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Ricky Simmons (left) and Dennis Wilfong



Buck Kline and son Nathan

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Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Spring issue of FLIGHT will be March 17, 2008. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your newsletter and we encourage your contributions!

From the Publicity Director

Greetings Everyone! As our seasons change, it is nice to reflect on all of the new friends we have made, the ones we haven't seen for sometime and to look back at all the fun we had throughout the year.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has supported the VBA by participating in the State Tournaments, club shoots and our annual March awards banquet. We have seen some great changes and there are more to come to make this organization the very best it can be for all of you!

I applaud Jerry Wenzel for undertaking the After School Archery Program (ASAP) in Virginia that is managed by the VBA. This is a great opportunity for folks to get involved in the sport of archery and to further their bowhunting skills. I would like to thank those clubs that have mentioned this program in their newsletter, website and/or have simply spread the word about it. Jerry has received several inquiries about ASAP as a result of folks seeing the article in either the VBA or on the NADA website. As a result of my association with the editors of Woods & Waters, the VDGIF Outdoor Report and the Sportsman Magazine, Jerry's article and photos will be published in a later issue of Virginia Wildlife.

Others that I would like to recognize are folks that have offered their time, talents and experiences by volunteering to teach archery (beginning and advanced) and IBEP classes or to talk about archery in the Archery Chapter at Hunter Education classes as well as those who have offered to help the VDGIF with their volunteer programs.

VBA News. Marie Bell's Third Quarter report shows that our overall membership is growing. Membership for that quarter was up by 71 members over 2006 and new membership was up by 85, with a total of 1,166 members. We can only do this with your help, and we thank you!

The VBA March Awards Banquet and meeting on March 15th & 16th will soon be here. Dave Burpee, on behalf of the Bowhunting Committee, has asked for donations, gift cards and certificates from clubs, businesses and/or individuals for the banquet. Let's make this awards banquet another great success!

When you receive your VBA 2008 Schedule Shoot card, note the dates for the VBA Tournaments, especially the State Closed that will be on August 30th & 31st, (Labor Day weekend) and the Fall 3-D Classic (Unmarked) on August 16th & 17th.

With upcoming events that we attend, such as sportsmen's shows, exhibits, various organization meetings and many other events, I'm reminding the clubs to bring their club brochures to the January meeting to be included in our hand-out packets.

The website continues to be updated to give you information on our State tournaments, club shoots, the clubs' contacts and their physical addresses, ASAP, current IBEP instructors and training, tournament results, VDGIF and its volunteer programs, and more. Your contribution of information about your club, its members, training and any other input is greatly appreciated.

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From the Hunting Vice-President

My column in this issue of FLIGHT will update you on three topics previously discussed.

First, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) adopted all the proposed archery-related hunting changes that were put before them at the last meeting. Many of these were very favorable for bowhunters, and we don't want to lose sight of the fact that extended seasons and other positive changes were passed with support from the VBA. This continues our long history of successfully representing bowhunters and their special interests. We also need to be mindful of the fact that we did lose one week of archery season west of the Blue Ridge to the blackpowder season. I urge you to carefully review the hunting regulations and also check the VDGIF web site to stay current on the changes.

I think the trend driving encroachments on the archery season and the imposition of other weapons (Xbow) into the season are driven by the fact that VDGIF revenues are down because the number of hunters is declining. As a result, the VDGIF will do all in its power to raise and conserve funds because as they lose funds they will need to cut back services and may even have to cancel some fishing/hunting seasons or at least support to those activities. The VBA supports a strong and effective VDGIF but does not want to see all improvements and savings come at the expense of the bowhunter.

The VBA has enjoyed much success over the years in working with the VDGIF and we are committed to continued engagement. The VBA has already reached out to individual Commissioners and will pursue an increased proactive strategy that will place VBA proposals on the agenda the next time hunting regulations are reviewed (2009). Some ideas are already in the works, and this will be the focus of the next VBA Hunting Committee meeting in January. Hopefully, all the Club representatives will have ideas we can use to enhance the bowhunting experience in Virginia.

In the meantime, I suggest we all try harder to increase our membership roles. This is obviously good for the VBA clubs because the new members infuse ideas and enthusiasm. Additionally, the increased VBA membership does matter when it comes to representing an organization because it is true that there is strength in numbers.

Second, I want to update you on your response to my request that volunteers step forward to be trained as International Bowhunter Education Program instructors. More instructors are needed so this excellent program can be continued in Virginia. The update won't take long. I had one volunteer. If I could fix this myself by working longer hours or trying harder, I would. But, I'm already maxed out in those areas, and besides, this is one issue where the load needs to be spread throughout the State to be successful. The early returns are dismal. Maybe I'll get lots of volunteers at the next VBA meeting, but I doubt it. If interested, please contact me using the number/address on page two of this FLIGHT. The rationale for why we need volunteers is in my column in the last FLIGHT.

Finally, the use of trail cameras and other devices to locate deer and other big game generated some discussion. The bottom line is that folks think their use is OK until it exceeds the bounds of fair chase. In other words, it's OK to use a camera for scouting but not OK to have the camera take a picture and e-mail it instantly to you so you can be at the location in a very short period of time. It seems to be the majority opinion that just as high fences impair fair chase so too do trail cameras used in such a manner as to quickly put hunters on game – much like using a plane to spot animals and then land to hunt them.

I hope your holiday season was filled with good cheer and that this coming year will bring you happiness and good health, because without them nothing else matters.

Regards,

Dave Burpee,
VBA Hunting Vice President

VBA State Indoor Sectional Championship Hosted by The Belvoir Bowhunters



DIRECTIONS: Exit U.S. Route 1 (Richmond Highway) at traffic signal at Pohick Road. This intersection is the entrance to Fort Belvoir at Tulley Gate. Drive to the security control point and visitor center. Obtain a temporary vehicle pass at the visitor center adjacent to the control point by presenting driver's license and vehicle registration. Proceed south on Pohick Road to the first traffic light at Theote Road and turn right. Proceed approximately one-half mile to a stop sign at Warren Road and turn right. Proceed to Tompkins Basin, turning right at the intersection at the bottom of the hill. The Indoor Range is the long, white building (Bldg 778) on the right and set back from the road at the base of the hill. The Fort Belvoir Archery Center is located in the same building. Detailed map at:
<http://www.belvoirbowhunters.com/>

at the
**Fort Belvoir Archery Center
Tompkins Basin Indoor Range
Ft Belvoir, VA
February 23 & 24, 2008**

*The Belvoir Bowhunters welcome you Friday evening
(February 22) for Refreshments from 7 to 9 p.m.*

Lodging

Best Western, Mount Vernon	703-360-1300
Econo-Lodge	703-780-0300
Hunter Motel	703-339-5400

Registration:

Due to Ft. Belvoir security requirements pre-registration is required!

By Mail: Must be received by Feb 22, 2008. Send Pre-Registration form(s) to: Robin Vogel, 7110 Wilburdale Dr., Annandale, VA 22003

By Email to: RVogel@verizon.net Checks due Saturday morning for Email registration.

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BELVOIR BOWHUNTERS
Questions? Contact Robin Vogel, (703) 941-0019**

Rounds

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
1st	9 a.m. - 12 noon	8 a.m. - 11 noon
2nd	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.	11 p.m. - 2 p.m.
3rd	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

VBA Membership required to receive awards. Must shoot both days.

Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family

Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and only one person per form.

State Indoor Sectional Championship Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VBA #: _____ Home Club: _____

Circle those that apply:

Division: Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Guests Gender: M F

Style: FS FS/F BHFS BHFS/F BH BB TRAD

Class: Archers will be classed after the first days score.

Round Preference: Sat: 1st 2nd 3rd Sun: will be determined after Sat's round.

PLEASE NOTE: All shooters participating at Fort Belvoir MUST Pre-Register

2008 VBA SECTIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by

Sherwood Archers

February 23th and 24th



Registration Time	Sat. Rounds	Sun. Rounds
Friday: 6:00 – 8:00pm	1 st 9:00 am – 12:00	8:00 – 11:00 am
Saturday: 7:00 – 8:00 am	2 nd 12:00 – 3:00	11:00 – 2:00
'til noon for 3 rd round	3 rd 3:00 – 6:00	2:00 – 5:00 pm

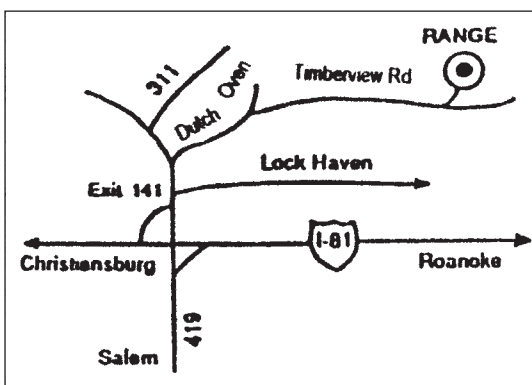
Pre-registration is recommended

Fees: \$20 per archer \$40 max per family

VBA membership is required to receive awards. Must shoot both days.

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- Baymount Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717
- Quality Inn (3 miles) 1-800-458-4949
- Holiday Inn Exp (5 miles) 1-800-holiday
- Primitive Camping at Sherwood (restrooms & showers)
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Make checks payable to Sherwood Archers.

Mail to: James Clippard
5116 Buckskin Lane
Salem, VA 24153

Phone: 540-520-6988
Club: 540-366-3701

Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and only one person per form.

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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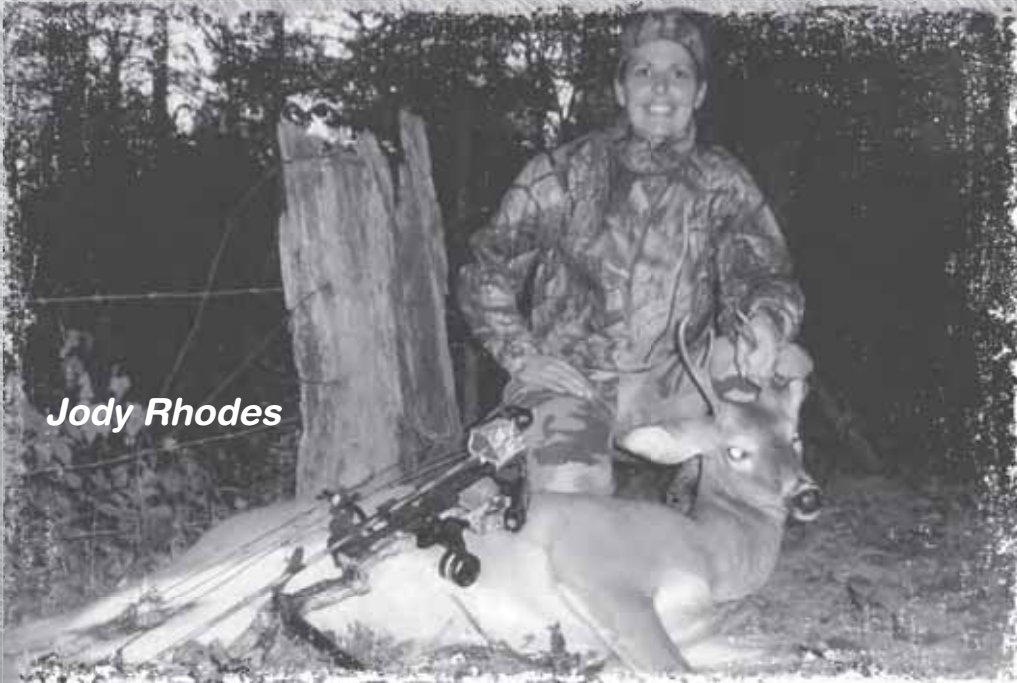
THE VBA TROPHY ROOM



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Rickey Simmons





Jody Rhodes



Brandon Houff



Nathan Kline



Hunter Heavner



Randy Armentrout





Ronald Layman



Dave Proctor



Joe Coffman



Wesley Blank

From the Publicity Director *Continued*

There are still two VBA vacancies. We are looking for someone for the NBEP/IBEP Director and the Bowhunting Committee chairperson positions. Could that be YOU? We continue to solicit for more IBEP and archery instructors and range inspectors. So, let us hear from you!

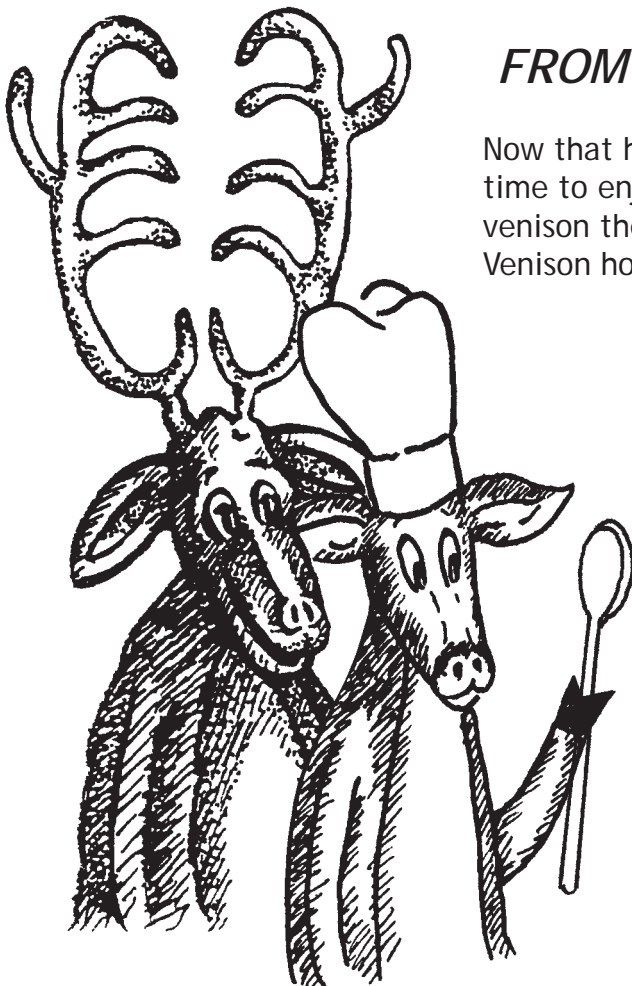
VDGIF News. So far, over 10,000 folks are receiving their bi-weekly Outdoor Report. Does this include you? There is so much information; it's amazing how David Coffman and his staff do it! Once again, the Director's position is open with Mike Bise, Acting; and Dabney W. Watts, Jr., being promoted to Chief of Law Enforcement. To learn more about what VDGIF is doing, and about their partnership with other organizations such as the VBA, go to their website at www.dgif.virginia.gov or huntinva.com.

On the subject of game trail cameras, they are legal in Virginia and the VDGIF has no views regarding their use, except they be used in conjunction with lawful activity.

There are two videos that I have recently seen and highly recommend: "A Professional Guide to Field Dressing, Skinning and Butchering White-Tailed Deer" by Ron Hughes, VDGIF Wildlife Biologist, and Rob Bingel, a professional butcher for Giant Foods and hunter education instructor - \$12.00. The other one is by Outdoor Edge, Brad Lockwood, State & National award winning meat processor, "Deer Processing 101" - \$19.95.

Hunters for the Hungry continues to need your help. Donate your deer to a local processor, donate several packs of your deer meat or make a cash contribution of \$30 to offset processing expenses. Every donation helps whether it's cash or venison and shows that we as sportsmen support the communities.

Yours in archery,
Irene Stocksdale



FROM THE KITCHEN OF WALLY & WINNIE

Now that hunting season is over and the freezer is stocked, it's time to enjoy your bounty. When mixed with browned, ground venison the barbecue sauce below makes awesome Sloppy Joes. Venison hot dogs are also delicious cooked in it.

WINNING BARBECUE SAUCE

1 med onion, chopped	1/2 C butter
1/2 green pepper, chopped	1 C vinegar
1/3 C brown sugar	1 C catsup
1 tsp Worcestershire Sauce	2 tsp lemon juice
1 tsp red pepper	1/2 tsp dry mustard
1/2 tsp chili powder	

Brown ground venison. Remove from skillet and saute onion and green pepper in butter until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients and simmer 15 minutes. Stir in browned venison or hot dogs cut into 1-2" pieces and simmer over low heat for 15 min.



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Spring 3D Classic

April 19th – 20th

Hosted By

Augusta Archers

25 3D targets each day at marked distances – VBA rules apply

Directions: (north or south) Take I-81 to exit 222, then take Rt. 250 East towards Waynesboro, go to 2nd stoplight and take a right on Desper Hollow Road, go about 1 mile then take a right on Archery Lane and follow the road straight up to the clubhouse. (east or west) Take I-64 to I-81 North then follow directions above.

Registration

By Mail: Must be received by Wed. April 16th
 Friday: 7pm – 9 pm
 Saturday: 7am- 8am
 Send Pre-Registration forms to:
 Dennis Wilfong
 49 Freeport Lane
 Staunton, VA 24401
 Make Checks Payable To: Augusta Archers

START TIMES

Saturday April 19th
 Shotgun start 9am and 1:30pm

Sunday April 20th
 Shotgun start 9am and 1:30pm

Contact Information

(540)849-8351 or martin4me2@yahoo.com

Lodging:

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

Camping available limited space
 first come first serve

Food and Refreshments will be
 available Sat. and Sun.

VBA Membership required to receive awards. Must shoot both days

Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family

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VBA Spring Classic Registration

NAME: _____ PHONE: (____) _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 VBA#: _____ HOME CLUB _____

Circle those that apply:

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Round Preference: Sat: morning afternoon Sun: morning afternoon



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\$8 - 1st round

\$2 - Additional Rounds

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Directions/Information 703.631.4498

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Saturday, March 15, 2008

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Awards – 8:00 p.m.

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Biggest Doe (Weight)

Biggest Bear (Weight)

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(276) 728-4456

David Burpee

(703) 913-0508

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Call (540) 433-2521

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2008 VBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VBA Meetings

January 12-13
Meeting & Banquet - March 15-16
May 24
September 20-21

State Tournaments

State Indoor Sectional - February 23-24

Belvoir Bowhunters
Sherwood Archers

Spring 3-D Classic - April 19-20

Augusta Archers

State Open - May 24-25

Sherwood Archers

Fall 3-D Classic - August 16-17

Kingsboro Bowmen

State Closed - August 30-31

Two Rivers Archery



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QUARTERLY MEETING RESULTS JANUARY 2008

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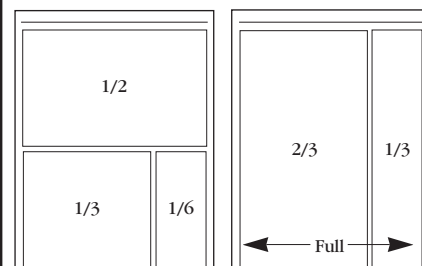
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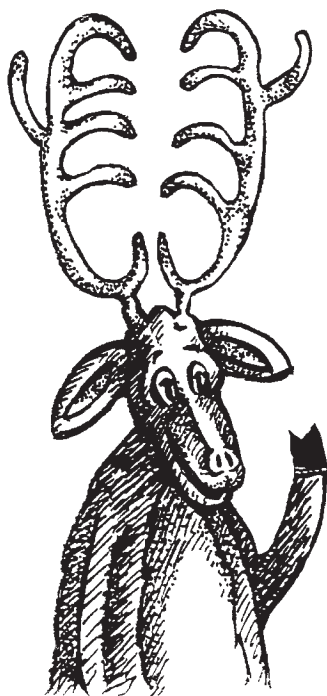
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