BH-AA	CHAMPION	HOWARD FARIS	478	20x	474 14x 952 34x
A-M-BH-AA	2ND	JOHN BOYD	469	14x	480 12x 949 26x
A-M-BH-A	1ST	CARROLL WILLARD	458	12x	452 16x 910 28x
A-M-BB-AA	2ND	BILL KEEN	435	14x	429 12x 864 26x
A-F-FS-L-AA	CHAMPION	VELDA CHAMBERLAIN	453	5x	471 18x 924 23x
A-F-FS-AA	CHAMPION	SCARLET RUCKER	518	35x	515 38x 1033 73x
A-F-BHFS-L-AA	CHAMPION	TOOGIE WEDDING	438	5x	437 9x 875 14x
A-F-BHFS-L-B	1ST	SHARON HANCOCK	334	4x	342 5x 676 9x
A-F-BHFS-AA	CHAMPION	ROBIN VOGEL	509	29x	520 28x 1029 57x
A-F-BHFS-AA	2ND	CHRISTI CRAWFORD	459	17x	463 19x 922 36x
A-F-BHFS-A	1ST	JANE MORRIS	415	13x	385 3x 800 16x
A-F-BHFS-B	1ST	LOUELLA CRAWFORD	366	4x	344 2x 710 6x
A-F-BB-AA	CHAMPION	CAY MCMANUS	478	16x	475 13x 953 29x

Letter to the Editor

Bowhunters –“You Snooze, You Lose”

On June 18, 1993, the Game Commission added one week to the muzzleloading season to open the first Monday in November. They also allowed the muzzleloaders to use the sabot projectile. According to some experienced muzzleloader hunters, the use of the sabot is equivalent to the muzzle velocity of a 30.30.

The gun hunters have long coveted the rut season and they have now accomplished this fact. They now cover the pre-rut, active rut and the post-rut deer season. This action was taken by the Game Commission because you, the bowhunter, sat on your duff and did nothing to prevent this.

Many excuses are given for the lack of action, but you, the members of the VBA, should have known about it. The presidents of all affiliated clubs except (no address on the VBA roster) sent the names and addresses of the directors of the Game Commission with a cover letter explaining the situation and requesting that they contact their members and have them write the directors. The Bowhunters of Rockingham sent out 120 letters to their members requesting them to write letters to the commissioners.

There were three bowhunters from The Bowhunters of Rockingham and a non-member from Fulks Run at the Commission meeting. That was it. The

results of the requested correspondence to the directors were practically nil.

Mr. Duncan, chief of the biologists, received 66 letters, of which 46 were opposed to the extended muzzleloading season. I do not know if he received all the letters from the directors, but Mr. Leon Turner stated that he had given Mr. Duncan copies of all the correspondence he had received.

I talked with Mr. Turner and he went through his file and he had received 11-12 letters concerning the muzzleloading season extension. Seven of those letters were from Bowhunters of Rockingham members and a letter from Kenny Sorrels, president of the VBA. I did not recognize the signatures of the remaining four. I did not have time to contact the other directors.

You, the members of the VBA, make



time to practice, attend tournaments and other activities, but you won't take the time to write a letter or letters to protect the hunting privileges you had. Lord help us when the anti-hunters get to bowhunting because you surely won't do anything. Just leave it up to someone else.

I realize that hunting east of the Blue Ridge is much different from west of the Blue Ridge. The pre-rut west of the Blue Ridge starts about the first week in November. This is when you generally see the first horned trees and the scrapes. This is the beginning of the prime time to hunt bucks. Prior to this time you see mostly does.

There was considerable sentiment in the Game Commission to split the muzzleloading season between east and west of the Blue Ridge. It all depended on the response from the bowhunters.

The extended week of bowseason was a sugar-coated pill to pacify the bowhunter. But west of the Blue Ridge, it is not worth diddley.

There is a good reason for the stagnation in the growth of the membership in VBA. I have talked to a number of bowhunters and their first question has been "What does the VBA do for the bowhunters?" In this case, NOTHING.

A. Owen Shifflett
Bowhunters of Rockingham

1993 Tournament Schedule

September - October 1993

September 4 & 5, Saturday & Sunday
VBA STATE CLOSED, Sherwood

September 11 & 12, Saturday & Sunday
OPEN 3-D CHAMPIONSHIP, Sherwood

September 18 & 19, Saturday & Sunday
TRIANGLE BIG GAME SHOOT
3-D M 10-1 BD

NORVA DEERSLAYER ANNUAL
3-D M 9-2 BD

BLACKWATER ANNUAL A 10-12 BD

AUGUSTA ALL DEER 3-D M
Sat. 9-3; Sun. 9-2

Bearcreek 3-D Championship M
10-2 BD

September 18, Saturday
Septa 3-D M 9-1

September 19, Sunday
Dixie 3-D Broadhead 9-1
Princess Anne P SG 8-10

September 25
VBA Meeting

September 25 & 26, Saturday & Sunday
Cub Run Buckbuster 3-D M
9-3, 9-1 BD
Rockingham 3-D Jamboree M
8-2 BD

September 25, Saturday
Princess Anne 3-D 8-10

September 26, Sunday
Kingsboro 3-D M 9-1

October 2, Saturday
Prince William 3-D M 9-1

October 3, Sunday
Manahoac 3-D 9-1
Dixie 3-D 9-1
Wythe Bowhunters Tune Up 3-D 10-1
Walton Park 28 NFAA Animals T
8-9:30

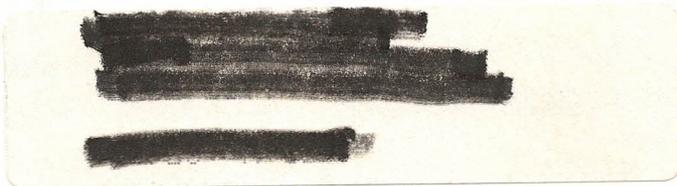
Warwick P SG 9-10
Two Rivers, Mertie Shultz Memorial
Field Points & Broadheads M A 8-2

October 10, Sunday
Buggs Island Animals 8-10
Shawnee ALL DEER M 8-12

October 17, Sunday
Kingsboro 3-D M 9-1

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your hunting photos with your
Bill Bennett application!*

*Or, you can send your photos
directly to the Flight Editor.*

*Let all the VBA members
enjoy your hunting success!*

Good hunting . . .

Dave