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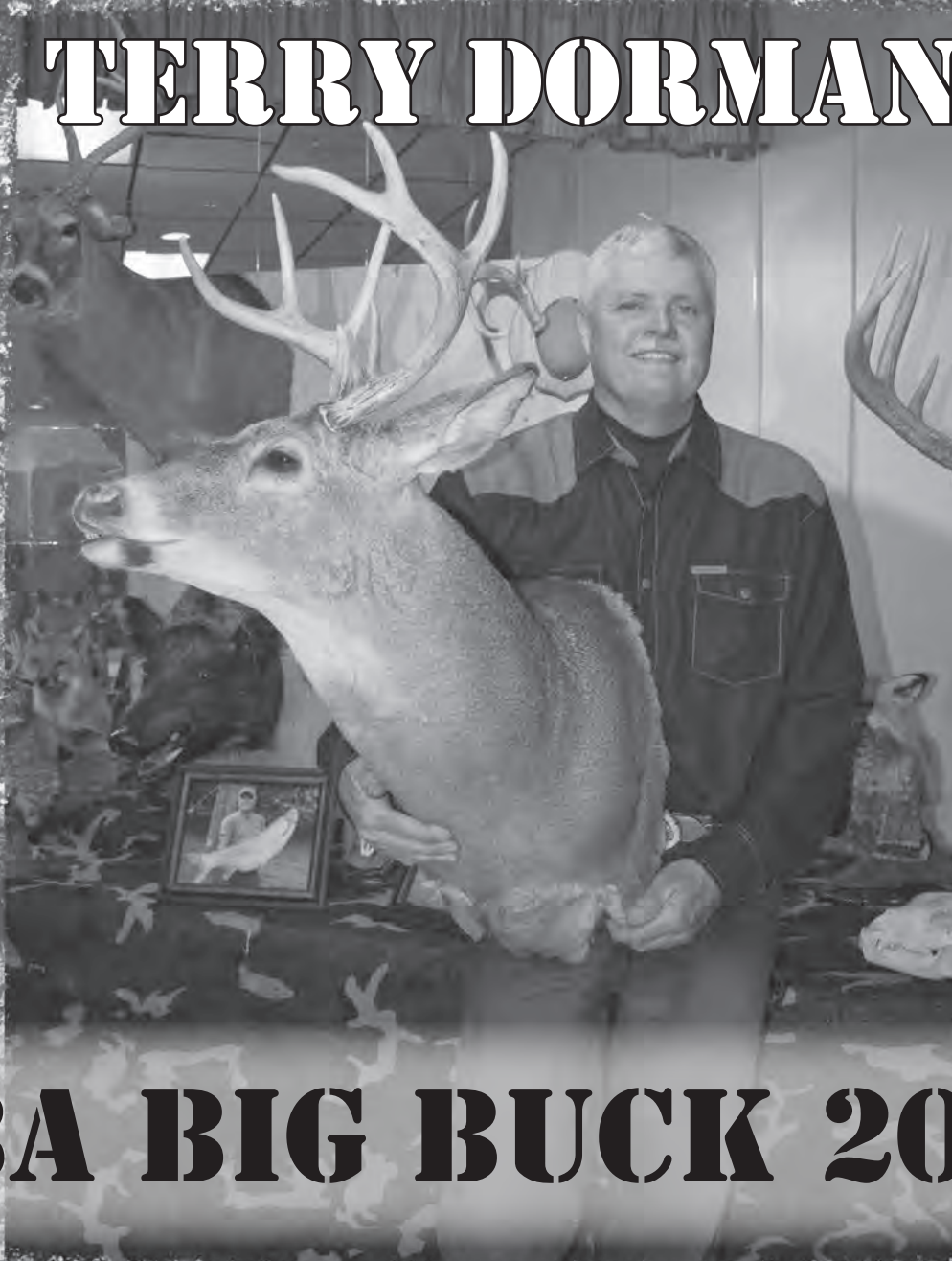
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The deadline for the Summer issue of FLIGHT will be June 14, 2010. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your magazine and we encourage your contributions!

From the President

This article is the third – and final – in the series where I have tried to give readers an overall sense of the VBA. The first article centered on what the VBA has done for bowhunters in Virginia (a lot, it turns out) and the second was a look at how the VBA is managed by the members and the Club Directors, not the VBA Officers. In this article, I continue the story as promised and outline the duties of the VBA officers. They don't have a vote on the issues that come before the VBA, but they do perform necessary functions.

Before I start, let me say at the outset that the bulk of what I will tell you is included in the VBA By-laws, so these duties are job requirements and not at the personal whim of the incumbent. Also, in addition to the functions listed, each officer has one common additional requirement – to perform other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors. This mandate is yet another example of why the organization is so successful: the Clubs are in charge, not a small band of officers.

As your President, I preside at all VBA meetings, serve as an ex-officio member of all committees (e.g. Tournament, Bowhunting and Publicity committees), sign all contracts or obligations of the VBA along with the Executive State Secretary and perform such other duties as may be required by the office. The most visible part of my job is running the meetings, and that is done according to an agenda established by the Board of Directors. Examples of "other duties" include taking calls from other organizations seeking information about the VBA or our position on an issue. I can either respond directly or determine which VBA officer should coordinate the response. I also represent VBA at official gatherings and functions around the Commonwealth, e.g. VDGIF ceremonies, organization banquets, etc.

The Executive Vice President performs my duties if I am absent and is responsible to publish *FLIGHT* magazine. The Executive VP can personally publish *FLIGHT* or appoint someone else to do it with the approval of the Board of Directors. He or she also serves as an informal "chief of staff" and can take the lead to coordinate when an issue involves more than one VBA office.

The Field Vice President is responsible to promote and continue the competitive aspects of field archery. He/she is responsible for the annual VBA State Championship Tournaments – including the distribution of contracts at the VBA Sept. meeting and the gathering of tournament chairmen at the VBA Jan. meeting. The Field VP also conducts the scheduling session at the Sept. VBA meeting and is responsible for the range inspections at all VBA clubs.

The Hunting Vice President is responsible for all hunting-related aspects of the VBA. He is the primary liaison to the VDGIF and attends all appropriate meetings where it is possible to provide public input on hunting issues of interest to bowhunters. He is also responsible for the VBA Big Game awards and for the annual banquet.

The Recording Secretary keeps the minutes of all meetings and provides a copy to the Executive State Secretary within 30 days. In addition, he/she keeps a separate record by date and meeting number of all motions passed.

The above officers are all elected by the membership. The following offices are filled through appointment by the elected officers from persons who volunteer to serve.

The National Bowhunter Education Program (NBEP) Director is responsible for implementation and perpetuation of the NBEP and is the VBA point of contact for the NBEP's International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP).

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From the Executive Vice President

I believe.....

Those are powerful words because when we say them we are focused on concepts most dear to us. They are the values that provide anchors in our lives. They are our foundation for life. They are important.

Each of us has a list of beliefs that are probably held in common with many other people, but our beliefs are not necessarily exactly the same. Family, religion and country immediately come to mind as core beliefs for most people. They are common, central ties that bind us together even though we may each have a slightly different view.


Beyond these common beliefs, there are other more personal beliefs that are focused on what makes our lives tick. They are not necessarily exclusive to what others believe, but the group that shares them closely will be smaller.

Here are three of mine that some of you might find we have in common. Think about them and your own beliefs that guide you through life.

I believe..... in the military. Thank you to all the Reserve, National Guard and Active Duty and Civilian employees members who dedicate their lives and many times put them in harms way so we can enjoy the freedoms that surround us every day. I believe that without them the United States would look much different and might not even exist.

I believe.....in ethical hunting. To me, ethical hunting sets the standard for doing the right thing as it relates to the animal, the sport, your fellow hunters, yourself and the non-hunting public. I believe you must do the “right” thing every time, all the time, even (and especially) when there is no one there to observe. Proper ethics will overcome individual issues and always provide the high road to preserving the sport.

I believe.....in the VBA. Belief in this case also involves being committed to success and, in fact, wanting success for others more than they want it for themselves. In my interaction with others I have had e-mails ignored, phone calls not returned, promises of support broken and expectations dashed. Never mind. All of that pales in comparison to the vibrancy I see in the various Clubs and the genuine love of archery – including target, 3-D and hunting. Many of you are so close to issues that it is hard to see the bigger picture, but I believe the VBA is on solid ground and poised to be even better. Programs such as the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), the After School Archery Program (ASAP), and instruction at VBA clubs around the Commonwealth have thousands of Virginia kids and adults excited about archery. They may not all take up the sport, but they will always likely be supporters. This bodes well for the VBA. Yes, the VBA has its issues, but we always rise above them to become stronger.

Think about your beliefs. They don't have to be on a scale that will save the world. They just need to be important to you and will make a difference in your life and the lives of those around you. 

From the Hunting Vice President

For most of us, the 2009 hunting season is history; I hope your season was as successful as mine. I did not harvest any game this year; however, I did have several good bowhunts. Our trip to Chincoteague for Sika Elk was chronicled in an earlier *FLIGHT* magazine.

The definition of a successful hunt probably depends on your prime objective for the season. Rack or meat or both! Quietly entering your hunting area in the darkness and spending the morning listening and watching the woods come alive. Seeing the rack of a lifetime and not getting a shot. Or getting the shot and having a tree limb jump into the path of your carefully aimed arrow. We all have missed. I spent the first four years bowhunting without a hit. Finally in 1975, on Raccourci Island in West Feliciana Parish, LA (an oxbow of the old Mississippi River) I harvested a barely six pointer. What excitement as my friend and fellow bowhunter, Ron Thibodeaux, helped me track him down! My new nickname “six-pointer” stayed with me for a few years! Of course, I had to have my first kill mounted. I believe \$100.00 was the going rate. The trophy moved with me for a few years and then was stored at my wife's father's house in a large closet and forgotten.

I was hooked and still love to hunt. I have worked in construction most of my life and have had the opportunity to hunt in LA, MS, TX, NM, TN, MD and Virginia. I have taken a few species in some of the states. The bowhunting kept me interested, however I believe the shooting competition in each state with the archers in the state organizations also kept me attempting to become a better shooter (misses are no fun) and better hunter. Each state offered its own challenges.

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From the Publicity Director

Wow, what a winter! The Farmer's Almanac was right on target, except for the last of March. Being without power for four days was enough for me. How about you? Finally, daylight saving time is back and spring has arrived.

The VBA State Indoor was fantastic. I heard that everyone had a nice time and enjoyed the competition. Even Vic Matthews, who turned 89 just a few weeks before the event, shot his best. The participation by 193 archers at four clubs broke recent records. This included 14 youths, 10 young adults, 34 seniors and 23 guests. It sure would be nice if we could get the guests to join the VBA.

The VBA would like to thank each of the hosting clubs as well as those who compiled the results, helped with the registration, worked in the kitchens, donated food, prepared and worked on their ranges, and others who assisted. Congratulations to each and every one of you! Let's do it again next year!

The VBA 2010 Awards Banquet had 70 participants and everyone had a great time. Robert Ellis, the VDGIF Director of the Wildlife Division, and Jay Jeffreys, the Regional Manager for the Region 4 area, were our guests. Bob gave a presentation on the history of elk in Virginia and VDGIF plans for the possible development and growth of the elk herd. Bob also spoke about the first deer found in Virginia with Chronic Wasting Disease, how the VDGIF plans to try to prevent the spread of the disease, and the need for volunteers at various locations to work with the Department. Bob's presentation was very informative and extremely appreciated.

Cay McManus then presented plaques to the Double Crown winners. They were: Josh Hopkins, YAMBHFS/R; Cory Mullins, YFBHFS/R; Ethan Mullins, PWMTrad; Gina Nadzam, AFBHFS/R; Cay McManus, AFTrad; Chris Willard, AMBB; Nichole Willard, CFBB and Paul Vogel, AMTrad. The Triple Crown winners were: Josh Hopkins, YAMBHFS/R; Cory Mullins, YFBHFS/R; Dewey Cash, CMBB; CMTRAD, Sebastian Torres; Brad Baker, Jr., AMFS/R and Jerry Wenzel, SMFS/F.

Ed Bickham followed Cay by presenting the Big Game Award plaques. There were five Double Slam winners: Shannon Nesselrodt, for a doe & turkey; Everette Kline for a buck, three does and a bear; Hunter Heavner for a buck & turkey; Joe Coffman for two does & a bear, and Robert Agnew for harvesting four does & two turkeys.

Terry Dorman (Bowhunters of Rockingham) won the Largest Buck by Rack with a score of 131 15/16. The Largest Buck by Weight was won by Randy Armentrout at 174 lbs.; 2nd Place was Terry Dorman at 165 lbs., 3rd Place was Dennis Scott at 150 lbs. The Largest Doe by Weight was won by Terry Dorman at 157 lbs.; he also won 2nd Place at 137 lbs.; 3rd Place was Robert Agnew at 132 lbs. The Largest Bear by Weight went to Joe McManus at 225 lbs., the Largest Turkey by Weight to Robert Agnew at 20 lbs.; and the Largest Carp by Weight to Terry Dorman at 69.4 lbs.

Dave Burpee welcomed three new VBA members to the "Order of the Golden Feather." They were Joyce Cameron (Two Rivers Archery Club), Jim Little (Prince William Archers), and, Joe McManus (Staunton River Archery Club). Dave also mentioned the four OGF members who recently passed away: William Bennett, III, Harry Benton, Donald Frenier, and Eugene Limerick.

The main prize in the raffle was a \$350 certificate from the VBA towards a PSE bow to be purchased by the winner from Dave Proctor. The lucky winner was Dave Burpee.

The big silent auction winner of the Waccamaw Hunting Service pig hunt was Dave Proctor. Other silent auction winners were: Ed Bickham, a Whitetail III book donated by Pope & Young; Marie Bell, a Manley Field painting donated by the VBA; Marie Bell, a Four Bucks painting donated by Dave Burpee.

The program concluded with Paul thanking the clubs who donated the various door prizes and expressing his appreciation to the Moose Lodge staff for a delicious dinner and great hospitality. He also thanked Ed Bickham, banquet chairman, for a fantastic job.



Bob Ellis, Dir. Wildlife Div. VDGIF, during his VBA banquet remarks



OGF winners congratulated at the VBA banquet were (l to r) Jim Little, Joyce Cameron and Joe McManus.

The next day at the VBA meeting, awards were presented to clubs who had a significant increase of their membership from 2008 to 2009. The numbers represent hard work at the club level and the winners were: Augusta Archers - 38%, Kingsboro Bowmen - 22%, Shenandoah County Archers - 19%, Singers Glenn Bowbenders - 18%, Buggs Island Archers - 14%, Massanutten Archery Club - 12%, Walton Park Bowhunters - 8%, and Belvoir Bowhunters - 5%.

Marie Bell, Executive State Secretary, reported that the VBA total membership for the First Quarter 2010 was 942 with 21 charter clubs and one Pro Shop (Hoffman Archery). Membership was down by 33 members over 2009. New membership was down by 116.

In the meantime, I was at the Dulles Sportsman Expo in January, working with our Northern Virginia CPOs, Dave Coffmen (Editor of the Outdoor Report) and other Complementary Work Force volunteers to meet attendees and answer questions about the VBA, the VDGIF, and the CWF Program. I also heard that the NASP archery event at the Western Sportsman Expo had 350 kids participate! More details can be found on the VDGIF "Outdoor Report."

In March, the VBA was invited to attend the 6th Annual Orange County Sportsman Expo sponsored by the Nation's Outstanding Jr. BASS Federation-Nation Chapter and the OCHS 4-H & BASS Angler's Club in Orange. There were many exhibitors, boat dealers, charter fishing and outdoor outfitters, on site special events and VDGIF seminars about fishing and safe boating. Attendees were mainly from the surrounding counties of Culpeper, Madison, Greene, Albemarle, Louisa and Spotsylvania.

Many folks were not aware of the VBA, so I was able to tell them what we do, our five State Tournaments and club shoots, our club locations/facilities/ranges, our interest in getting kids and their parents involved in archery and bowhunting, the IBEP/ASAP and other archery classes, and our close work with the VDGIF. I'm looking forward to Manahoac Bowmen gaining more membership from individuals and families that came to the expo.

Folks, it's not only me attending these sportsmen expos and our website that helps bring in members. A lot of this depends on our clubs and its members! I encourage each and every one of YOU wherever you may go to make folks aware of our activities and programs, to reach out to the general public, to our schools, and to invite others to your shoots. 🙏





Saturday, May 22nd & Sunday, May 23rd

Hosted by Augusta Archers, Staunton VA

The R-100, by Rinehart Target's, is an incredible 2 day event with 100 different 3-D targets. Shoot 100 targets in 2 days or 50 targets in 1 day.

Register on-line at www.r100.org

1-Day (50 Targets)

2 days (100 Targets)

Adults	\$25.00	\$40.00
Couples	\$40.00	\$65.00
Young Adult (15-18)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Kids (14 & Under)	Free (with paying adult)	Free (with paying adult)

Saturday

7:30 AM	Open Registration
1:00 PM	Registration Closes
3:00 PM	Milk Jug Shoot
4:00 PM	Darton Steel Challenge
5:00 PM	Range Closes

Sunday

7:30 AM	Open Registration
12:00 PM	Registration Closes
2:00 PM	Range Closes
2:15 PM	Last Chance to Claim Sat. Door Prizes
2:30 PM	Scores Due In
2:45 PM	GoldTip Iron Buck
3:15 PM	Bow Giveaway & Award Presentation

Competition Classes

Open Unlimited - Hunter Men's - Hunter Women's - Traditional Men's
Traditional Women's Youth 11-14 & Cub (10 & Under)

Lodging

Comfort Inn - (540) 886-5000
Econo Lodge - (540) 885-5158
Sleep Inn - (540) 887-6500

Directions

From I-81 North or South take Exit 222 and follow
Rt. 250 East. Turn Right at the 2nd Stop Light onto Rt. 638.
Go to SPCA sign and turn Right onto Archery Lane and
follow up to the club.

Contact Dennis Wilfong at 540-849-8351 or Jake Leonard at 540-292-2126 for more information
or visit **Augusta Archers** at www.augustaarchersva.com

The Buggs Island Archers & The Buggs Island Fish and Wildlife Club

Host

THE BIG APPLE

Field/Hunter Trophy Shoot
July 3rd & 4th, 2010

At

THE BUGGS ISLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE CLUB

485 Wildlife Club Road
 Clarksville, VA 23927

Friday

Registration: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Supper 6:00 pm
 (Menu to be determined)

Saturday

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Breakfast 7:00 am - 9:00 am
Lunch 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Supper 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 (Rack of Ribs w/ all the trimmings)

Sunday

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Breakfast 6:00 am - 8:00 am
Lunch 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Snacks and Beverages Available in Club House and on Range

LIVE BLUEGRASS MUSIC by LAWSON CREEK BAND

Saturday Evening

A custom (made-to-fit) HOYT bow will be raffled
HOYT representatives will be on hand to sell bows and other items

Sunday

Door Prizes, Raffles and Awards will begin at 3:00 sharp
 Be sure to have score cards turned in no later than 2:30

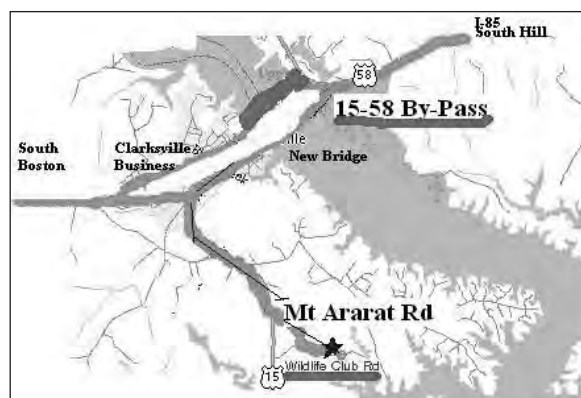
Everyone Welcome!

Volunteers and Donations are Especially Welcome

Fellow archers, we should gather together to
 create memories, to remember the archers
 who are no longer with us, and to have fun and
 fellowship with all our friends and family
 one last time at the Buggs Island Fish and
 Wildlife Club.

For Further Information Contact

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From I-85 Take 58 east to 15-58 by-Pass (new bridge) to 15 South
 2 miles turn left on Mt.Ararat Rd - left on Wildlife Club Road.
 From Danville, VA 58 east, stay on By-Pass to 15 South.

IDEA CORNER

By
Dave Burpee

At first glance, this would be a strange title for an article because it is true that no one has a corner on ideas. Especially me. And that, of course, is the point of the details to follow.

VBA Clubs all conduct business in different ways and in those differences they each have developed ideas, innovations and “ways of doing things” that seem business as usual to them but to others would be good ideas to adopt. This article, and articles to follow in future issues of *FLIGHT*, will highlight some of those ideas in an effort to share successful concepts.

In no particular order, here are some initial offerings sent to me by Clubs in response to my request for ideas.


Several Clubs at the January VBA meeting expressed interest in adopting a technique that is used in California. Clubs out there have “modified” an idea from golf. When a person registers for a shoot, they have the option to buy a “mulligan” for an extra dollar. The mulligan is then issued when the registrar puts a unique ink stamp or mark on the scorecard. Later, if the shooter has a bad shot, he/she can immediately tell the group scorekeeper that he/she wants to use the mulligan. The shooter will then take an extra shot and this is the one that is scored. The scorekeeper then draws a line through the mulligan stamp and initials it to indicate the mulligan has been used. Feedback indicates that this is a lot of fun and has the added benefit of increasing Club income. (NOTE: Good for Club shoots only, not VBA State Championship Tournaments. Sorry!)

Sherwood Archers has a novel approach to encourage members to participate in the After School Archery Program. They give a discounted membership for persons who actively support the program. Does your Club have a favorite project or major activity? Maybe a discount on dues would be an incentive to participation.

Augusta Archers builds pride in the organization by allowing members to “sponsor” a target on their range. You will remember seeing signs alongside roads that announce something like “This mile maintained by XYZ.” Augusta does the same by posting signs that announce “This target maintained by NAME(S).” The person(s) are responsible for cleanliness and maintenance of that target from the shooting area to the target. Sounds to me like a good way to build pride in an organization!

Belvoir Bowhunters (and other Clubs) have special awards that recognize members for superior support to the Club over a period of time. Belvoir’s “Straight Arrow” award recognizes a person for sustained support over a period of years. The award is a nice arrow mounted on a beautiful plaque. There is also a plaque that has the names of all the winners. In addition, Belvoir has a “Lifetime Achievement Award,” which is one step above the “Straight Arrow” and is the highest honor the Club can bestow.

Another Belvoir idea is the Lee Umler award. It is named after a former Army Sergeant Major who was instrumental in the Club’s early days and was a successful hunter. He died of a heart attack while hunting Ft. Belvoir so the award honors him and his skills. The award is given to any hunter who can harvest in one season on Ft. Belvoir a doe and buck and have the combined weights plus the rack score (using the Virginia system) equal 300 or better. As you might imagine, the award is hard to earn.

Does your Club want to share an idea or two? If so, you are invited to send me ideas that work for you – they might work for others. Remember, my mindreading abilities are limited. I need your input. 

VBA's After School Archery Program

By
Jerry Wenzel
Manahoac Bowmen


VBA has an underutilized asset: the ASAP equipment.

ASAP, or After School Archery Program, was started by the NFAA for the dual purposes of providing a means to use instructors certified by NFAA and USAA and making a better way to bring beginning archers into the sport. We have in Virginia a fairly strong NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program). NASP is established in physical education classes in 165 schools in Virginia. The program has developed to the point where a very successful state NASP championship tournament is held each year. But, because the NASP uses only Genesis bows – almost always school property – and just one type of tournament, some NASP graduates don't see a way to carry on with the sport after their school classes. They may not know how to get their own equipment, or may not be able to afford it. In fact, they may not know the range of equipment options, from Traditional to Olympic style, to Compounds. They also may not know what the sport offers, such as 3-D, Field, and FITA style tournaments, or what clubs and ranges are available to them. That is where ASAP can help.

VBA has a set of ASAP equipment, consisting of bows (recurve and compound), arrows, quivers, accessories and targets available for loan to any club, program or instructor to start an archery training program. This equipment can be loaned for periods of 6 to 8 weeks, depending on how heavily it is used. Over the last year, it was used some during the summer, but was available more than it was used. This set is one way to start an archery training program with quality equipment at little cost.

There are some requirements and some costs, but they are intended to maintain the quality of the program and are quite affordable. The program instructor must be certified by NFAA, USAA, or NASP. The program must form an ASAP club (\$25.00), with the students as members (\$10.00/student), which then provides the instructor with a program manual and each student with a training manual and program patch. The student manual includes exercises that can be performed at home without equipment, and provides a way to get parents involved with their children, even if they are not archers. There are also achievement patches to acknowledge and award student progress. VBA asks for the program to provide a small fee (minimum \$35.00) for equipment maintenance and refurbishment between uses. The program may also charge a fee to provide payment to the instructor, but that is optional and is to be decided by the individual program.

Although not every young archer in a training program will become a lifetime archer, the program can really make a difference. The Manahoac ASAP Club has one student who has enthusiastically taken to the sport. Logan Weller has won the 2009 Virginia State Championships and the 2009 NFAA National Field Championship in Male Cub FSL. Not only that, but he has gotten both of his parents shooting in competition. He is looking forward to the 2010 season; watch for him.

The equipment is available, and if you need to certify an instructor, we can do that as well. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Wenzel, 540-854-0245 or mandjw@mindspring.com. Let's get this equipment used! 

VBA St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Charity Shoot

by

Jerry Wenzel

VBA St. Jude Charity Shoot Chairman

If you are shooting in the senior division, you probably remember when a diagnosis of cancer was essentially a death sentence. The outcome is very different now thanks to great advances in medicine.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is one of the organizations making those advances. They are leading the way in finding new procedures and treatments for childhood cancers. More than that, St. Jude provides the treatment at no out-of-pocket cost to the families of its patients. One can only imagine what that means to those families who bring their children to St. Jude.

VBA members have an opportunity this July to help in the effort by participating in a charity shoot to benefit St. Jude. It will be hosted at both Augusta Archers and Sherwood Archers over the weekend of July 10-11. The format will include both 3-D and Field rounds, so all shooters can participate. The especially ambitious can shoot both. The shoot will be held RAIN or SHINE.

Proceeds from the shoot will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In addition to funds from the shoot fees and pledges, we plan to raise funds from games, novelty shoots and auctions. Individual clubs are also having their own fund raisers during the year and will contribute the money that weekend. Check donations made to St. Jude are tax deductible as are other gifts. St. Jude will provide a receipt after the event.

After the shoot on Sunday, we plan to hold auctions at each location. I have always found auctions to be great fun as well as opportunities to find great buys. Some items bring hot and heavy competition in bidding, while others seem to go for a song. This auction will have some archery gear – of course – but other items as well. There will be stuff for the home, maybe some things we never expected, but fun stuff to be sure. All of the archery targets I have at home are from various charity shoot auctions. You too may find something you want, and the money raised will go to a great cause.

The shoot will be advertised on radio and local newspapers throughout the state in an extensive advertising campaign that will draw a lot of attention to the VBA. This will hopefully increase our profile around the state as well as expose our organization to potential members. So, come on out to Augusta or Sherwood on the 10TH & 11TH of July to be part of a fun shoot, to meet new people and, most importantly, to help make life better for some kids who really need the help. You will never feel better about participating in our sport. 🏹



VBA Archery Tournament

to benefit

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Augusta Archers and Sherwood Archers

July 10TH and 11TH

(Rain or Shine both days)

Archers can shoot 3-D, a short Field round or both. There will also be games, novelties and an auction at each location.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is one of the world's premier centers for the research and treatment of pediatric cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases. Since it opened in 1962, overall survival rates for childhood cancers have increased from less than 20% to 80%. St. Jude is pushing to reach 90% in the next decade. You can help by participating in this tournament.

All donations, pledges and shoot fees, after expenses, will go to benefit St. Jude. Donations are tax deductible and donors will receive a receipt.

Event details are still being developed.

For information as the shoot gets closer, contact:

Jerry Wenzel, 540-854-0245 or go to the VBA website: www.vbarchers.com

SAVE THE DATES AND PLAN TO BE THERE

The International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP)

by

Bob Foster

Belvoir Bowhunters and VBA NBEF/IBEP Director

I am thrilled to be the new NBEF/IBEP Director for the VBA and will work to update and improve the program within the VBA and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Much work needs to be done since it has been some time since the VBA has had a NBEF/IBEP Director. As a result, a lot of my time this year will be spent to identify current instructors, learn where IBEP courses are being taught around the Commonwealth, and generally “get organized.” I look forward to meeting many of you in the months ahead. I can’t do this alone and eagerly anticipate reaching out to those of you willing to help.

In the meantime, I plan to focus on the one program that I know is up and running in Virginia. Fort Belvoir has had a solid IBEP program for many years because completion of the course is a requirement to hunt on the Fort. The classes are open to all, so in this article I’ll explain the Belvoir model both as an example of what can be done and to provide information for those of you who might want to contact Belvoir, register and travel to attend a course.

What’s the purpose of Bowhunter Education?

Thinking of archery hunting on Fort Belvoir this year? How about Alaska, Montana or Quebec? If so, you must successfully complete the International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) course. The course is designed to provide bowhunters with the basic fundamentals of good, safe bowhunting while maintaining the highest ethical standards in the sport. It instills a responsible attitude and encourages course graduates to adopt and follow acceptable behavior towards people, wildlife and the environment in which they hunt. It is also mandatory to hunt on Fort Belvoir, as well as some 14 states and most of the Canadian provinces! However, it does not replace the Virginia requirement for first time hunters and hunters 12 to 15 years of age to complete a Virginia Hunter Education course before buying a hunting license.

What will I learn?

Course content includes the following major areas:

- Becoming a Responsible Bowhunter
- Preparing for the Hunt
- Big Game Anatomy and Effective Shot Placement
- Hunting Methods and Techniques
- Survival and First Aid
- Map and Compass Basics
- Distance Estimation
- Care, Use and Shooting of Bowhunting Equipment
- Treestand Use and Safety
- Big Game Recovery and Care

Classroom teaching aids include 3D models and anatomy flip charts to reinforce shot placement concepts. Teaching methods include videos, demonstrations, group discussion and hands on instruction. There is also a field exercise included that simulates blood trailing. The class does not include actual shooting of a bow.

When are the IBEP courses taught?

There are six IBEP classes scheduled to be taught at Fort Belvoir during the remainder of 2010. The class dates are: Sat, 17 Jul; Sat, 7 Aug; Sat, 21 Aug; Sun, 12 Sep; Sun, 10 Oct; Sun, 14 Nov.

Where are the IBEP courses taught?

All classes will be taught at the Outdoor Recreation Building (Bldg 778) /Archery Center, Tompkins Basin Area, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5932. The course is taught in one day, in an eight-hour block of instruction. Class starts at 8:00 AM sharp and ends at 5:00 PM. Students are given one hour for lunch and can purchase food locally or bring their own and eat at their desk.

Who can take the IBEP course?

This class is open to anyone interested in learning more about bowhunting and safety. It includes both experienced archers and novices. Young adults are welcomed and encouraged to attend, but must be at least 11 years old to enroll in a course. There is no maximum age for enrollment. Parents are encouraged to attend the course with their children.

How do I sign up?

You can register for a course by going by the Archery Center, located in Bldg 778, Tompkins Basin Area of Fort Belvoir, or by calling (703) 805-3688. The cost of the course is \$13.00, and covers the expense of student materials used during the course. Enrollment is limited to 40 students per course, and filled on a first come/first served basis. You must pay your full course cost in order to reserve your seat in a course. The course will be cancelled if there are fewer than 10 paid students one week prior to the class date; however, once the class minimum number is met, additional students may walk in and register the day of the course until the maximum class size of 40 students is reached. (Caution: register in advance; classes fill quickly)

How Do I Get To Fort Belvoir?

From Interstate 95, take exit take the Fairfax Parkway/Backlick Road (7100) exit 166 A (if traveling South on I-95) or exit 166 B (if traveling North on I-95). Take the Fairfax County Parkway to its end at U.S. Rt. 1 (Richmond Highway.) Turn left. At the first light, on the right, is Pohick Road, which leads to the Tulley Gate entrance on to Fort Belvoir. (NOTE: All visitors to Fort Belvoir without DOD decals on their vehicles must use Tulley Gate. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Anyone without a Military ID must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance in order to gain admission). From Tulley Gate, proceed along Phoick Road to the top of the hill and turn right at the first stoplight onto Thoete Road. After you pass the new construction site for the U.S. Military Museum, the road will form a "Y". Go right approx 100 yards to a stop sign. The Veterinary Clinic will be right in front of you. Turn right onto Warren Road. Follow it approx 1/2 mile to the bottom of a hill, then turn right onto Swift Road (your first chance to turn right). The Archery Center will be the first building on your right. The IBEP Classroom will be on the end of the building closest to you as you drive up. There is a parking area to your right.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Archery Center at (703) 805-3688. ♫

From the Hunting Vice President continued from Page 3

Probably the pinnacle of my bowhunting career occurred in October 1998. I harvested a beautiful 10 pointer with a very symmetrical rack and a spread of 23" on a small island on the Nansemond River in Suffolk, VA. I had "buddy" mounted and won the VBA and Virginia State big rack contest with a score of 177 3/8". The date 10/10/1998 was easy to burn into my memory with all of the tens!

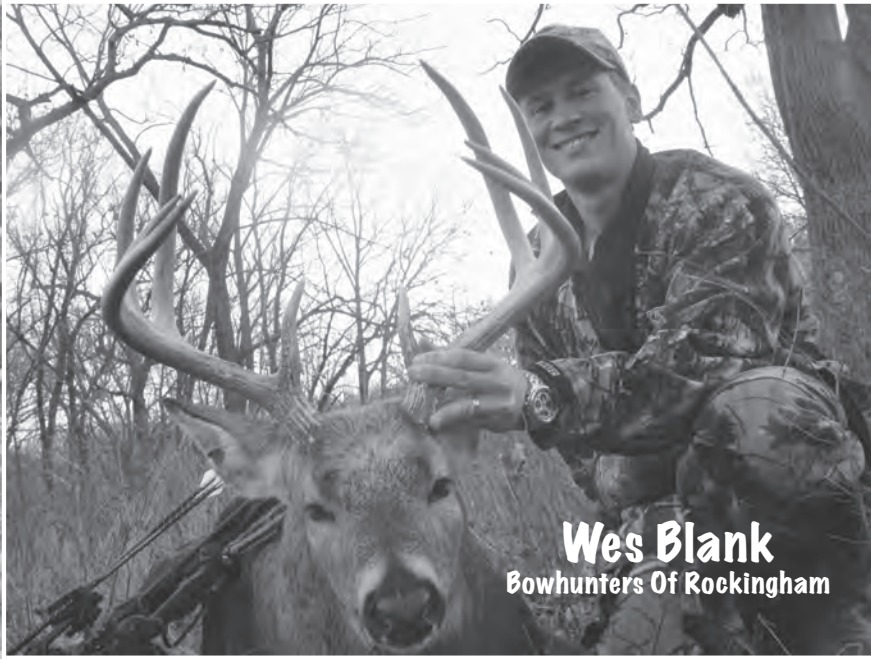
Last year, while cleaning out the farm, I discovered my old six pointer. It was moth eaten and in bad shape. I decided to take a few pictures and discard it after removing the brass plate. WOW! I discovered that my first bow kill was also on October 10th in 1975! What a coincidence. 23 years later to the day! Who would believe such a story! The proof is in the brass!

The VBA banquet is approaching as I write this and will be behind us by the time you read the article. I hope to see you all there. I plan to bring "buddy" for one more showing in case you missed him and will attach the Raccourci Island six pointer brass to his mounting board.

Yours in Bowhunting ♫
Ed Bickham

This photo of Vic Matthews (left, Belvoir Bowhunters) and Logan Weller (Manahoac Bowmen) at the 2009 VBA Open at Augusta captures both ends of the age spectrum of active archers in the VBA. Matthews, a young 89, has won state and national titles in the Senior Male Freestyle Limited competition. He has also done well at world championships and continues to shoot on a regular basis. In addition, he is a member of the VBA Order of the Golden Feather. Weller recently won the NFAA 2009 National Field Tournament as a Male Cub Freestyle Limited and can be seen at club and VBA tournaments. You'll recognize both instantly when you see them – Matthews by his hat with pins from around the US and the world; Weller by his innovative and patriotic haircut. Be sure to say "hi" to them when you see them on the range. And, extend the same courtesy to everyone else you see. Each archer has his/her own story and it's learning about the individuals in our sport that make participation so meaningful. ♫





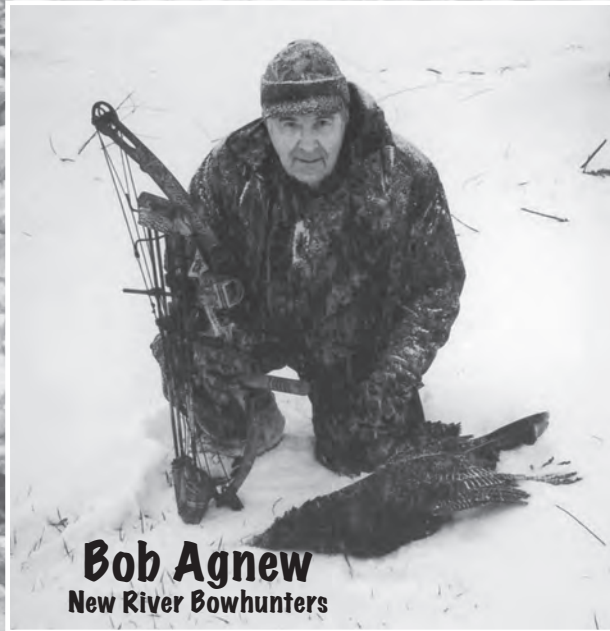
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Bowhunters Of Rockingham

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Whitetail Medicine

by

Steve Hearne

Kingsboro Bowmen

I was hunting late Oct. last year in Southampton Co. It was late on a Saturday afternoon, about 3:30pm. I was watching four big gobblers to my left and a BIG buck just came walking by at about 15 yards. He stopped to look at the turkeys and I made a perfect heart shot. He jumped straight up and ran about 60 yards, jumped up again and went down within 6 seconds. I'm not too good on the archery range but seem to luck out in the woods! I got 6 deer this year with my new long bow, ACS 50lbs at 28", arrows are from Whispering Winds 8 pc hex tapered wood, with a 160gr Stos two blade. Good medicine for whitetails.

Winter Escape

By
Randy Brookshier
Sherwood Archers

In 2009, I travelled to Arcadia, Florida to bowhunt free ranging hogs with Nickie Roth. I drove down with several of my bowhunting buddies from New Jersey and Maryland and we had an absolute blast. The weather was great and the group ended up killing several nice hogs. I had such a good time that I reserved another hunt.

I had been trying to get several of my local hunting partners to go down there but most were a little reluctant to commit to a fourteen hour drive to hunt in the swamps of southern Florida. At a shoot we had last spring I grilled a bunch of meat from the hog I shot down there and several of the guys confirmed what I already knew, this is some of the best tasting meat we had ever eaten. Based partially on their dining experience, several of the guys committed to going on the trip with me this year.

Fast forward about ten months and we are ready to go. I took a group of 13 bowhunters, mostly Sherwood Archers from the Roanoke area. We met early on Feb. 4th to caravan down and at that time several of the guys were concerned with leaving home as the weather forecast was calling for up to 20" of snow in our area. Their concerns were quickly laid to rest as everyone realized that the likelihood of us receiving that amount of snow was remote, plus there was the allure of warmer temperatures and numerous pigs the further south we travelled.

We headed south on I-81 with the temperature hovering in the low 20's. Fourteen hours later we arrived in Florida to temperatures in the low 80's during the day and high 50's at night. Calls home confirmed that no snow was falling and those left behind were jealous of our basking in the warm temperatures.

Although we hunted in heavy rains and high winds the first evening, we were all still content to be in Florida during February. Then we started receiving phone calls from home that night. It was snowing in Virginia. Really snowing. Predictions were for between 20" and 30" before the storm subsided. We would turn on the local TV and find that central and northern Virginia were on national news as they were embroiled in the worst snow storm recorded since the 1920's. My oldest son lives in Fairfax and he texted me photos of him standing outside in 36" of snow. Of course I had to text him back photos of us preparing to go hunting in shorts.

All in all it turned out to be a great week to be away from Virginia. We found the warm temperatures and even shot some hogs, but most importantly we managed to avoid getting caught up in the snow storm of the century. Of course, we then had to play catch up with the snow removal once we got home. ☹️



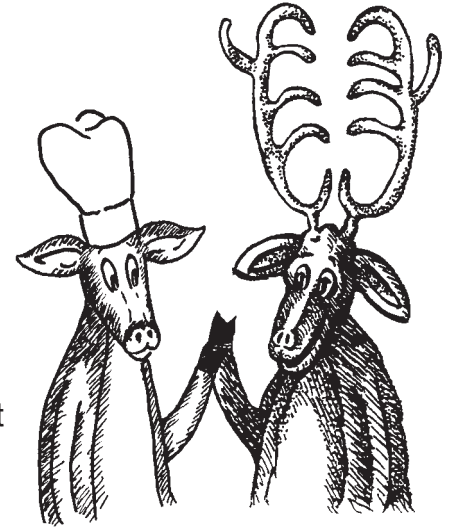
Greg Singleton with one of the hogs harvested during his trip to Florida. A nice calico that looks to be about 175 lbs.

Winnie and Wally's Venison Schnitzel

This EASY but TASTY recipe was sent to Winnie and Wally by Bob Seltzer, Belvoir Bowhunters. This is proof positive that a recipe does not have to be fancy or exotic to be good. Thanks, Bob.

One or two deer backstraps (depending on amount of schnitzel desired)
One cup flour
Two eggs
One cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs
Cooking oil

Prepare the backstraps by removing as much fat and silver skin as possible. Cut the backstraps into steaks about one-inch thick. Put an individual steak on a large piece of wax paper. Cover with another piece of wax paper. Pound steak flat with a large, heavy object until it is about ¼-inch thick. Flatten all other steaks in a similar manner. Prepare an electric skillet with oil of choice heated to 350 degrees. There needs to be enough oil to just cover the meat when placed in the skillet. Put flour in a bowl, beat two eggs in a second bowl and put the seasoned bread crumbs in a third bowl. Take one steak and drag it through the flour to cover both sides then drag through the egg to wet both sides, and finally drag both sides through the bread crumbs. Put in hot oil and cook until top is golden (about 3 minutes +/-). Turn and cook until second side is golden (about 1 minute +/-). Cooking times will vary depending on thickness of the meat. Remove and place on paper towels to soak up excess oil. Repeat process for all steaks and, yes, it is OK to cook more than one at a time. Replenish the oil, flour, eggs and bread crumbs as necessary. ENJOY!



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Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Total		
			Score	Xs	IN Xs	Score	Xs	IN Xs	Score	Xs	IN Xs
Class A											
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	274	11	0	271	18	1	545	29	1
Class B											
SC	Holly Wilfong	AFBHFS	282	24	3	291	28	2	573	52	5
2nd	Lindsey Brown	AFBHFS	267	14	2	278	13	2	545	27	4
3rd	Karen Williams	AFBHFS	252	7	1	278	20	1	5360	27	2
Class C											
1st	Linda Tate	AFBHFS	230	5	0	251	6	1	481	11	1
Class A											
SC	Valerie Hawes	AFFS	300	49	6	300	48	7	600	97	13
2nd	Mindy Rexrode	AFFS	292	23	1	295	29	3	587	52	4
3rd	Lynn Stanley	AFFS	291	27	3	293	38	3	584	65	6
	Allison Holmes	AFFS	291	29	5	0	0	0	291	29	5
Class B											
1st	Tammy Ralston	AFFS	287	23	7	282	23	3	569	46	10
2nd	Kathy Weller	AFFS	271	13	2	253	11	0	524	24	2
Class C											
SC	Jennifer Stoner	AFFS/F	175	3	0	218	3	0	383	6	0
2nd	Tracy Self	AFFS/F	159	1	0	171	3	0	330	4	0
Class C											
SC	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	138	2	1	116	1	0	254	3	1
Class B											
SC	Chris C. Willard	AMBB	278	18	0	281	29	0	559	47	0
2nd	Michael Stuart	AMBB	280	22	1	264	12	2	544	34	3
Class A											
SC	Greg Sisk	AMBHFS	300	57	5	300	56	4	600	113	9
2nd	Tom Wilcox	AMBHFS	300	50	3	300	47	4	600	97	7
3rd	Jeremy Dean	AMBHFS	299	57	6	300	56	7	599	113	13
	Vance Cave	AMBHFS	300	48	7	299	51	2	599	99	9
	Dean Carroll	AMBHFS	300	46	5	288	39	2	599	85	7
	Nathan Janocka	AMBHFS	300	41	3	298	38	4	598	79	7
	Jeremy Spiker	AMBHFS	299	44	6	297	35	4	596	79	10
	Davy Alger	AMBHFS	299	35	5	297	44	4	596	79	9
	Buck Higgins	AMBHFS	298	42	2	295	29	4	593	71	6
	Mike Ritchie	AMBHFS	299	30	6	0	0	0	299	30	6
Class B											
1st	Robbie Corbin	AMBHFS	297	33	2	300	46	4	597	79	6
2nd	JR Kirby	AMBHFS	297	41	6	299	44	4	596	85	10
3rd	Arthur Summers	AMBHFS	297	40	2	298	49	4	595	89	6
	Brian Benson	AMBHFS	296	36	4	299	40	2	595	76	6
	Kirby Arbogast	AMBHFS	295	40	4	299	46	5	594	86	9
	John Marvec	AMBHFS	295	36	2	299	41	2	594	77	4
	Luke Long	AMBHFS	295	36	2	297	43	4	592	79	6
	Greg Early	AMBHFS	294	38	2	298	37	3	592	75	5
	Troy Kirby	AMBHFS	296	31	1	296	40	2	592	71	3

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Total		
			Score	Xs	IN Xs	Score	Xs	IN Xs	Score	Xs	IN Xs
	John Cooper	AMBHFS	295	35	1	297	32	5	592	67	6
	Joe Heavner	AMBHFS	294	32	6	298	30	3	592	62	9
	Greg McDermott	AMBHFS	293	35	0	296	34	2	589	69	2
	Anthony Hanger	AMBHFS	295	29	3	294	33	5	689	62	8
	Hon Kwan	AMBHFS	290	31	3	288	23	1	578	54	4
	William Arbogast	AMBHFS	290	34	2	0	0	0	290	34	2
Class C											
1st	Kurt Marisa	AMBHFS	288	28	1	292	28	3	580	56	4
2nd	Kevin Brown	AMBHFS	287	26	4	292	26	3	579	52	7
3rd	Tracey King	AMBHFS	281	26	2	294	26	1	575	52	3
	Daniel Wood	AMBHFS	286	27	1	285	31	5	571	58	6
	John Campbell	AMBHFS	278	32	2	289	29	4	567	61	6
	Seth Armstrong	AMBHFS	275	22	1	287	30	1	562	52	2
	Tim Reedy	AMBHFS	279	16	2	280	17	1	559	33	3
	Corey Spiker	AMBHFS	273	23	0	282	19	0	555	42	0
	Walt Mellott	AMBHFS	267	15	1	262	13	2	529	28	3
	Chris Chambers	AMBHFS	249	19	1	262	12	3	511	31	4
	Jared Williams	AMBHFS	271	18	3	234	9	0	505	27	3
	John Bullion	AMBHFS	287	29	3	0	0	0	287	29	3
	Tim Ewers	AMBHFS	300	56	6	0	0	0	300	56	6
	Kenneth Tarman	AMBHFS	287	25	0	0	0	0	287	25	0
	David Long	AMBHFS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Class B											
SC	Randy Hoover	AMBHFS/F	285	19	1	288	20	2	573	39	3
Class C											
1st	Adam Hatchl	AMBHFS/F	212	4	1	266	11	1	478	15	2
Class A											
SC	Darrell Diehl	AMFS	300	59	6	300	58	9	600	117	15
2nd	Brad Baker, Jr	AMFS	300	60	6	300	56	7	600	116	13
3rd	Wes Blank	AMFS	300	56	4	300	57	6	600	113	10
	Andy Willman	AMFS	300	56	8	300	55	5	600	111	13
	Allen Painter	AMFS	300	55	5	300	56	7	600	111	12
	Rick Stark	AMFS	300	54	6	300	49	4	600	103	10
	Bill McGuire	AMFS	300	49	5	300	53	6	600	102	11
	Daniel Suter	AMFS	300	48	6	300	52	7	600	100	13
	Phillip Painter	AMFS	300	56	4	300	5	4	600	61	8
	Matt Faulkner	AMFS	300	53	8	299	50	4	599	103	12
	Franklin Jones	AMFS	299	53	5	300	50	2	599	103	7
	Kurtis Russell	AMFS	299	52	4	300	50	6	599	102	10
	Daniel Bednarski	AMFS	300	55	3	299	45	5	599	100	8
	Bobby Kenley	AMFS	299	48	4	300	50	5	599	98	9
	Ronnie Ralston	AMFS	299	41	3	300	45	2	599	86	5
	Tommy Jenkins	AMFS	300	54	6	298	49	6	598	103	12
	Trent Link	AMFS	299	45	3	299	45	3	598	90	6
	Steve Croy	AMFS	299	41	2	298	45	6	597	86	8
	Brandon Maddox	AMFS	299	53	5	296	41	6	595	94	11
	Steve Stroop	AMFS	299	34	4	296	45	5	595	79	9
	Ellis Fauber	AMFS	298	42	1	291	25	1	589	67	2

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			Score	Xs	IN Xs	Score	Xs	IN Xs	Score	Xs	IN Xs
	Richard Bell	AMFS	300	48	0	0	0	0	300	48	0
	Joel Lecker	AMFS	300	42	6	0	0	0	300	42	6
Class B											
1st	Hunter Biggs	AMFS	297	36	5	299	39	4	596	75	9
2nd	Mark Cardwell	AMFS	296	38	3	299	42	1	595	80	4
3rd	Kip Good	AMFS	297	45	1	298	39	2	595	84	3
	Colton Bednarski	AMFS	296	37	3	299	39	4	595	76	7
	Clay Murdock	AMFS	294	41	7	300	44	2	594	85	9
	Terry Ballowe	AMFS	297	35	3	297	42	2	594	77	5
	Robbie Corbin	AMFS	292	41	0	293	45	4	585	86	4
	Ted Bradford	AMFS	293	32	2	298	45	4	591	77	6
	Steve Floyd	AMFS	290	25	2	298	40	3	588	65	5
	Jakle Leonard	AMFS	297	34	5	288	34	4	585	68	9
	Bruce Maxey	AMFS	280	43	6	298	49	6	578	92	12
Class C											
1st	Jeff Bell	AMFS	278	2	1	295	23	3	573	25	4
2nd	Stephen J Weisbrod	AMFS	282	19	1	284	23	2	566	42	3
3rd	Ron Meadows	AMFS	276	25	3	289	27	2	565	52	5
	Bobby Nichols	AMFS	273	19	1	285	20	2	558	37	5
	Nathan Holmes	AMFS	288	37	5	0	0	0	288	37	5
Class B											
SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	274	15	2	272	20	1	546	15	3
2nd	Michael Light	AMTRAD	254	2	0	254	10	1	508	12	1
3rd	Dennis Wilfong	AMTRAD	239	7	1	227	8	1	466	15	2
	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	229	4	0	224	5	1	453	9	1
Class C											
1st	Kevin O'Shea	AMTRAD	192	2	0	209	2	0	401	4	0
2nd	Andy Self	AMTRAD	197	2	0	181	2	0	378	4	0
3rd	Jerry Jordan	AMTRAD	190	4	0	176	0	0	366	4	0
	Olin Bare	AMTRAD	147	3	0	202	4	1	349	7	1
	Sam Leonard	AMTRAD	183	2	0	165	1	0	348	3	0
	Joe McManus	AMTRAD	163	1	1	132	1	0	295	2	1
	Jake Leonard	AMTRAD	129	0	0	141	1	0	270	1	0
SC	Dalton Jenkins	CMBHFS/R	283	21	2	287	28	2	570	49	4
2nd	Brecken McDermott	CMBHFS/R	256	11	0	243	5	1	499	16	1
SC	Logan Weller	CMBHFS/F	255	7	0	259	14	1	514	21	1
SC	Ethan Mullins	CMTRAD	80	0	0	100	1	0	180	1	0
	Bo Beasley	GAMBHFS	295	38	2	296	42	2	591	80	4
	Dustin Prete	GAMBHFS	293	25	4	297	38	4	590	63	8
	Tommy Rice	GAMBHFS	294	32	1	286	28	2	580	60	3
	Keith Cerny	GAMBHFS	287	34	0	292	42	5	579	76	5
	Lee Atkins	GAMBHFS	292	33	2	287	28	2	579	61	4
	Joseph Kolling	GAMBHFS	284	28	4	290	25	2	574	53	6
	Clay Cooper	GAMBHFS	273	12	1	278	20	3	551	32	4
	Kent Marisa	GAMBHFS	262	9	1	274	14	2	536	23	3
	James West	GAMBHFS	244	13	1	277	17	1	521	30	2
	Matt Savage	GAMBHFS	250	8	2	254	10	1	504	18	3

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	Jeff McManus	GAMBHFS	218	2	0	238	9	0	456	11	0
	Rick Hanna	GAMBHFS	228	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Robert RC Campbell	GAMFS	300	47	6	300	50	3	600	97	9
	Rex Reichert	GAMFS	295	44	6	298	43	2	593	87	8
	Bob Kesler	GAMFS	283	24	3	283	18	3	566	42	6
	Brian Tate	GAMFS/F	269	15	1	269	17	1	538	32	2
	Anthony Boatner	GAMTRAD	65	0	0	52	0	0	117	0	0
	Kendal Woody	GPAMFS	300	60	8	300	60	6	600	120	14
	Roger Willett	GPAMFS	300	58	8	300	60	8	600	118	16
	Melvin Shrewsbury	GPAMFS	300	54	5	300	53	6	600	107	11
	Jack Cason	GSMFS	292	28	3	291	21	0	583	49	3
	Brandon Beasley	GYAMBHFS	280	17	4	277	18	0	557	35	4
	Braxton Brown	GYAMBHFS	267	12	1	278	16	0	545	28	1
SC	Nuland Baker (Thoy)	SFBHFS/R	248	8	2	266	13	2	514	21	4*
SC	Mary Wenzel	SFFS	275	17	0	271	14	0	546	31	0
SC	Webb Babcock	SMBHFS	300	43	4	298	39	6	598	82	10
2nd	William Hurley	SMBHFS	297	39	5	299	46	4	596	85	9
3rd	Phillip Lam	SMBHFS	298	41	1	296	31	2	594	72	3
	Patrick Hamp	SMBHFS	297	34	5	296	33	4	593	67	9
	Steven Oldham	SMBHFS	298	38	1	294	45	4	592	83	5
	Ronnie Benson	SMBHFS	295	31	4	296	35	2	591	66	6
	Ralph Santmyers	SMBHFS	298	35	4	292	42	5	590	77	9
	Robert Taylor Jr	SMBHFS	292	27	5	292	32	1	584	59	6
	Stephen Richards	SMBHFS	293	28	3	285	24	2	578	52	5
	Ed Bickham	SMBHFS	283	21	1	292	29	2	575	50	3
	Richard Atchison	SMBHFS	284	21	2	288	23	0	572	44	2
	Bruce Kieffer	SMBHFS	288	21	1	276	16	1	564	37	2
	Ted Morris	SMBHFS	273	21	1	276	22	1	549	43	2
	Ellis Mellott	SMBHFS	215	3	0	261	7	0	476	10	0
SC	Dallas Hoover	SMBHFS/F	275	14	3	273	22	2	548	36	5
SC	Danny Alger	SMFS	300	51	6	300	54	4	600	105	10
2nd	Thomas Galolaher	SMFS	299	43	1	300	48	3	599	91	4
3rd	Ted Lytton	SMFS	299	41	4	299	49	5	598	90	9
	Stan Parmentier	SMFS	300	43	2	295	39	3	595	82	5
	Jarrett Frame	SMFS	296	31	1	298	43	4	594	74	5
	Tony Reese	SMFS	294	34	0	296	25	2	590	59	2
	Barry Wolfe	SMFS	294	26	2	291	32	0	585	58	2
	Roger Coleman	SMFS	285	34	1	296	31	3	581	65	4
	James W. Baker	SMFS	295	35	3	285	28	2	580	63	5
	Fred Switzer	SMFS	282	27	3	281	27	2	563	54	5
	Charles Shupienus	SMFS	279	18	1	269	12	1	548	30	2
	Joe Janocka	SMFS	299	51	6	0	0	0	299	51	6
SC	Jerry Wenzel	SMFS/F	267	13	0	267	16	2	534	29	2
2nd	Vic Matthews	SMFS/F	250	8	0	237	5	0	487	13	0

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Total		
			Score	Xs	IN Xs	Score	Xs	IN Xs	Score	Xs	IN Xs
SC	Russ Hatchl	SMTRAD	210	3	0	213	2	0	423	5	0
2nd	Jim Clippard	SMTRAD	158	0	0	183	2	0	341	2	0
3rd	AL Self	SMTRAD	144	1	1	143	0	0	287	1	1
Class A											
SC	Christina Forbes	YAFBHFS	275	13	0	285	24	1	560	37	1
SC	Brandon West	YAMBHFS	293	19	3	280	18	0	573	37	3
2nd	Josh Painter	YAMBHFS	285	18	0	282	20	0	567	38	0
	Timothy Shepherd	YAMBHFS	277	15	1	0	0	0	277	15	1
SC	Hunter Heavner	YAMFS	300	52	5	300	55	7	600	107	23
2nd	Adam Bradford	YAMFS	300	43	5	300	49	4	600	92	9
3rd	Will Fauber	YAMFS	300	40	5	299	44	1	599	84	6
	Marcus Diehl	YAMFS	298	43	4	298	40	3	596	83	7
	Martin Miller	YAMFS	296	37	3	294	38	5	590	75	8
Class B											
SC	William Byers	YAMFS/F	254	12	1	253	9	2	507	21	3
SC	Cory Mullins	YFBHFS	221	3	6	243	6	1	464	9	7
SC	Lucy Bednarski	YFFS	230	6	0	250	14	2	480	20	2
Class C											
SC	Dewey Cash	YMBB	140	1	0	124	1	0	264	2	0
Class A											
SC	Jake Dean	YMBHFS/R	297	35	2	300	36	2	597	71	4*
2nd	Joseph Dawkins	YMBHFS/R	272	26	3	292	30	4	584	56	7
3rd	Billy Lane III	YMBHFS/R	288	23	4	288	30	2	576	53	6
	Hunter Carper	YMBHFS/R	279	21	1	264	19	0	543	40	1
Class B											
	Dakoda Cash	YMBHFS/R	182	5	0	207	7	2	389	12	2
	Patric Tarman	YMBHFS/R	235	8	1	0	0	0	235	8	1
Class A											
SC	Lucas Kenley	YMFS/R	300	55	7	300	46	2	600	101	9*
2nd	Chase Farber	YMFS/R	298	39	2	297	37	2	595	76	4
	Andrew Croy	YMFS/R	296	18	0	0	0	0	296	18	0
Class B											
1st	Trent Diehl	YMFS/R	259	9	1	263	13	2	522	22	3
Class C											
SC	Zachary Stoner	YMFS/R	186	7	0	218	2	0	404	9	0



* New State Record

VBA Indoor Records 1976 to 2010

There are no records for 2007 due to snow.

Only the 1st round was used.

The records reflect a two-day total.

* New Records

AMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr.	2009	300/59	300/60	600/119
	Buddy Braden	2004	300/59	300/60	600/119
AFFS/R	Valarie Hawes	2009	300/52	300/50	600/102
AMFS/F	Ronnie Lewis	1988	300	299	599
AFFS/F	Debra Barker	1990	297	295	592
AMBHFS/R	Tim Ewers	2009	300/58	300/57	600/115
AFBHFS/R	Stacy Pruitt	2006	298/39	300/49	598/88
AMBHFS/F	Richard Rhodes	1985			596
AFBHFS/F	Debi Baker	1988	283	288	571
AMBB	Rick Stark	1998			589
AFBB	Cay McManus	1992			585
AMBH	Howard Faris	1998			583
AFBH	Cay McManus	1978	270	269	539
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	1999	287	283	570
AFTRAD	Robin Vogel	2005	261/12	259/10	520/22
YAMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr	2005	300/58	300/59	600/17
YAFFS/R	Lindsay Lavenhar	2006	296/36	295/34	591/70
YAMFS/F	Patrick Vogel	2004	294/27	296/34	590/61
YAFFS/F	Tanya Heaster	1994	285	272	557
YAMBHFS/R	Joshua Lohr	2004	292/28	294/29	586/57
YAFBHFS/R	Heather Stevens	1997			578
YAMBHFS/F	Shane Ervin	1998			550
YAFBHFS/F	Kimberley Dobbins	2005	188/2	161/2	349/4
YAMBB	Darren Eastridge	1983			546
YAMBH	Nick Willard	1995	227	201	428
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	300/55	300/46	600/101 *
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1992			583
YMFS/F	Stacy Knighten	1987	270	265	535
YFFS/F	Sara Lavehnr	2006	244/4	235/15	479/19
YMBHFS/R	Jake Dean	2010	297/35	300/36	597/71 *
YFBHFS/R	Heather Stevens	1995	281	279	560
YMBHFS/F	Michael Bibee	1995	257	257	514
YFBHFS/F	Heather Stevens	1994	238	234	472
YMBB	Jimmy Hoyer	1985			551
YFBB	Torre Maxey	1976	233	240	473
YMTRAD	Kris Black	2009	143/1	146/5	289/6
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2009	300/57	300/58	600/115
CFFS/R	Sarah Delgado	1997			557
CMFS/F	Steven Quarles	1985			468
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2006	268/15	265/10	533/25
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CFBHFS/R	Ashley Hochstrass	2000	267	285	552
CMBHFS/F	Michael Cerra	1982			593
CFBHFS/F	Brenna Boyd	2006	151/3	138	289/3
CMBB	Brian Roling	2006	265/17	270/14	535/31
CFBB	Sara Lavenhar	2004	277/17	282/19	559/36
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2009	185/3	210/3	395/6
SMFS/R	Barry Velarde	2004	300/56	300/58	600/114
SFFS/R	Betty Hamlin	2001	297	295	592
SMFS/F	Vic Matthews	1999	294	285	579
SFFS/F	Betty Gordon	1999	271	261	532
SMBHFS/R	Pat Hamp	2009	300/44	300/48	600/92
SFBHFS/R	Nuland Baker (Thoy)	2010	248/8	266/13	514/21 *
SMBHFS/F	Dallas Hoover	2009	282/16	275/15	557/31
SFBHFS/F	Jane Mabe	1991			483
SMBB	Mike Brown	2009	286/23	286/24	572/47
SMBH	Bruce Kieffer	2006	281/25	286/30	567/55
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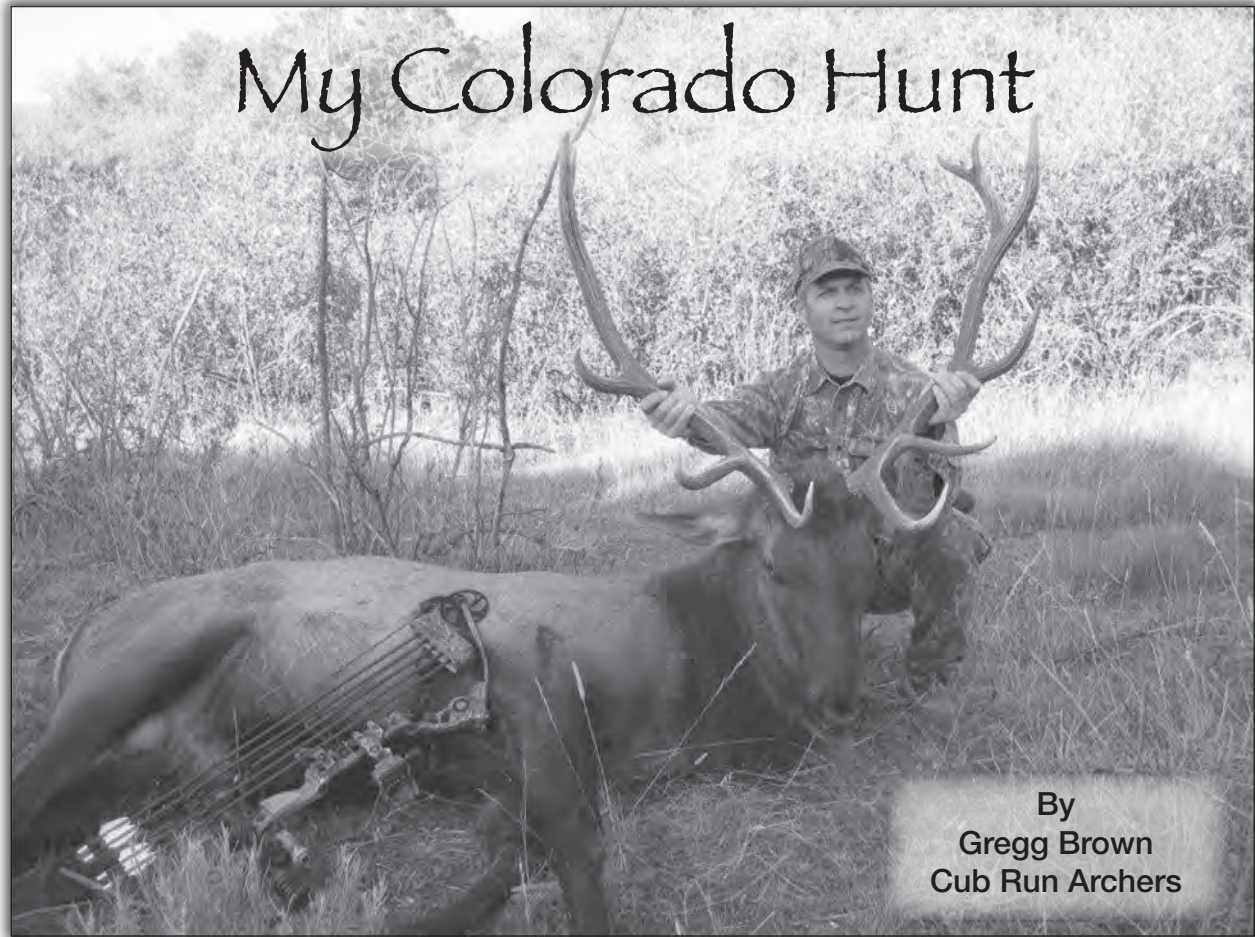
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Gregg Brown and his elk at the end of a hunt he called "the experience of a lifetime."

I had a great Sept. 1 - 11 trip last year to Limon, Colo. for pronghorn and to Meeker, Colo. for Rocky Mountain Elk. I hunted pronghorn alone, and hunted elk with a good friend who flew to Denver where I picked him up on the way to Meeker.

My pronghorn hunt was a three day semi-guided hunt with Pack String Ranch Outfitters. I was not able to get closer than 90 yards to a pronghorn; however, I saw plenty. A lot of rain in July and August ruled out sitting on a waterhole, so I chased them for three days. The bucks had already been hunted enough that they stayed in areas with little cover. A snake could not have snuck up on the big ones I saw each day. With the rut still a few weeks away, decoys were not effective either. Singer Jim Bowman says that if you want to hunt pronghorn, bring a gun. He is probably correct, but I plan to chase the second fastest mammal with a bow again real soon. The 30,000 acre private ranch I hunted was all that I had hoped for. In addition to pronghorn, the ranch had a large population of mule deer -- I saw several wall-hangers.

The first evening of my elk hunt at Nine Mile Guest Ranch gave me a taste of what I was in for.

This area of Colorado claims to have the largest elk herd in America. Well, as 6:00 approached we saw a couple of elk crest the mountain behind the ranch house. We all pulled out spotting scopes and binoculars to get a better look. Over the next two hours, at least 200 hundred elk came down the mountain to the field behind the ranch house. At times you could see the dust clouds they were creating before the elk came into view. Whether they found an open gate, or jumped the fences, nothing would slow them down. After sleeping all day they were anxious to eat, drink and run around. The rut was not really in gear, but the dozen, or so, big bulls in the herd were doing a lot of bugling. It was not hard to figure out that I had picked a good spot for my first elk hunt.

At 7:00 am on the first morning of my hunt, Travis, our guide, called in a nice 5x5 that stood broadside at 20 yards and bugled. Much to the surprise of Travis, I passed on this bull because I was not ready to end my hunt as soon as it began. While the bull stayed within 40 yards of me and continued to respond to the calling that Travis was doing behind me, I convinced myself that I would not regret it. I almost drew a couple of times.

Throughout the week I had shot opportunities, and saw more elk than I could count. We also saw a lot of mule deer, some of which were wall hangers. We stalked and called them in the morning, and I sat in a stand or blind in the evening

as the elk poured into the meadows, water holes and fields. Each night, we heard multiple bulls bugling behind the cabin while lying in bed contemplating the next morning's hunt.

My last afternoon hunt of the trip turned out to be as exciting as my first morning hunt. Three cows and two calves came to the water hole about 10 minutes after I got into my tripod stand. The stand was low, a little shaky and provided little cover. I heard a bull bugle real close while the cows and calves were in the waterhole, so I held off to see if he would come in (at lunch I had informed everyone that I intended to shoot the first legal elk I saw). Several mule deer came to the waterhole while I waited. About an hour later thirty cows and calves came to the water from behind me. One cow was nearly touching my stand.

With all those eyes and noses, they eventually got nervous and trotted off to a little meadow right behind me to feed. As they settled down again, I heard something coming from the other side of the water hole. First I could see the brush moving, and then spotted antlers. A nice 6x6 walked right into the pond where he drank and did a little splashing around. The wind was right for me and he had not even looked my way. He appeared to either hear or wind something after a few minutes, and started back towards the bank. I hoped he would either walk my way, or stop. He stopped; I drew my bow and made a good 34 yard shot as he stood slightly quartering away. The outfitter and guide had told us all week where to aim, and I had hit the mark.

He ran to a spot 30 yards to my left, staggered and went down. Based on my experience with whitetails, I figured this was the end. Much to my surprise, he stood again. I had already nocked another arrow and was ready to shoot him again when he tipped over and expired shortly thereafter. I am amazed at how tough elk are.

I radioed Travis to tell him I had a bull down. After a pause, he asked: "Is it dead?" I responded that I was looking at it and that he could back the truck up to him. He was happy, to say the least. I can live a full life without having to pack an elk out, but I was prepared to do so if necessary. Winching a 500+ pound animal into the back of a pickup was a much better ending to a terrific hunt.

Many friends told me in advance of this trip that the hair on my neck would stand up when I had a bull bugle in front of me, and that I would likely get addicted to elk hunting. They were correct on both accounts. By the end of the trip, I was already trying to plan my next trip to the Rockies. This was an experience of a lifetime. No two trips are ever the same, and I have never tried to "top" a trip. However, I do intend to try to match this one at the very least.

If you have not bowhunted for pronghorn and elk, I hope that you will some day. If you have already, I hope my hunt story brings back good memories. 🏹

From the President continued from Page 2

This includes identification and training of instructors, coordination of classes and interaction with NBEP and VDGIF officials. Bob Foster recently accepted appointment to this position and he has an article in this issue about the IBEP.

The Publicity Director is responsible to develop and promote an understanding of the VBA within the organization itself as well as with other archers, organizations, groups – especially youth groups – and the general public. Duties include publishing VBA pamphlets and other materials and keeping the VBA website current and relevant.

The Executive State Secretary/Treasurer is the only paid position in the VBA. His/her ESS duties are to collect all funds for the VBA, deposit them promptly and keep accurate records – including a quarterly and annual report. Additionally, he/she maintains membership records and determines if membership applications comply with the requirements of the Constitution and By-laws of the VBA. As the Treasurer, he/she takes charge of the VBA funds, including writing checks for the VBA daily operations, keeping proper books of accounts, and providing quarterly written statements regarding fund status. The Treasurer is bonded and is paid a salary of \$4 per member per year.

We have been very fortunate over the years to have had VBA officers who have taken their responsibilities seriously and acted in the best interests of the organization. I encourage each of you to consider a leadership position in your Club or the VBA. New ideas and "fresh blood" are always welcome and are beneficial.

In my next article, I will write about things people need to know and do if they plan to hunt outside the US. When you are processing through customs, that is not the time to first think about what the US and the other nation say about topics such as car insurance, health care, transport of weapons, transport of hides/antlers/meat, passport/visa requirements, etc., etc., etc.

We had a great turnout for the Indoor Championship. Congratulations to the winners and THANKS to all who participated and volunteered their time to run the event. See you at the 3-D Spring Classic, the State Open and perhaps in the field on a bear or turkey hunt. 🏹

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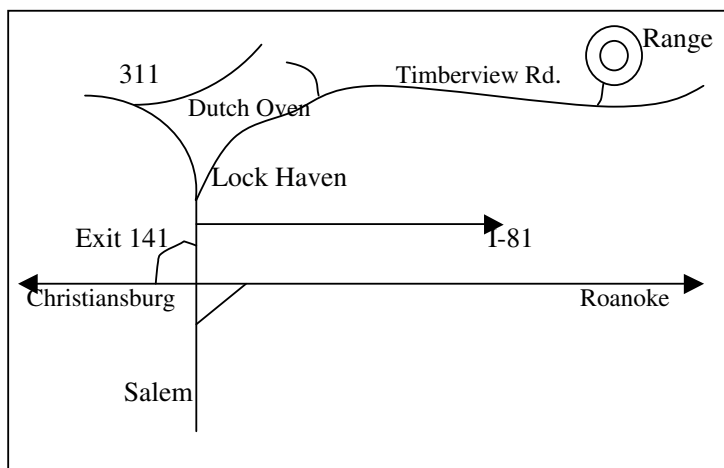
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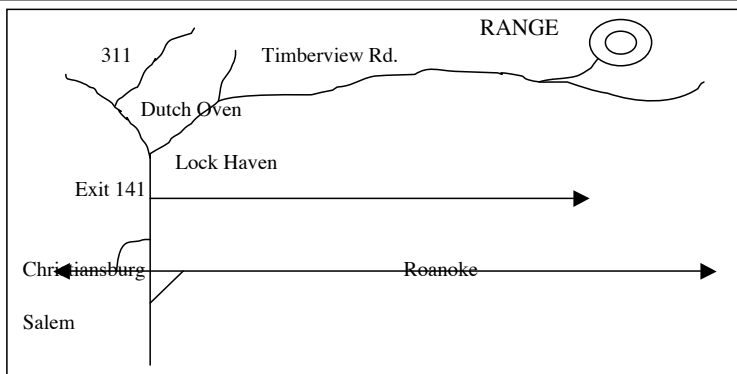
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The Order of the Golden Feather

The Order of the Golden Feather is sad to inform you that OGF members

**William M. Bennett, III, Harry Benton,
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have passed away. We extend our sincere condolences to their families and friends.

They will be missed.

The Order of the Golden Feather received three new members during ceremonies at the recent VBA banquet. They are Joyce Cameron (Two Rivers Archery Club), Jim Little (Prince William Archers) and Joe McManus (Staunton River Archery Club). (See picture on page 4) From its inception in 1960 to present, only 78 VBA members have been inducted into the OGF.

TRIANGLE ARCHERS SCHEDULES SHOOTS

The Triangle Archers, located in Blacksburg, have scheduled two VBA pin shoots. The first is Aug. 1 (rescheduled from Aug. 8) and the second is Aug 29.

Both shoots start at 10 AM and will have shotgun starts.

Triangle Archers was formed in 1940 as a local club primarily focused on bow hunting. Now, the club is chartered with the NFAA, VBA and the VFSA and offers awards at shoots from all three organizations.

The club's 3D schedule will be determined soon and will hopefully include shoots in May, June, August and September. The schedule will be posted to www.vfaa.org.

2010 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

June 12 - 13
September 18 (Scheduling Session) and 19 (Meeting)

State Tournaments

State Open: May 29 - 30
Sherwood Archers

Fall 3D Classic: August 14 - 15
Manahoac Bowmen

State Closed: September 4 - 5
Augusta Archers

VBA Charity Shoot

St. Jude Charity Event: July 10-11
Augusta Archers
Sherwood Archers



Agenda Items

There were no agenda items voted on at the March 2010 meeting.

The following agenda items will be voted on at the June 2010 meeting:

Add the following to the end of the Bylaws, Section 3, Para C: "The VBA Executive Committee has the authority to waive this requirement if they determine there are extenuating circumstances and such waiver would be in the best interest of the VBA."

Add the Pee Wee Division to the State Indoor so they can be eligible for the Triple Crown award.

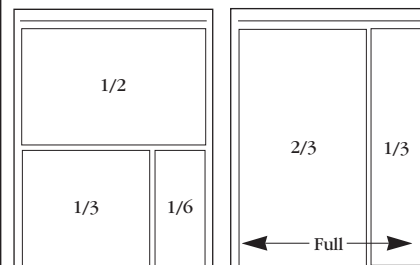
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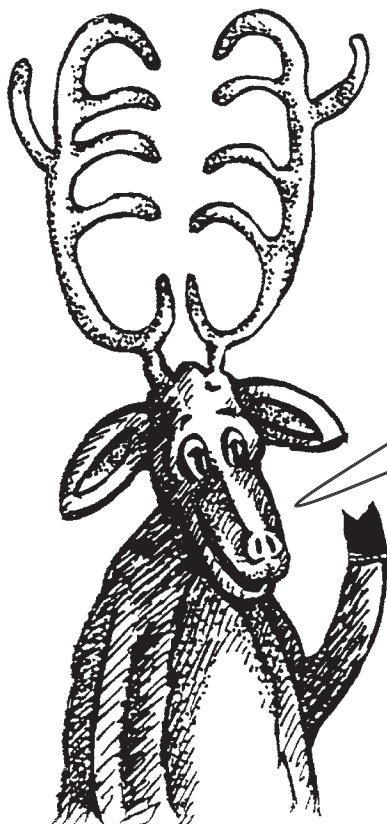
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