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## Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Summer issue of FLIGHT will be June 16, 2006. 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!

# INCREASED MEMBERSHIP – WHAT'S WORKING

ne of the things we continue to worry about in VBA is the dwindling number of members. Oh, there's no great drop in numbers, just a steady decline over the past 20 years. At club level this has been an even greater concern because membership actually keeps the clubs financially solvent (not that it doesn't keep VBA solvent also). Many clubs have depended upon shoots to bring in both money and new members, but that hasn't seemed to increase the number of members to any great degree. Of course we always depend on local pro-shops to send their new customers to the local clubs for places to shoot, and we depend upon word of mouth.

What seems to really be working right now to trigger increased membership? Classes. That's right - archery classes. Several clubs have realized a significant increase of their member roles in the past year or two as a result of archery classes being taught by certified instructors who are club members. These classes are structured over a period of time with a class held once each week. At the conclusion of the class, the individual is ready to move to the next level and challenge. Charges for the classes are kept to a minimum with the idea being to cover administrative costs only. The instructors volunteer their time and expertise for the express purpose of "growing archery." Clubs provide

a place to shoot and some of the equipment to get the beginners started.

These classes, at least in Northern Virginia, were begun by Paul Vogel. Paul has built a cadre of instructors and supporters who teach classes almost year round, and the local clubs are receiving the benefit through increased membership. These are not just young people either. There are many adults taking these classes as well. A recent class of 35 students included a seven-yearold and a seventy-three-year-old with varying ages in between. These classes have also produced state champions and national competitors.

Other clubs are now beginning to teach classes as well, and it doesn't matter what your source of students is – Scouts, 4H, church groups or open advertisement of beginning classes. Several clubs have noted an increase in membership through classes.

IBEP classes have also added some members where the classes are taught regularly by club members, but the beginning archery classes are what's really working right now. My recommendation is to consider having your club offer archery classes. Contact Paul to see how he got his classes started, and openly advertise. Help your club begin "growing archery."

## **From The Publicity Director**

Spring is here! Once again it is time to dust off those bows and start the season by shooting at club and state tournaments.We are all looking forward to the upcoming State 3-D Spring Classic (marked) that Manahoac Bowmen will be hosting April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sherwood Archers will once again host the State Open Championship on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Information and details about these state tournaments are in this issue of FLIGHT and on the VBA website.

### *VBA's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet*

This year's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet was fantastic and quite different, I must say!

On display were two nice elk harvests by Mark Lohr and Paul Vogel from the Lost Creek Outfitters in Livingston, MT, and also Joe McManus' buck that he shot with his long bow.

Jerry Lord from Lost Creek Outfitters gave a great, detailed talk on how and what to look for when selecting an outfitter, including various questions to ask, what to bring and wear, and how to prepare yourself for the bowhunt.

Dave Burpee submitted the winning bid on the elk hunt at the silent auction, and we wish him much success.

We then recognized some of our winners.

#### **Double Crown winners:**

Chris Willard, Kimberly Dobbins and Matthew Dobbins.

#### **Triple Crown winners:**

Kimberly Dobbins, Cay McManus, Matthew Dobbins, Lucas Kenley, Kristofer Black, Larrie Emerson and Stacy Pruitt.

#### **Big Game winners:**

Buck by weight - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Randy Armentrout, 163 pounds; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Steve Morgan, 130 pounds.

Doe by weight – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Gerald T. Blank, 115 pounds; 2nd place, Tony Hall, 100 pounds, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Steve Morgan, 90 pounds.

Turkey by weight - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Steve Morgan, 9 pounds;

### **Double Slam winners:**

Cay McManus and Steve Morgan.

The next awards were presented to the clubs with the biggest increase in membership in 2005. Manahoac had a 200 percent increase and also received a plaque; Buggs Island increased 50 percent, Staunton River, 20 percent and Belvoir Bowhunters, 15.2 percent.

The final award of the evening was our "Order of the Golden Feather," which was presented by Clinton Western to A.L. Self.

Congratulations to all of the award winners!

Just when we thought the banquet was coming to a close, President Bob Seltzer said that there was one more person we needed to recognize. Who was that? Our executive secretary, Ann R. Boyd! Bob presented Ann, who is retiring, with a beautiful gold watch and plaque for her sincere and long dedication, not only to archery, but also to the office that she has held since 1992. Ann was then asked to say a few words. Ann, we will all miss you and hope you enjoy God's blessings. What a wonderful way to end the 2006 VBA Awards Banquet!

#### Just a few more topics:

The Augusta Expoland Sport Show held in February had a great turnout, according to Dave Proctor. He said that there were many inquiries about the VBA and the clubs in different areas. Archery and bowhunting interests seem to be on the upswing. Some mentioned that they would like to see a club in the Charlottesville area. If that should happen, we will be glad to work with them.

Summer camps and expos: Over the past several weeks, I have had requests from summer camps, schools, churches and the Park Authority to teach archery to youth and their camp instructors and to conduct hands-on demonstrations at various events. If you have been asked to do any of these, please let me know so that I can coordinate with other clubs for their help and assistance.

The Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center, on Rt. 3 just off Rt. 95, is now open. They have been holding many large events and getting much attention. I have contacted them and hope that we can participate in their upcoming sportsmen shows.

The VBA packet that we hand out at various sportsmen shows, archery events and educational classes is now exhausted. I need club brochures to fill the VBA packets. Let me know if I can help you. Sometimes pictures are better than words!

VDGIF Law Enforcement Division underwent a major restructuring. All Outdoor Education Lieutenants are now Sergeants. With Sgt. Lannie Chitwood retiring, his district is back to its original boundaries. The areas south of the James River are now part of Region 1, Sgt. Jon Ober; areas west are now part of Region 2, Sgt. Patrick Popek; and the Richmond area to Region 5, Sgt. Dave Dodson. Also, Sgt. Frank Mundy is now Senior Game Warden in Rockingham County. VDGIF now has an interactive Web-based map viewer to provide information about hunting areas by location, quality, game species and access. For more information go to www.findgame@dgif.virginia.gov. Also, VDGIF offers many exciting programs for women in the outdoors. Check out their Outdoor Education Program at www.outdoored@dgif.virginia.gov.

Hunters for the Hungry: Thanks to the generosity of Virginia hunters, H4H was able to provide 340,173 pounds of meat to 77 feeding programs across the Commonwealth. This is a 6,627 pound increase over last year. A total of 74 processing/collection points participated in this program. H4H also provided educational programs to 25 groups and participated in 35 major outdoor shows, conventions and events.

Thanks to you all. Thanks to everyone for your continued dedication and efforts you put forth in making the VBA an organization we can be proud of!

> Yours in archery, Irene Stocksdale

## 2006 VBA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Hosted By

Sherwood Archers May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21



Registration Times

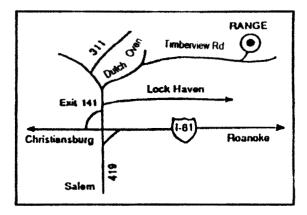
**Registration Fees** 

Friday:6:00-8:00pm\$20 per archerSaturday:7:00-8:00am\$40 per familyPre-registration is requested to save time Sat. morning.VBA membership is NOT required. Members, bring your cards to record scores.

We'll shoot 28 field the 1<sup>st</sup> day and 14 hunter/14animal the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Must shoot both days to receive awards.

## PLACES TO STAY

- 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)
   Call if you need more information.



## Make checks payable to Sherwood Archers.

Mail to: Fill out	Sherwood Archers C/o Auvray Shumate 1619 Mountain Heights Drive Salem, VA 24153 this form completely. Please	Phone: 540-389 Club: 540-366 e print clearly and o	-3701 one person per form	
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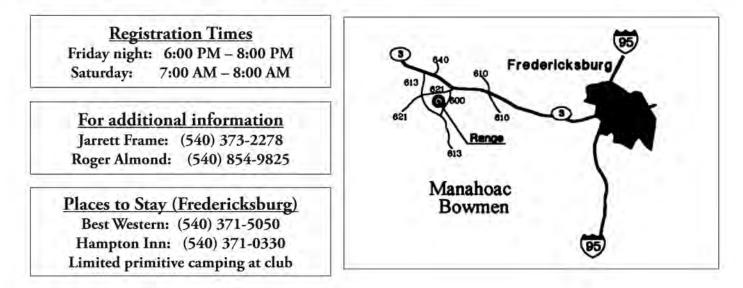
## MANAHOAC BOWMEN AND THE VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO THE

# **2006 SPRING 3-D CLASSIC**

## (Marked Distance)

## April 22nd & 23rd

- This is a two-day event and you must shoot both days
- Shotgun start 9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. Saturday; 9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. (if necessary) Sunday
- VBA rules apply
- 25 targets each day, marked distance



Pre-registration form (Must be postmarked by April 15)

VBA 3-D Cl All Archers Welcome. Fees: \$20 per person	assic Registration Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and only one person per form Must shoot both days. \$40 max per family	Mail to: Jarrett Frame 123 Ferry Road Fredericksburg, VA
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# VBA State Indoor - 2006

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SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	В	240	12	242	7	482	19
1st	Sandy Olszowy	AFBB	C	118	12	122	2	240	3
SC	Stacy Pruitt	AFBHFS	A	298	39	300	49	598	88
1st	Dianna Eiland	AFBHFS	C	220	4	226	5	447	9
SC	Bertha Brugh	AFFS	B	288	18	283	16	571	34
SC	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD	A	265	10	254	10	519	25
1st	Debbie Jordan	AFTRAD	C	143	5	153	0	296	5
SC	Mike Stuart	AMBB	B	278	14	0	0	278	14
SC	Joe McManus	AMBH	C	278	14	241	6	495	21
SC	Tim Ewers	AMBHFS	A	300	56	300	56	600	112
2nd	Greg Sisk	AMBHFS	A	300	50 57	300	55	600	112
3rd	Stacy Knighten	AMBHFS	A	300	57	300	55 54	600	112
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	Franklin E. Jones Jr.	AMBHFS	A	300	50 50	300	52	600	103
	W. Kent Stigall	AMBHFS	A	300	30 45	300	53	600	98
	Cliff Johnson	AMBHFS	A	299	44	299	49	598	93
	Vance Cave	AMBHFS	A	299	43	298	32	597	75
	Danny Alger	AMBHFS	A	300	46	296	38	596	84
1st	Nathan Janocka	AMBHFS	B	297	26	297	40	594	66
2nd	Joseph Cleboski	AMBHFS	B	293	31	298	40 42	591	73
3rd	Patrick L. Hamp	AMBHFS	B	295	43	298	42 34	590	73
510	T.W. Williams	AMBHFS	B	290	43 30	294	28	590 584	58
	Michael Rotchford	AMBHFS	B	292	30 25	292	28 26	581	58 51
1st	Rick Tharp	AMBHFS	C B	293	23 28	288	33	581	51 61
2nd	Steve Richards	AMBHFS	C	289	28	292	30	581	52
3rd	Kevin Brown	AMBHFS	C	288	22	293 291	30 30	579	52 59
510	Gus Ruetenik	AMBHFS	C	286	29 29	291 282	23	568	59
	Craig Torres	AMBHFS	C	280 256	15	265	23 14	521	29
SC	James Little	AMBHFS/F	B	230 287	13	203	9	566	29
1st	Mike Stuart	AMBHFS/F	C B	254	8	279	8	506	20 16
SC	Bobby Kenley	AMFS	A	300	57	300	58	600	115
2nd	Kendal Woody	AMFS	A	300	56	300	56	600	113
3rd	Jon Mitchem	AMFS	A	300	55	300	55	600	112
510	Franklin E. Jones Jr.	AMFS	A	300	53	300	55	600	108
	Brad Baker Jr.	AMFS	A	300	53	300	54	600	100
	Russell Ogden	AMFS	A	300	50	300	49	600	99
	Allen Painter	AMFS	A	299	48	300	50	599	98
	Mathew Faulkner	AMFS	A	300	48 49	299	48	599	97
	W. Scott Hale	AMFS	A	299	44	300	40 46	599	90
	Kirtis Russell	AMFS	A	299	53	0	40	299	53
	Terry Ballowe	AMFS	A	299	35	0	0	298	35
1st	Justin H. Boyd	AMFS	C A	298	31	294	35	582	55 66
SC	Jarrett Frame	AMFS/F	C	278	16	294	33 17	560	33
2nd	Earl M. Cash Jr.	AMFS/F	C C	278	10	282	17	559	33
3rd	Jerry A. Williams	AMFS/F	C	273	14	280	0	263	13
SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	B	203	13	288	17	203 561	29
2nd	Don Bedner	AMTRAD	B	273	12	288 254	9	511	29
3rd	Mike Brown	AMTRAD	B	247	6	234	9	495	15
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1st	George T. Dalton	AMTRAD	С	209	5	228	5	437	10
2nd	Jerry Jordon	AMTRAD	С	199	8	227	2	426	10
3rd	Steve Mowles	AMTRAD	С	194	4	214	7	408	11
	Monty Alpin	AMTRAD	С	179	7	225	6	404	13
	B. Wesley Dalton	AMTRAD	С	153	0	170	1	323	1
	Terry Coghill	AMTRAD	С	168	3	148	1	316	4
	Gus A. Ruetenik	AMTRAD	С	132	0	95	0	227	0
	Joe Olszowy	AMTRAD	С	104	1	97	3	201	4
SC	Brenna Boyd	CFBHFS/F		151	3	138	0	289	3
SC	Jessica Cash	CFFS/F		268	15	265	10	533	25
SC	Brian Roling	CMBB		265	17	270	14	535	31
2nd	Nathan Olszowy	CMBB		227	6	216	4	443	10
SC	Lucas Kenley	CMFS		293	24	289	34	582	58
2nd	Matthew Turney	CMFS		263	13	0	0	263	13
SC	Sebastian Torres	CMTRAD		53	0	70	1	123	1
	Jason D. Hetzel	GAMFS		300	53	300	56	600	109
SC	Roger Pruitt Sr.	SMBB		280	20	270	15	550	35
SC	Bruce Kieffer	SMBH		281	25	286	30	567	55
SC	Steven W. Oldham	SMBHFS		298	42	300	46	598	88
2nd	Webb Babcock	SMBHFS		295	33	295	32	590	65
3rd	Stan Parmentier	SMBHFS		293	32	289	29	582	61
	Wesley Stigall	SMBHFS		282	28	287	33	569	61
	Charles Martens	SMBHFS		262	9	266	14	528	23
SC	David Dobbins	SMBHFS/F		270	14	273	11	543	25
SC	Joe Janocka	SMFS		300	50	297	51	597	101
2nd	Kenneth Maples	SMFS		296	50	297	41	593	91
3rd	Jim French	SMFS		296	39	286	34	582	73
	Jimmy Brugh	SMFS		281	25	290	29	571	54
SC	Vic Matthews	SMFS/F		261	6	265	12	526	18
SC	John Czekala	SMTRAD		215	9	201	3	416	12
2nd	Jim Clippard	SMTRAD		171	3	186	2	357	5
SC	Matthew Dobbins	YAMBHFS/F	В	258	13	247	7	505	20
SC	Lindsay Lavenhar	YAFFS	А	296	36	295	34	591	70
SC	Justin Freeman	YAMBHFS	А	288	22	295	32	583	54
2nd	Ben Critz	YAMBHFS	А	281	20	273	19	554	39
SC	Jason M. Wilfong	YAMFS	А	296	33	293	30	589	63
2nd	Patrick Rotchford	YAMFS	А	291	23	288	27	579	50
SC	Lee Burton	YAMFS/F	С	109	2	84	0	193	2
SC	Sara Lavenhar	YFFS/F	В	244	4	235	15	479	19
SC	Jesse G. Settle	YMBHFS	А	290	20	294	33	584	53
2nd	Wm. Zachary Conner	YMBHFS	А	269	15	278	22	547	37
3rd	Christopher Williams	YMBHFS	А	257	7	248	8	505	15
1st	Nathan Brown	YMBHFS	В	232	6	249	7	481	13
SC	Ben Nguyen Zhu	YMFS/F	С	175	2	174	0	349	2
SC	Nick Olszowy	YMTRAD	С	95	2	62	2	157	4

# Thanks To All Who Participated!





Overall Winners (Sherwood)

2006 VBA

State Indoor Sectional Championship



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Overall Winners (Belvoir)



State Champions (Belvoir)









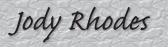
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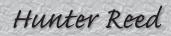




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Roger Pruitt Jr.







# **NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS**

Fourth Annual

"Spring Fling"

Saturday, April 29th and Sunday, April 30th

Registration Times Each Day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to meet other archers from other clubs, make new friends, share your archery experiences and enjoy delicious food. Also, an opportunity to see our facilities and to shoot on two great challenging ranges!

<u>All Weekend</u> – either or both ranges for \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per family <u>Shoot One Day</u> - either the Field or 3-D Range for \$10.00 and shoot again for \$5.00 \$5.00 for the Youth or Cubs to shoot either the Field or 3-D Range

> Kitchen will be open for Breakfast both days starting @7:30 a.m. Lunch will be available during the event.

Places to stay and eat are just a few miles away on Rt. 1 in Woodbridge or around the Potomac Mills area right off the Pr. William Parkway.

Directions: Take I-95 to Rt. 123W. Go approximately four (4) miles turn left at the light onto Hampton Road. Go for approximately 3.4 miles turn left onto Rt. 727 to Fountainhead Regional Park. Club is on the left before the main entrance of the park.

For Further Details Call - Irene Stocksdale @ 703.670.5003 or

e-mail her (a) <u>istocksdale@rcn.com</u> or www.northernvirginiaarchers.org



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# Fun at the

Guest speaker Jerry Lord of Lost Creek Outfitters, MT.

























Clinton Western presents A.L. Self with the "Order of the Feather" award.



Jarrett Frame of Manahoac Bowmen accepts award for 200% membership increase.



# Registration 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Initial Round: \$8.00 - Additional Rounds: \$2.00 until 3 p.m. - Cubs: Free

Shooting Styles: Fixed Sights/Release, Moveable Sights/Release, Fixed Sights/Fingers, MoveableSights/Fingers, No Sights and Traditional

Awards: Plaques for Adults, Medals for Cubs

Open to ALL Archers - No Membership Requirements

Come on out for a good time on the range!

Food Service Available

Cub Run Archers of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA Call 703.631.4498 for Directions

## **From The Field Governor**

## All VBA's required range inspections are still falling behind!

All field ranges except NORVA, Wythe, and Sherwood Archers need to be inspected!

All indoor ranges except Belvoir, Wythe and Sherwood Archers need to be inspected! All 3-D ranges except Dixie Bowman, NORVA, and Wythe Bowhunters, need to be inspected.

The following people have volunteered to help with the

inspections. Paul Vogel <u>rvogel7@cox.net</u> Mark Lohr <u>mwlohr@shentel.net</u> Cay and/or Joe McManus <u>barebow@lynchburg.net</u> Irene Stocksdale <u>istocksdale@rcn.com</u>

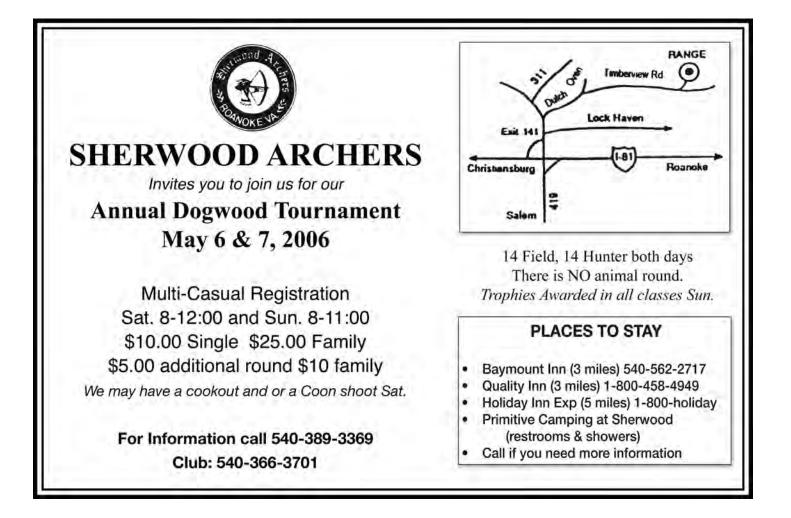
Perhaps the easiest way to handle inspections is to have a nearby club inspect your ranges and someone from your club inspect theirs. This is what Augusta and Bowhunters of Rockingham plan to do.

Forms have been emailed to your POCs several times. I will also be glad to send to any member of any club. My email address is bick333@msn.com.

The VBA will honor NFAA inspections for the clubs ranges that are inspected by a NFAA inspector! Just forward a copy of the inspection to me.

Please get your ranges inspected! It is a VBA constitutional requirement and is for the safety of your shooters.

> Thanks, Ed Bickham



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Buck by weight 1<sup>st</sup> place - Randy Armentrout, 163 pounds 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Steve Morgan, 130 pounds

Doe by weight 1<sup>st</sup> place - Gerald T. Blank, 115 pounds 2nd place - Tony Hall, 100 pounds 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Steve Morgan, 90 pounds

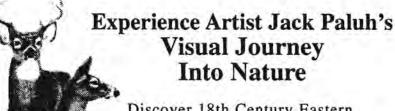
*Turkey by weight* 1st place, Steve Morgan, 9 pounds;

#### **Double Slam Winners:**

Cay McManus and Steve Morgan.

## NOTICE FROM STAUNTON RIVER ARCHERY

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