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FLIGHT Deadline
The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be January 14, 2013. 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

Another tournament season is over and by now many of you have been out in the woods hunting. While you are sitting in that tree stand or your easy chair, let us take a moment to look back over this past season.

Every thing started out great with excellent attendance at sectional Indoor Shoots. This was followed up by a very good showing at the Spring Classic 3D hosted by Singer Glen. This was there first State Shoot and they did an excellent job. In May we had the State Open with a fair number of shooters and, as usual from Sherwood, a well-run shoot. But then what happened?

The Fall Classic 3D had a poor turn out with only 44 shooters. This may have been in part because the IBO Worlds were the same week end, but why did only forty-nine attend the State

Closed? Two Rivers did an excellent job getting their range in top shape, they roasted a pig for meals on Saturday, and had several novelty shoots lined up but only a couple of archers shot. What more could they have done to attract shooters, or more important, what more can the VBA do to support these shoots? Let us all put on our thinking caps and come up with some suggestions for next year. Send them to me or have your Delegate bring them to the January meeting.

As winter approaches and another year comes to an end, it is time again to look to the future. Next year is an election year for the VBA. If you or someone you know is interested in running for a VBA office, please contact Robin Vogel. She is Chairperson for the Nominating Committee and is looking for candidates to commit by the January Meeting.

Our 75th year is coming up soon and Paul Vogel has agreed to Chair a Committee to explore ideas for this historic event. If you would like to serve on this committee or just have some new suggestions, please contact Paul. The VBA would really like to have some great events but this will require your support and help.

Finally, I have asked Irene to explore ways to publicize The VBA to those out there who have never heard of our organization. As busy as she is with her regular duties, she will also need some help. So, again, if you have ideas or can volunteer some time, please contact Irene.

So in closing, I sincerely hope you all had a good year, successful hunts, and are looking forward to another new year in archery.

Rob Pecora President


From the Executive Vice President

It's now time for most of us to be enjoying the main reason we got into archery, hunting season, I know that for me it is the main reason I first joined an archery club. I knew I needed to practice before I ever took aim at an animal with my bow and I could not do that at home with all of the house's surrounding mine so I joined my local club. Now I spend every moment I can chasing brown furry critters around the woods in the fall and shooting paper and foam targets the rest of the year, I think I might have an addiction.

This time of year I also want everyone to have a great hunting season but mainly I want everyone to be safe in pursuing your critters in the woods, wear your safety harness, you don't want to find out how hard the ground can be and I'll bet that you will not bounce all that well either.

After your hunts are over and you are admiring the results of your efforts please send me your photos of your conquests and if you have some tall tales of the hunt please put them to paper and send them to me, we all like to hear about the big ones that got away. Don't worry too much about spelling or grammar I have spell check and grammar check. You can send them to vbaflight@yahoo.com or you can use USPS, they need all the help you can give them, my address is on page 2.

Have a great hunting season and a great Fall and just remember that after hunting season is over indoor archery season starts and I need that to feed my addiction, what a great sport!

Terry Ballowe Exec. VP 

From the Field Vice President

Tournament season is now over and hunting season is beginning. If your area is like mine, anytime you ride down the road you see people in their yards with their archery hunting equipment. Not to mention in the shops buying new equipment. Some bows will never be shot until a deer is in their sights. You need to talk to these people about the local clubs and the VBA, whether in the shop or stopped on the side of the road. Most people don't know there is an archery club within a mile of where they live. Don't forget to mention the VBA and then the questions will start. By the time you leave they will be on their way to checking out your range. Remember most of our family of competition archers came from hunters.

It's time to get ready for the winter season. Contact your local clubs with indoor facilities for dates and times. Some clubs will start their 3D's in January. This will most likely be before you receive your VBA schedule cards, so check with your clubs early so you can plan to attend. All clubs need your support.

Our newest club (Lake Country) is moving and would like everyone's help. The New Address is 1677 Shiny Rock Rd. Clarksville, Va 23927. For more information contact them by e-mail at lakecountryarchers@live.com

This is a good time to reflect back on the year. I would like to thank the shooters that made it to the state tournaments this year. Indoors was 159, 3D Spring was 105, Open was 67, 3D Fall was 39, Closed was 50 and gave a total of 193 awards. If you didn't make it please let me know if there is something that could be changed, all suggestions will be considered.

Thank you,

Field Vice-President
Aubrey "Tommy" Self 

From the Publicity Director

As we conclude the year, we would like to 'thank' the clubs that hosted our state tournaments and everyone that participated. Although the attendance could have been a lot better, those that attended were a great asset to the hosting clubs as well as the VBA. Hopefully, we will see more archers at the VBA State Tournaments next year. Congratulations to all of you!

We would also like to recognize our clubs that held 'benefit' shoots. Those organizations appreciated what you do for them and it gives our clubs the opportunity to let others know that we support them.

The upcoming 2013 VBA meetings and State Tournaments can be found on the inside back page of *FLIGHT* and will soon be on our website.

VBA News

Our website is starting to receive inquiries about the VBA, finding a club near them, on how and where to join, IBEP classes and to learn about archery. Folks are using the website to search information on various categories: our affiliated clubs, VBA articles, news, member articles, IBEP, *FLIGHT* publications, minutes of the meeting, the VDGIF, links to other organizations and much more.

Over the years, we have had many discussions on how to increase membership in the VBA. I have emphasized this so many times, but I can't do it alone. I need your help to get the word out to folks that don't know about us and what we do! I ask that each club contact their local news media, your schools, and other organizations in your area. Let them know about your club, your events, classes, etc.

At the Western Regional Big Game show, Dave Proctor and his members from Bowhunters of Rockingham, once again represented the VBA. The visitors were well received as they answered many questions about the VBA, our support with bowhunting in Virginia, treestand safety, working the DGIF folks and sharing experiences and ideas.

As the bowhunting season comes to a close, don't forget to submit your 'Application for VBA Game Awards' to Marie Bell by March 1st, so the Bowhunting committee can get the awards ready for our upcoming VBA Awards banquet that will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

Also, Terry and I need pictures and write-ups on your deer, bear and turkey that you have harvest.

VDGIF News

The DGIF is in the middle of their biennial regulations cycle for public input period. They are asking for our help to make comments about any deer regulation issues on their website at <https://www3.dgif.virginia.gov/web/scoping/hunting-and-trapping>. They have approximately 300 on-line comments so far. After the public input period closes (July 1 to November 1) they will meet as a staff using the public input draft regulation proposals. Those staff proposals will be presented to their Board in early March. During March and April they will be accepting comments on those preliminary proposals advertised by the Board. The final proposals will be presented to the Board for adoption, amendment, or rejection in early May and if adopted will become effective July 1, 2013.

The Black Bear Management in Virginia survey and the Development on Wild Turkey Management Plan is underway. To get more information on the development and outcome, go to the Outdoor Report.

Occasionally, I receive inquiries as to where to find the VDGIF regional map. Go to www.dgif.virginia.gov/map.pdf or wildlife/deer/dmap-map.pdf.

The upcoming Youth Deer Hunting Day is on September 29th and the Youth Fall Turkey Hunt Day is on October 20th. If any youths from your club have harvest a deer and/or turkey on those days, please submit their picture(s) to Terry for *FLIGHT* and to me for the website and the Outdoor Report. Include their name, age, club, harvest weight and a write-up.

Recently, I attended the Virginia Outdoor Sportsmen Show (VOSS) working with Matt Knox and other biologist, and the Virginia State Fair DGIF/CWF booths. In October, I will be attending the Pr. William Heritage festival, the Mason Neck Fall festival, working at the CWD check stations and other DGIF events. By volunteering at these events, it gives me the opportunity to meet bowhunters of all ages and to get the word about the VBA.

Until next year, have a great hunting season, use your treestand harness, keep your bows tuned, be safe and take a youth hunting!

Happy Holidays - Irene 

From the NBEF/IBEP Director


Finally! Another Virginia bow season is here, with all the promises of big bucks and great times afield with your bowhunting friends and family!

Before you kick off this season, let's talk safety. If you read my articles, you know that falling from a tree is the #1 risk to you coming home safely after a hunt. Therefore, the best piece of bowhunting equipment you own is your rear attached full body fall arrest harness. It should always be used, from the time you take your first step off the ground until you are safely standing at the base of your tree after your hunt. Safety ropes that remain attached above your lock-on treestand allow you to climb without fear of falling. An alternative is a lineman's belt around the tree as you ascend a climbing stick or ladder, then hooking into your safety rope before you step over into your stand. When using a climbing treestand, hooking into your safety line that is attached to the tree and moving it upward as you ascend will keep you safe. Once in your stand, adjust your safety rope so that your hips won't go below the platform if you fall. That allows you to self recover back onto your platform if you do fall. It also shortens the distance you fall, and avoids the trauma of a very sharp stop when you reach the end of your safety rope. All of this should be second nature to any bowhunter, and something the more experienced among us pass on to newcomers to our sport, both by word and by setting the example with our actions.

As great as a rear attached full body fall arrest harnesses are at protecting you from a fall, they don't come without their own inherent dangers and risks. Hanging suspended can cause serious injury or even death in as little as 30 minutes, a phenomena known as Suspension Trauma. Dr. Norman Woods, a physician who has done considerable research in this area, describes suspension trauma in the following way: "Hanging suspended in your FAS after a fall will cause the leg straps to restrict blood circulation from the legs back to the heart. This will cause blood to pool in the legs and create a rapid overall decline in blood circulation. A subsequent rapid deterioration of blood pressure, oxygen delivery to the brain, heart and other vital organs will occur. If not corrected immediately, unconsciousness can occur in less than 30 minutes and death will shortly follow unconsciousness." To address suspension trauma, new full body arrest harnesses now come with a Suspension Relief Strap, which is designed to support your weight by the part of the fall arrest harness that goes around your hips. This avoids the immediate problem of restricting blood flow. But you still need to keep your legs moving to aid in pumping blood from and to your leg muscles, and keep them moving until help arrives, no matter how long that takes.

If you are not thoroughly familiar with any aspect of what I discussed above, take a refresher IBEP or Hunter Safety course; both will provide instruction and demonstrations of full arrest harness systems and how to use a suspension relief strap. If your full body arrest harness is an older model without a suspension relief strap, upgrade to a new one. Remember, nothing in the woods is as important as coming home to your family and loved ones after each hunt.

Safe Hunting!

Bob 

JAMES B. OGLETHORPE

The Order of the Golden Feather has recently learned and is sad to inform you that OGF member James B. Oglethorpe has passed away. He was a former President of the VBA as well as an honored and valued member of the Association. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed.



VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION BOWHUNTING COMMITTEE

Coming to the 2013 VBA Awards

Banquet...Mr. Hal Shaffer

Host of Drop Zone TV on The Outdoor Channel

Check them out at www.dropzonehunting.com



Well the summer is about over, the kids are back in college or getting ready to start school and hunting season is just around the corner. For some bowhunting is starting on September 1 which is the same weekend as the State Closed at Two Rivers Archery. While you are getting your gear ready to go out this fall and ordering new gear that will definitely put that big one in your sights, take a few minutes and go to www.vbarchers.com and look up the VBA bowhunting awards such as the Bill Bennett Award and the largest deer; bear; turkey; and the slams. Look over the application form so when you make your kill you'll know what you need to do to get your award at the 2013 Awards Banquet! In short, all big game taken for awards must be taken in Virginia, EXCEPT the Bill Bennett Award which can be for any deer; bear or turkey harvested in the United States. Bowhunters making kills out of country are not eligible for the Bill Bennett Award however this will be visited by the VBA Bowhunting Committee in the future.

When you make your bow harvest this year please take a picture of you and your animal, email it to me at tworiversarchery@yahoo.com and include your name, club name, county or State of kill and date of kill. I would like to display these photos for everyone to enjoy at the banquet. Not everyone can get their animal mounted that fast to get to the banquet to share and you may not mount them all, but I am sure we'd all like to see them!!!

While you are out at your local archery shop or store that sells outdoor gear, take a moment and let the manager know who you are. Tell them you are trying to help get youth involved in the outdoors and if they would mind donating a child's fishing pole; tackle box; a sleeping bag; small tent or anything we can have for a door prize table just for the youth. I have been contacting a lot of the bigger named hunting companies trying to get donations for the banquet for adult and youth. I don't have to tell you that with the economic times there are not many responses. So please try to help out and if you do get donations get them to your VBA Representative who can get them to me at the VBA meetings. See the note at the bottom of this letter to see who is donating to OUR 2013 Awards Banquet.

If you have not obtained your Virginia Hunting Regulations for the 2012/2013 hunting season you don't have to wait to get time to pick one up, go to dgif.virginia.gov now to see what is new and what dates to turn in for your vacation.

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AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEMS VOTED AT SEPTEMBER MEETING:

(6) Const.Art.3,Sect.1,Para.C, pg.1,Change to read,"Bowhunter membership" is open to individuals who reside 50 miles or greater from the nearest VBA club, upon application and payment of VBA dues set for Bowhunter members. **Tabled**

(7) Combine the Spring 3-D Classic and Fall 3-D Championships into one State 3-D Championship. Defeated

(8) Request to spend up to \$500.00 for the speaker for the 2013 VBA Banquet,to cover his expenses.Tentative speaker,Mr.Hal Schaefer of the national syndicated TV show,"Drop Zone". Effective immediately. **Passed**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY MEETING:

(1) Amend "Shooting Styles",Sect.7,"Traditional" style for adult women,by adding,and men. Effective Jan. 2013
Justification: To make the men and women's traditional distances uniform. Also, 3-D shooters shoot a maximum of 30 yards in line with other national organizations.

(2) Shooting Styles, Pg.11, Sect.7, #11, Change to read; Traditional style for women is to shoot 30 yds., maximum, in all hunter, field and animal VBA rounds. On all targets, 30 yds.and less, the adult stake will be used. Effective Jan. 2013

Justification: Need a clarification so all shoots are shot in the same way.

(3) Shooting Styles, Pg.11, Sect.7, add #13 to read: Traditional style for men is to shoot 50 yds.maximum in all hunter, field and animal VBA rounds. All targets, 50 yds. and less, the adult stake will be used. Effective Jan. 2013

Justification: Need a clarification so all shoots are shot the same way.

(4) Remove Art. 15, Sect. 1, Para.J, Line 3, from By-laws,doing away with the unit rule.Effective Jan.01,2013
Justification: Give awards to all who earned them and avoid confusion at State Shoots.

(5) Change Art. 4, Sect.1,of Constitution, last sentence to read" each club would aquire votes based on their previous year membership as follows:

1-100 =1 vote, 101-200 = 2 votes, 201-300 = 3 votes, 301-400 = 4 votes and 401-500 =5 votes. Effective Jan.2013

Justification: Make voting more even. Now, 3 clubs represent 38% of votes and top 5 clubs, 54% out of 19 VBA clubs.This will make voting more fair for the smaller clubs.

VBA 2012 Fall 3-D Classic



2012 Fall 3-D Classic State Champions



2012 Fall 3-D Classic Winners

VBA Fall 3D Classic 2012

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	12s	Score	12s	Score	12s
SC	Oksana Turski	AFBHFS/R	206	1	204	3	410	4
2nd	Shirley Hickerson	AFBHFS/R	102	0	159	1	261	1
	Diana Thomasson-Inc	AFBHFS/R	200	2	0	0	200	2
SC	Sarha Ingram	AFFS/R	223	7	223	3	446	10
SC	Cay McManus	AFTRAD	198	3	199	0	397	3
2nd	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	115	1	153	0	268	1
3rd	Tracy Self	AFTRAD	99	0	89	0	188	0
	Lucinda McDaniel	AFTRAD	56	0	30	0	86	0
SC	Bryan Poovey	AMBHFS/R	240	3	246	7	486	10
2nd	Brad Baker	AMBHFS/R	239	6	241	5	480	11
3rd	Nathan Wolfe	AMBHFS/R	222	4	235	6	457	10
	James Leech	AMBHFS/R	227	4	216	3	454	7
	Jon Robertson	AMBHFS/R	233	4	216	3	449	7
	Ross Robertson-Inc	AMBHFS/R	0	0	205	4	205	4
	John Gordon-Inc	AMBHFS/R	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Andy William	AMFS/R	269	13	262	11	531	24
2nd	Charles Ingram, Jr.	AMFS/R	268	11	257	11	525	22
3rd	David Morris	AMFS/R	250	4	260	8	510	12
	Harold Thomas, Jr.	AMFS/R	202	2	207	3	409	5
	Jeff Howell-Inc	AMFS/R	214	2	0	0	214	2
SC	Greg Szentkiraly	AMTRAD	206	5	188	1	394	6
2nd	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	165	0	181	2	346	2
3rd	Brooks S. McDaniel	AMTRAD	142	0	143	1	285	1
	Joe McManus	AMTRAD	119	0	148	0	267	0
	John Boyd	AMTRAD	97	0	164	0	261	0
	Carl Parsons-Inc	AMTRAD	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Ethan Mullins	CMBB	120	1	147	0	267	1
SC	Mathwew Hickerson	CMBHFS/R	130	0	132	0	262	0
	Ellis Mellott-Inc	MSMBHFS/R	155	0	0	0	155	0
SC	Fred Switzer	MSMFS/R	210	3	227	0	437	3
	Tommy Wilhelm-Inc	MSMFS/R	155	0	0	0	155	0
SC	Michael Hand	MSMTRAD	188	4	161	1	349	5
2nd	A. L. Self	MSMTRAD	135	0	156	2	291	2
SC	Donald Hickerson	SMBHFS/R	210	3	195	3	405	6
SC	Roger Goff	SMFS/R	236	5	229	3	465	8
SC	E. Roy Forehand	SMTRAD	176	0	170	0	346	0
2nd	Terry Coghill	SMTRAD	131	2	166	1	297	3
SC	Donald Hickerson, Jr.	YAMBHFS/R	228	2	239	5	467	7
SC	Cory Mullins	YFBHFS/R	178	2	177	2	355	4

State 3-D Fall Classic Records 1993 -2011

Style	Name	Year	1 st Day	2 nd Day	Aggre.
AMFS/R	Roy Strong	1996	274	274	548
AFFS/R	Karin Eppard	2010	274	267	541
AMFS/F	Michael Smith	2001	244	246	490
AMBHFS/R	Robbie Moore	2002	266	259	525
AFBHFS/R	Kay Core	2007	250	243	493
AMBHFS/F	Les Goss	1999	227	221	448
AFBHFS/F	Darlene Frye	1993			324
AMBB/BH	Chris Willard	2010	260	252	512
AFBB/BH	Cay McManus	1997			441
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2010	262	248	510
AFTRAD	Jennifer Stoner	2011	225	196	421
YAMFS/R	Denver Nail	1995	231	246	477
YAFFS/R	Lindsay Lavenhar	2004	216	209	425
YAMFS/F	Patrick Vogel	2003	165	169	334
YAMBHFS/R	Travis Dillon	2008	195	233	428
YAFBHFS/R	Jessica Callison	1995	218	226	444
YAMBHFS/F	Donald Hickerson, Jr.	2012	228	239	467
YAFBHFS/F	Jennifer Link	2000			139
YAMTRAD	Patrick Vogel	2005	161	188	349
YAFTRAD	Nickole Ernst	2000			124
YMFS/R	Chad Detwiler	1999	284	278	562
YMBHFS/R	Hunter Carper	2010	262	266	528
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2011	181	186	367
YMBHFS/F	Matthew Dobbins	2005	147	184	331
YMBB/BH	Zach Ramos	2003	148	81	229
YFBB/BH	Sara Lavenhar	2005	147	145	292
YMTRAD	Sean Ernst	1998	139	133	272
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	198	216	414
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2004	138	120	258
CMBHFS/R	Joshua Bowers	2001	221	222	443
CFBHFS/R	Chelsea Kinley	2002	181	190	371
CMBHFS/F	Hunter Davis	2007	260	224	484
CFBHFS/F	Cheyenne Humphrey	2005	59	131	190
CMBB/BH	Ethan Mullins	2012	120	147	267
CFBB/BH	Nichole Willard	2010	58	55	113
CMTRAD	Justin Ernst	1998	112	174	208
MSMFS/R	Fred Switzer	2012	210	227	437
MSMTRAD	Michael Hand, Jr.	2012	188	161	349
PWMBHFS/R	Trystan Johnson	2003	190	196	386
PWFBHFS/F	Caitlin Willard	2010	112	107	219
PWMBB/BH	Joshua Meadows	2001	224	228	452
PWFBB/BH	Nichole Willard	2008	85	142	227
PWMTRAD	Ben Torres	2008	192	202	394
SMFS/R	Danny Alger	2010	259	260	519
SMBHFS/R	John Hoffman	2010	216	218	434
SMBHFS/F	Dallas Hoover	2010	214	192	406
SMTRAD	Garry Halim	2011	167	201	368

Note: Dallas Hoover, SMBHFS/F was reinstated due to an error in 2010 with John Hoffman who shoots SMBHFS and not SMBHFS/F.

NFAA Master Coach Course Was Held In VA

Two Virginia NFAA Master Coaches – Paul Vogel and Jerry Wenzel, along with nationally known Master Coach Bernie Pellerite and his wife, Jan – presented a successful Master Coach course to 13 new Master Coaches at the end of August. The Master Coach is the highest Instructor / Coach certification offered by NFAA. It is designed to prepare coaches to work with and improve archers of all levels, including elite archers who want to go that last step to excellence. It also prepares the new Master Coaches to present the NFAA Advanced Certified Instructor (ACI) certification course.

The NFAA Instructor/Coach certification is four tiered, that is it has four levels of certification. The first two levels, Basic and Intermediate are universal – they are recognized by both NFAA and USA Archery. The Basic Instructor course is designed to prepare camp counselors and youth group leaders to present safe and effective archery training to youth and beginners. Obviously, the course places emphasis on safety and basic archery form. Some camp counselors may not even have shot a bow before the course, and some are surprised that they must meet the instructor's criteria for safety, shooting a bow, correctly teaching how to shoot a bow and pass a written exam. Those teaching the Basic course work to prepare the new Basic Instructors to maintain safe training and start the youth off right. Basic Instructors are not required to belong to either NFAA or USAA.

The Intermediate course is designed to prepare an archer with some shooting experience to present archery training from beginning to intermediate levels, and to present the Basic Instructor course. The Intermediate course is most often presented to camp and youth group leaders who have archery experience and are in the position of preparing and certifying Basic Instructors for their programs. This course has also been presented to archery club members who want certification to support their club's training outreach or youth programs. Intermediate Instructors must belong to either the NFAA or USAA to receive certification.

The Advanced Certified Instructor (ACI) course is the third level in the NFAA Instructor/Coach program. The course requirements include archery experience, partly because the material presented is not well understood by someone who has not experienced the rigors of competitive archery. The course is designed to present the knowledge and skills to understand, teach and correct advanced archery form, and to understand and teach the mental/emotional game of archery, including the dreaded topic of target panic. Some of the material on the mental game and target panic was truly ground breaking when the course was upgraded by Bernie Pellerite in the early 90s. Advance Certified Instructors must belong to the NFAA to maintain certification. This level is not a universal level recognized by USAA; however, it is known to USAA as the third level in our program.

The Master Coach level is the highest certification in the NFAA program. As a result, it has usually been presented by a team of Master Coaches, sometimes with an outside industry expert supporting the training. The goal being to present the knowledge and skills with a broad range of viewpoints and experience. Emphasis is placed on in-depth understanding of the fine points of both physical form and the mental/emotional game. The art and science of coaching, and the coaches relationship with his or her athletes, is also studied.

Master Coaches represent the NFAA and its training program at the elite level – we are proud of them and expect a lot from them. We appreciate the effort put forth by these 13 new Master Coaches and look forward to their contribution to good archery in the future.



Instructors and new coaches from left to right: Bernie Pellerite, Richard Danyliw, Jan Pellerite, Tim Sconce, Sandi Sconce, Kevin O'Shea, Jenifer Stoner, John Kristoff, Kevin Brown, Leng Morris, Rick Atchison, Robin Vogel, John Wert, Jarrett Frame, Jerry Wenzel, Troy Stoner and Paul Vogel.

2012 VBA State Closed



2012 State Closed Champions



2012 State Closed Overall Winners

VBA STATE CLOSED 2012

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Hunter/Animal Round		Total	
				Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
SC	Jennifer Stoner	AFTRAD	AA	471	17	507	8	978	25
2nd	Cay McManus	AFTRAD	AA	361	2	414	2	775	4
3rd	Charlene Hicks	AFTRAD	AA	358	4	384	2	742	6
	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	C	350	2	348	4	698	6
SC	John Mason	AMBB	AA	466	10	513	4	979	14
2nd	Howard Faris	AMBB	AA	460	8	441	0	901	8
SC	Andy Stonesifier	AMBHFS/R	AA	536	50	551	19	1087	69
2nd	R. Vance Stallard	AMBHFS/R	AA	534	46	553	18	1087	64
3rd	Vance Cave	AMBHFS/R	AA	531	38	544	16	1075	54
	Brien Benson-Inc	AMBHFS/R	AA	497	21	0	0	497	21
1st	Ray Miller	AMBHFS/R	A	520	46	541	18	1061	64
2nd	Randy McAvoy	AMBHFS/R	A	503	27	542	15	1045	42
3rd	R. Clint Miller	AMBHFS/R	A	497	28	537	14	1034	42
SC	Brien Eno	AMFS/R	AA	543	56	561	35	1104	91
2nd	William Hamlin	AMFS/R	AA	544	50	555	27	1099	77
3rd	Allen Painter	AMFS/R	AA	543	47	551	26	1094	73
	Hunter Wheelbarger	AMFS/R	AA	537	47	553	12	1090	59
	Daryl McKenzie	AMFS/R	AA	537	59	551	30	1088	89
	Josh Painter	AMFS/R	AA	529	45	551	24	1080	69
	Cody Wheelbarger	AMFS/R	AA	524	40	543	20	1067	60
	Terry Ballowe	AMFS/R	AA	521	36	538	12	1059	48
	Leonard Biller	AMFS/R	AA	494	18	511	7	1005	25
	Steven Stark-Inc	AMFS/R	AA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Michael Light	AMTRAD	AA	409	6	357	2	766	8
2nd	Troy Stoner	AMTRAD	AA	265	1	394	2	659	3
3rd	Jeff McManus	AMTRAD	AA	180	1	166	0	346	1
1st	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	C	180	0	345	2	525	2
SC	Ethan Mullins	CMBB		368	7	370	0	738	7
SC	Dennis Cline	MSMBB	AA	483	21	516	8	999	29
SC	Ted Lytton	MSMFS/R		514	22	543	17	1057	39
SC	Michael Hand, Sr.	MSMTRAD		226	3	244	0	470	3
SC	Bill Keen	SMBB		445	11	452	5	897	16
SC	Jim Little	SMBHFS/F		464	13	503	5	967	18
SC	Ronnie Benson	SMBHFS/R		506	26	536	16	1041	42
2nd	Harry Kibler	SMBHFS/R		489	21	526	10	1015	31
3rd	Butch Grim	SMBHFS/R		475	18	513	8	988	26
	Dwight Gammon-Inc	SMBHFS/R		403	5	0	0	403	5
SC	Danny Alger	SMFS/R		524	45	554	22	1078	67
2nd	Darrell Wyant	SMFS/R		526	41	550	22	1076	63
3rd	Webb Babcock	SMFS/R		524	37	552	21	1076	58
	Tom Gallaher	SMFS/R		509	33	542	17	1051	50
	Harold Thomas, Jr.	SMFS/R		491	18	502	8	993	26
SC	Darrell Brooks	SMTRAD		172	1	200	1	372	2
	Joseph Dawkins-Inc	YAMBHFS/R		483	23			483	23
SC	Cory Lynn Mullins	YFBHFS/R		439	5	496	4	935	9
Guest	Steve Woodson-Inc	GAMBHFS/R		0	0	0	0	0	0
Guest	Tony Jacobs-Inc	GAMFS/R		0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tony Tidwell	GSMFS/R		496	22	520	7	1016	29
	Roger Grabel	GSMFS/R		471	22	518	3	989	25
Guest	Cris Canter-Inc	GSMFS/R		525	42			525	42

VBA State Closed Records

5/4/3 targets used since 1978

1992 – only score posted was 28 Field

1993 -only scores posted were 28 F & 28 H.

1999-First day called because of storm. (NORVA)

**Beginning in 2008, Records reflect 28 F, 14 H & 14 A w/SPOTS until the format changes.

Records not using spots on animal targets.

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
AMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr.	2009/11	552	566		1118
	Darryl Diehl	2004	552	564		1116# ^{Tied Yrs}
AFFS/R	Ginger Hamlin	2008	518	265	283	1066**
	Scarlet Rucker	1990				1062#
AMFS/F	N/A	2008				
	Ronnie Lewis	1990				1054#Tie
	Ronnie Lewis	1988				1054#Tie
AFFS/F	N/A	2008				
	Debra Barker	1990				1035#
AMBHFS/R	Jeremy Dean	2011	548	287	273	1108
	Tim Ewers	2008	539	273	286	1098 **
	Andy Stonesifer	2005				1102# tie
	Darryl Diehl	1998	551	551		1102# tie
AFBHFS/R	Joyce Cameron	2009	434	480		917**
	Stacy Pruitt	2004	527	548		1075#
AMBHFS/F	Randy Hoover	2008	490	252	286	1028**
	Danny Alger	1987	517	534		1051#
AFBHFS/F	Irene Stocksedale	1995				960#
AMBB	Rick Stark	2008	510	255	280	1045**
	Denny Cline	1983	521	528		1049#
AFBB	Cay McManus	2008	481	246	269	996**
	Cay McManus	1996	495	532		1027#
AMBH	Howard Faris	2009	453	511		964**
	John Mason	1998	493	529		1022#
AFBH	Gloria Smith	1988	463	506		969#
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2008	439	215	252	906**
	George Dalton	2006	402	419		821#
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2012	471	245	262	978
	Debbie Woofter	2003	199	282		481#
YAMFS/R	Brandon Armstrong	2008	540	272	286	1098**
YAFFS/R	Denya Pecora	1995				1009#
YAMFS/F	James Moore, Jr	1988	494	524		1016#
YAFFS/F	Angela Gordon	1982	363	364		727#
YAMBHFS/R	Travis Dillon	2008	524	261	281	1066**
	Nathan Kline	2003	505	535		1040#
YAMBHFS/F	John Coggin	1991				1004#
YAFBHFS/F	Kimberly Dobbins	2004	238	342		580#
YAMBB	Todd Davis	1982	417	450		867#
YAFBB	Vickie Younger	1990				547#
YAMBH	Donald Tynes	1990				970#
YAMTRAD	Zach Stoner	2011	150	155	143	448
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	536	553		1089**
	Steven Stark	1998	522	545		1067#
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1991				1046

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
YMFS/F	Keith Faris	1982	513	521		1034#
YFFS/F	Sara Lavenhar	2006	277	301		578#
YMBHFS/R	Jake Dean	2009	501	532		1033**
	Nathan Kline	2002	473	507		980#
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2012	439	230	266	935
	Denya Pecora	1994				843#
YMBHFS/F	Nick Willard	1994				810#
YFBHFS/F	Shaie Hofmann	1991				685#
YMBB	Tad Davis	1981				973#
YFBB	Angela Gordon	1980	137	226		363#
YMBH	Matthew Hiedlebaugh	1990				866#
YMTRAD	Sean Ernst	1998	152	167		319#
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2008	549	271	289	1109**
	Stephen Lowe, Jr	1994				1100#
CFFS/R	Amy Withers	1988	500	519		1019#
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	479	517		996**
	Kurtis Russell	1983				991#
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2005				913#
CMBHFS/R	Dakota Cash	2009	484	522		1006**
	Lee Short	1994				993#
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	511	245	281	1037**
	Lyndsie Dore	1991				988#
CMBHF/F	Benjamin Torres	2009	157	111		268**
	Tad Hartsel	1990				1031#
CFBHFS/F	Beth Pecora	1995				998#
CMBB	Dewey Cash	2009	353	392		745**
	Bryan Lester	1980	465	481		946#
CFBB	Hope Wymer	2006	409	358		767#
CMBH	NAnthony Shifflett	1989				1016#
CFBH	Denya Pecora	1989				797#
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2008	268	135	196	599**
	Kristofer Black	2005				529#
PWMTRAD	Ethan Mullins	2010	318	356		674**
SMFS/R	Thomas Gallaher	2009	541	566		1097**
	Lucian Butler	1991				1104#
SFFS/R	Mary Wenzel	2009	487	516		1003**
	Christine Cable	1991				532#
SMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2011	445	275	235	955
	Richard Merkel	1996	491	516		1007#
SMBHFS/R	Billy Burkholder	2009	523	546		1069**
	Webb Babcock	2007	516	260	283	1059#
SMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2011	484	280	239	1003
	Dallas Hoover	2010	463	530		993**
	Richard Merkel	1995				1084#
SFBHFS/F	Jane Mabe	1991				855#
SMBB	Dennis Cline	2011	479	280	234	993
	Bill Keen	2008	465	233	265	963**
	Larrie Emerson	1996	456	508		964#
SMBH	Howard Faris	2005				981#
SMTRAD	Grant Patton	2008	300	171	212	683**
	Bob Baublitz	2005				912#
MSMTRAD	Michael Hand, Sr.	2012	226	106	138	470
MSMBB	Dennis Cline	2012	483	247	269	999
MSMFS/R	Ted Lyfton	2012	514	265	278	1057

Note: Bradley Baker, Jr. broke his ties in both 2009 & 2011

2012 Virginia Deer Season Forecast



2011 Virginia Deer Season Review

During the past deer season, 233,104 deer were reported killed by hunters in Virginia (Figure 1). This total included 98,874 antlered bucks, 21,008 button bucks, and 113,106 does (48.5%) and 116 deer whose sex and age was unknown. The 2011 deer kill total was higher (up 5%) than the 222,074 deer reported killed in 2010. It was in line with the last 10 year average of 230,850.

Deer kill levels were down slightly in Tidewater (down 2%), but were up in all other regions including the Southern Piedmont (up 7%), Northern Piedmont (up 8%), Southern Mountains (up 13%) and Northern Mountains (up 3%).

Archers, not including crossbow hunters, killed 17,338 deer. The bow kill comprised 7% of the total deer kill. Crossbows resulted in a deer kill of 11,001 deer or 5% of the

total deer kill. Muzzleloader hunters killed 55,420 deer or 24% of the total deer kill. Over 167,500 deer (72%) were checked using the Department's telephone and Internet checking systems. The youth deer hunting day on the last Saturday in September resulted in a reported deer kill of 1,864 animals.

Deer hunters who would like to know the current and historical deer kill data for their specific county or region can find the data on the Department's Website at www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/va_game_wildlife/deer_harvest.asp.

The Department changes deer regulations every other year and just did so effective last fall. There are no major changes for fall 2012 other than the fact that several new areas have been added to the special urban archery season(s). See the new hunting digest for details.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Update

Statewide CWD surveillance of approximately 1,000 hunter and road killed deer from every county in Virginia conducted last fall (2011) did not find CWD in Virginia. Statewide surveillance programs were also conducted in fall 2002 and fall 2007, and in both cases, CWD was not detected.

However, continued mandatory sampling in the CWD Containment Area in designated portions of Frederick and Shenandoah counties detected two new CWD deer in western Frederick County in fall 2011. This brings the Virginia total to four CWD deer since fall 2009. The good news, if there can be good CWD news, is that both these animals were found very near the previous two positive Virginia animals along the Virginia-West Virginia border. West Virginia has found ~110 CWD

deer in West Virginia, mostly in and around Slanesville, WV (just over 20 miles west of Winchester, VA) since 2005.

As in past years, the Department's CWD surveillance efforts will be focused in western Frederick and northwestern Shenandoah counties in fall 2012. Once again there will be three mandatory CWD sampling days within the CWD containment area.

Lastly, the Department will continue to conduct "targeted" CWD surveillance for the rest of the state and advises all hunters and the general public to continue to help in the identification and testing of "target" animals. CWD "target" or suspect animals are defined as deer or elk 16 months of age or older that are emaciated and/or show some combination of signs, including abnormal behavior, increased salivation, tremors, stumbling, uncoordination, difficulty swallowing, excessive thirst, and excessive urination. A simple definition is an adult deer or elk that looks like it is starving

and appears to have neurological disorders.

What should you do if you see a CWD target deer? First, do not attempt to contact, disturb, kill, or remove the animal. You should accurately document the location of the animal and immediately contact the VDGI at 1-804-367-1258 or the nearest Department office. Arrangements will be made to investigate the report.

Please check the Department's Website (www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/cwd/) and/or the annual hunting digest for more CWD related information.

Hemorrhagic Disease (HD) Update

Early last fall (September 2011) we received numerous calls from landowners across Tidewater and the eastern/central Piedmont about dead and/or dying deer near water. On a couple of these individual properties, 10-20 deer were found dead from HD. It appeared as though fall 2011 might be a big HD year.

However, in retrospect, it was a relatively

quiet HD year again last fall for the fifth consecutive year. It was definitely not a major HD outbreak year. The bad news is that our deer herd is primed for a big HD year. If herd immunity is an important component in HD epidemiology, Virginia's deer herd HD immunity level is probably very low.

Several years ago, DGIF staff developed an HD model which indicated that the severity of HD outbreaks in eastern Virginia can be predicted by climate data. Simply put, above average temperatures, including mild winters, combined with a June drought appear to be predictors of HD outbreaks in eastern Virginia. As I sit writing this article in mid May of 2012, we did not have a normal winter in 2012. Luckily we seem to be getting fairly normal rainfall levels so far. For more information about HD, visit www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/bd.asp.

Tidewater Forecast

The Tidewater deer kill was down just

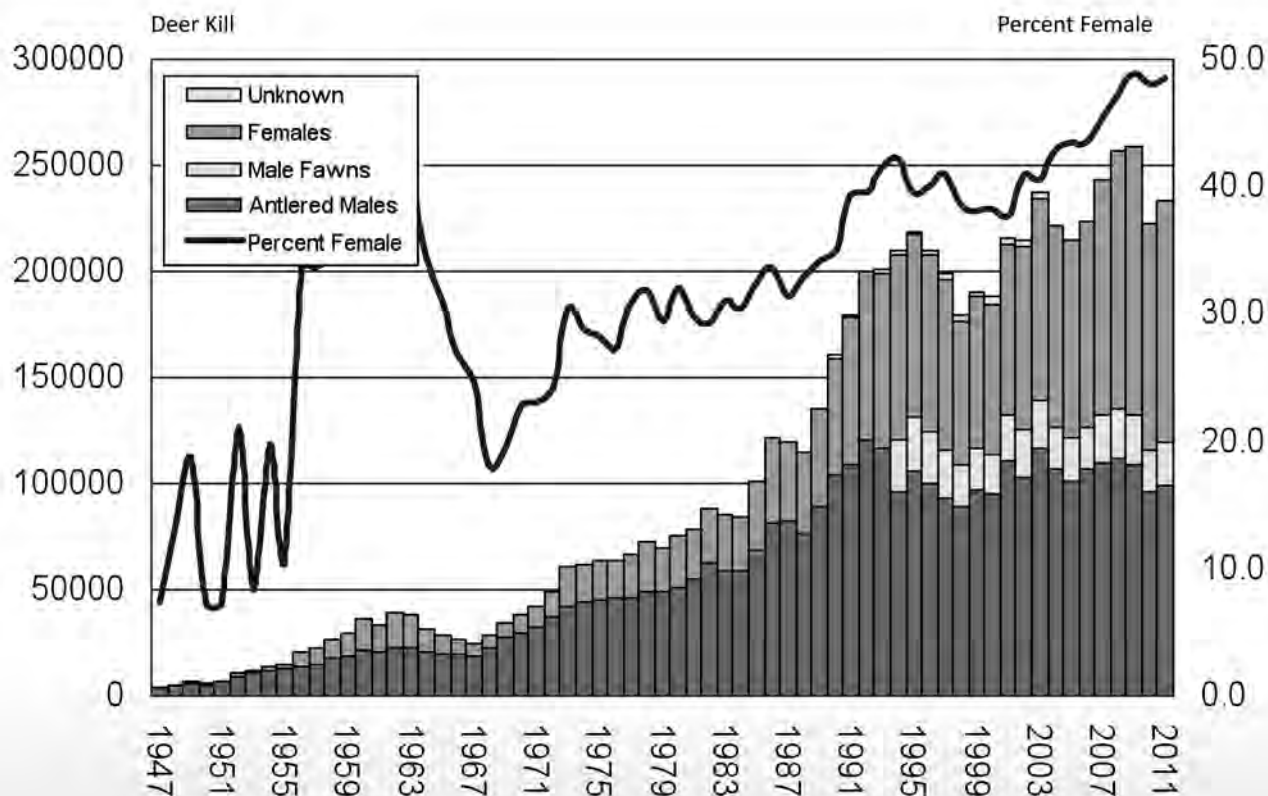


Figure 1. Virginia deer kill 1947-present

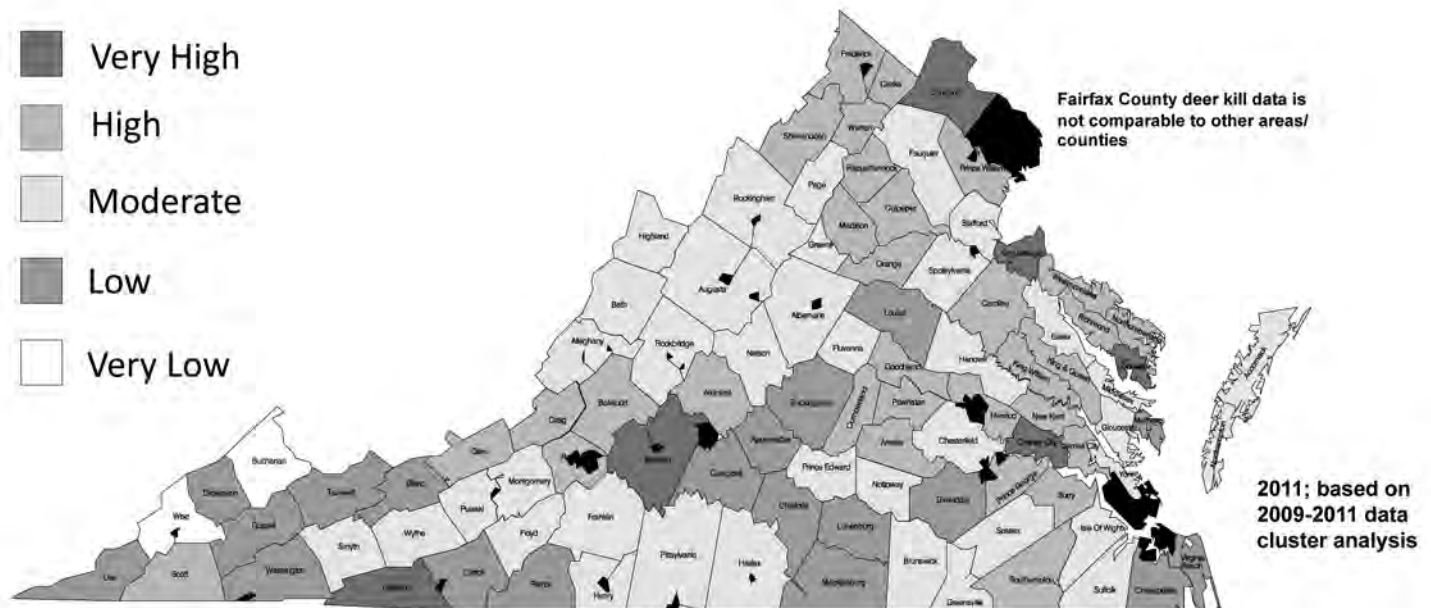


Figure 2. 2011 private land relative deer population abundance by management unit.
Index is based on a 3-year average of antlered bucks killed per square mile of estimated deer habitat.

slightly (2%) from 2010. This is good news for a region where the Department has been trying to stabilize or reduce deer herds for the past decade. Over the past decade or more, most deer herds over much of the Tidewater region have demonstrated significant population increases. To address these increasing deer populations, the Department has now put in effect full season either-sex deer seasons in all but three Tidewater counties.

Biological data indicates that deer herd condition continues to be fair to good. As has been the case in the past, deer crop damage and deer vehicle collisions remain major deer management concerns in this region. In response to high and increased female deer kill levels, Tidewater deer populations and deer kill levels should begin to decline in the future. As is usual in this region, HD may play a major role.

Northern Piedmont Forecast

The Northern Piedmont deer kill was up 8% last fall. Like Tidewater, several counties in the Northern Piedmont had demonstrated significant deer population increases in the past, and just like increasing counties in Tidewater, these Northern Piedmont deer population increases have been addressed with significant liberalization of firearms

doe days. These regulation changes appear to be gaining traction.

Increased either-sex deer hunting opportunities and cheaper bonus deer permits should benefit the Northern Piedmont deer management situation. The deer kill will hopefully be stable or down in 2012. Biological condition data indicates that overall deer herd quality in the Northern Piedmont is good. Deer vehicle collisions and urban deer issues remain a major deer management concern in this area.

Southern Piedmont Forecast

Over the past 20 years, this region has evolved into two distinct deer management areas: The South-Central Piedmont and the Southwestern Piedmont. The Southern Piedmont deer kill was up 7% from 2010.

South-Central Piedmont. Not surprisingly, most of these counties have demonstrated a significantly increasing population in the past in response to fairly conservative regulations enacted over a decade ago. Deer kill numbers in this area should be stable, but a slight increase or decrease would not be unexpected. Like Tidewater, HD could play a major role in this area.

Southwestern Piedmont. The deer management situation in the Southwestern Piedmont has not been good, and liberal

regulations that have been in place for over a decade have failed to control or reduce deer herds with the notable exception of Patrick County. Hopefully, the deer kill in the southwestern Piedmont will be stable or down in fall 2012. Biological condition data indicates that overall deer herd quality in the southwestern Piedmont is good. HD does not typically play a major role in this area.

Mountain

The biggest challenge in deer management in Virginia over the past decade in western Virginia has been the decline in deer hunting and the deer kill on the public lands in the mountains. Since the mid 1990's there has been an approximate 60% decline in the deer kill on public lands west of the Blue Ridge.

Staff believes there are a number of factors involved in this decline including, but not limited to: Declining deer habitat quality on the national forest lands, significantly declining public land hunter numbers/pressure (down ~40% since the mid 1990's), predators, and liberal either-sex deer hunting day regulations enacted on adjacent private lands over the past decade. An additional issue identified by concerned public land deer hunters is a potential over harvest of antlerless deer on these public lands.

The potential over-harvest of antlerless

deer on these public lands is an issue that has already been addressed by significantly reducing the number of public land either-sex deer hunting days. The objective of these reductions was to cut the female deer kill level on these public lands by 50% or more, and these changes have been successful. Doe kill numbers and levels on public lands in many western counties are the lowest in decades.

The good news is that the public land deer herd decline has apparently bottomed out. It remains to be seen, however, if management changes will be successful in bringing back the public land deer herd(s).

Summary

The best way to compare deer populations and deer hunting potential among and between areas is based on the deer kill per square mile of habitat. Figure 2 shows the relative differences among counties in the kill per square mile of deer (antlered bucks) on private land based on an average over the past three hunting seasons. This map also indicates the relative densities of deer on private lands among counties across Virginia. This is the map of where the deer are in Virginia.

The winter of 2012, or lack of a winter in 2012, deserves special mention and should bode well for deer condition this coming year. As noted earlier, it may bode poorly for HD activity. Under normal conditions, at some point during winter, because of the cold weather and snow, most deer will begin to burn more calories than they are taking in and begin to operate at an energy deficit. They will begin burning their fat reserves. It is not unusual for deer to lose a significant amount of their body weight during winter. This did not happen in Virginia during the winter of 2012! Virginia's deer herd should have come out of the winter of 2012 in better than average condition. This should carry over to fall 2012.

What the Department has been trying to do with its deer management efforts over the past five to ten years has been to increase the female deer kill over most of the state, especially on private lands. These efforts have been very successful (see Figure 1). Nearly all of the increase in the deer kill that has taken place over the past five or so years has been an increased kill of antlerless deer.

These high and sustained female deer kill levels were specifically designed to eventually lead to a decrease in the statewide deer herd

and a decline in total deer kill numbers. With the exception of the three counties in the Cumberland Plateau (Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise), the three counties in the Alleghany Highlands (Alleghany, Bath, and Highland) and on public lands west of the Blue Ridge, the Department is not trying to increase or grow Virginia's deer herd. Over a good part of the state, the Department is trying to stabilize deer herds, and over another large part it is trying to reduce deer herds. If these deer population management objectives are met in the future, over time the total statewide deer kill will be going down, not up. Thank you, support the Virginia Hunters for the Hungry program, and, most importantly, be safe.

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WINNIE AND WALLY'S RECIPE FOR BARBECUE DEER MEATLOAF

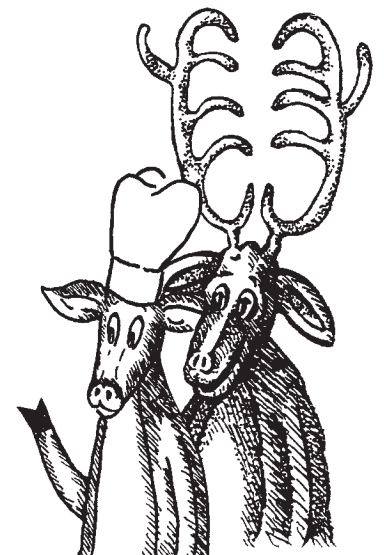
Meatloaf:

- 1Lb deer burger
- 1 egg
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1cup of bread crumbs
- ½ cup catsup or tomato sauce
- Mix well and shape into loaf

Barbecue Sauce :

- 1 cup of catsup or tomato sauce
- ½ cup Worcestershire sauce,
- 1 TBSP vinegar,
- 1 TBSP brown sugar
- Mix until sugar is dissolved. Pour over meatloaf.

Cover and bake in a preheated 400 degree oven for 1 hour or until done.



Whitetail Biology

Fall = Life in a Rut

essay by Matt Knox

This is part one in a series about white-tailed deer biology and how deer behavior and diet change throughout the seasons.

Everyday deer life and social interactions in the fall are dominated by the breeding season, or what deer hunters commonly call the rut. By the time the leaves begin to turn color and temperatures begin to moderate in mid- to late September, bucks start to look and act differently. This change in appearance and behavior is controlled by declining day length, or photo-period. In response to shorter days, velvet sheds from the buck's antlers and breeding season officially begins. Life in the whitetail world is about to get a little crazy.

Bucks that idly spent the summer enjoying the company of other males now become loners and view each other as competitors and adversaries. The first four to six weeks of

the breeding season is spent determining their social hierarchy. To determine pecking order, bucks spar with each other. These encounters are not true fights but more like antler "shoving matches," allowing each buck to assess the strength of the other.

The day the velvet is shed, a buck will begin rubbing his antlers against shrubs and trees, making a "rub" that serves as a visual advertisement with a hidden chemical message. Typically placed in high-traffic areas, a buck rub announces his presence to the does in the area, and the chemical clues left on the rub serve to bring the does into and synchronize estrus. Smell, or scent communication, is a very important component of deer life, especially during the fall. Buck rubbing typically peaks in late September/early October but continues at some lower level until the antlers are shed in winter.

Courtship typically begins in mid- to late October, several weeks prior to actual breeding. During the early part of this

courtship phase, bucks chase does in a characteristic head down posture, following the doe's scent and making a clearly audible grunt call—often trailing far behind the retreating female. Does are often chased by several bucks at the same time. Later, at closer range, the buck will often make a distinctive head down sprint toward the doe. During courtship, social hierarchy becomes very evident and aggressive interactions between bucks are common. The vast majority of these encounters end with one buck backing down. If the bucks are evenly matched and one of the bucks does not back down, a fight ensues.

During courtship, bucks make a second type of unique signpost called a scrape. Scrapes are one of the more unusual behaviors exhibited by male whitetails during the rut and ultimately result in a pawed area in the ground. To start a scrape, a buck will approach trees with a limb or branch hanging at or just above deer head height. The buck will



lick and rub the branch about his head for up to a minute. After marking the branch, he will vigorously paw a depression in the ground under the branch, using his front legs to clear it to bare earth. Lastly, he may perform what is called a rub urination. He will stand in the scrape, rubbing the inside of his back legs together at the tarsal glands while he urinates upon them. Unlike rubs, which peak early in the rut, scrapes typically appear during the courtship phase of the rut just prior to breeding.

As October comes to an end, the breeding and tending phase of the rut will begin. The peak of breeding in Virginia typically occurs in mid-November or just a little earlier. As a doe comes into estrus, she will let the dominant chasing buck approach to closer and closer distances; finally, she will stand for breeding. Does are in estrus for about 24 hours, and if they fail to conceive, will cycle again in about 28 days. After they have bred, the buck will “tend” or follow the doe, protecting her from other suitors for a period of time ranging from a couple of hours to a day or more. By late November/early December the rut is mostly over, and deer life begins to return to normal.

The basic family unit in deer society is a doe group consisting of a dominant doe, her female offspring, and all of their fawns. These doe family groups are directly related and may number from a couple of animals to a dozen or more. During the rut, doe family groups make one substantial change. At 1½ years of age when they grow their first set of antlers, male offspring are driven out of the family group and often disperse far away from their natal range. It is hypothesized that this male dispersal reduces the chances of interbreeding.

At the peak of the rut, doe family life is disrupted by the advances of the males for a couple of weeks or so. But after the does are bred, their family life quickly returns to normal.

“Normal” in the fall means finding food. During this season, a deer’s metabolism converts from growing (summer) to putting on fat, and if acorns are available, they will be the most important food item—especially those of the white oak. Putting on fat will help the whitetail survive the coming winter.

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VBA membership is required for awards. VBA Rules Followed 300 round each day
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APPLIES:

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SENIOR _____ MASTER SENIOR _____ BIRTH DATE FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS, CUB, PEEWEE:

SEX: MALE _____ FEMALE _____ SATURDAY ROUND #: _____

SUNDAY TO BE DETERMINED BY SATURDAY SCORES

STYLE: FS/R _____ FS/F _____ BB _____ BH _____ BHFS/R _____ BHFS/F _____ TRAD _____

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3rd 3-6:00

All rounds 1 hour earlier on Sun.

Shooting fee is \$20 per person and \$40 for family of 3 or more.

Must be a VBA member and shoot 2 rounds for awards.

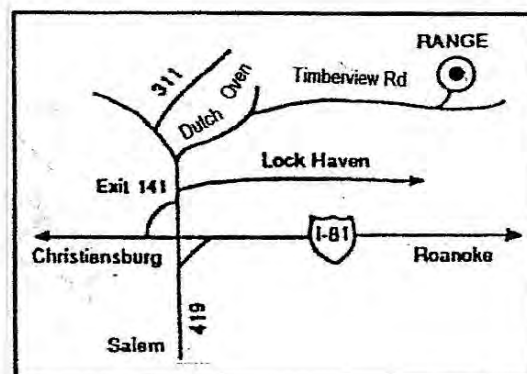
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Registration for VBA State Indoor Championship

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Name _____ VBA # _____

Phone _____ 2nd Phone _____

Your Home Club _____

Circle those that apply

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Master Sr. Guest

Gender: M F **Style:** FS/R FS/F BHFS/R BHFS/F BH BB TRAD

Round Preference: 1st 2nd 3rd **Do you want a different 2nd day round?** _____



APPLICATION FOR VBA INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Robin Hood Any VBA member that telescopes an arrow in the highest scoring area on the target. (3-D targets and Maple Leaf Animals, the arrow would only need to be in the kill area). The Robin Hood must be shot at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

500 Pin Any VBA member that scores 500 or better at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a field, hunter or field/hunter combination round. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the Executive State Secretary.

Perfect Animal Any VBA member that shoots a 20 or higher on each of the 14 unit animal targets for a total score or 280 or more. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a VBA approved range at a sanctioned VBA shoot. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

Name: _____ VBA Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ E-mail: _____

VBA Tournament: _____ Date: _____

Award Applying for: (please circle below)

Robin Hood Pin | 500 Pin | Perfect Animal Pin

Mail the application along with your witnessed score card and \$5.00 to:
Marie Bell, Executive State Secretary
1223 Jeanette Avenue,
Vinton, VA. 24179

Note: Please make your \$5.00 check payable to "VBA".



APPLICATION FOR VBA GAME AWARDS

VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Date: _____

I, _____, _____, _____
 (Print name as it appears on VBA card) (VBA Number) (Street Address)

_____, _____, hereby certify that I harvested a
 (City and State) (Zip Code)

_____, (Buck) (Doe) (Bear) (Turkey) this year and that I am a member of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc., and in good standing at that time. I hereby submit an application for one or more of the following VBA awards:

- ☐ Bill Bennett Award (bear, deer, turkey from any state) If first B.B. Award, check here ☐
- ☐ Largest VA Buck by Dressed Weight
- ☐ Largest VA Doe by Dressed Weight
- ☐ Best Rack Score (in the VA System)
- ☐ Largest VA Bear by Dressed Weight
- ☐ Largest VA Turkey by Live Weight
- ☐ Double Grand Slam for: VA. Bear, Deer, Turkey (circle 2) From Spring Turkey Season
- ☐ Triple Grand Slam for VA. Bear, Deer, and Turkey through Deer season, same year.

Pertinent information is provided below:

Signed: _____

VBA Club Affiliation: _____ State Game taken in _____

Date of Bow Harvest: _____ Big Game Tag Number: _____

Weight of Buck/Doe: _____ Weight of Bear/Turkey: _____

(Note: Provide copy of Check Station Transport form or other weight information)

Time of Day: _____ (a.m./ p.m.) Distance of Shot: _____

Type of bow: Compound _____ Recurve _____ Longbow _____ Other _____

Hunting method: Tree Stand _____ Ground Blind _____ Stalking _____ Other _____

Rack Score Using the Virginia System: _____

Name of Official Scorer (print): _____

(Note: Signed score sheet must accompany this application)

(If possible, include a picture with description of game harvested for publication in FLIGHT.)

Print Name and Signature of Witness: _____

(Person who saw game after it was harvested)

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HARVEST (BUT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1ST AFTER THE SEASON) TO: VBA EXECUTIVE STATE SECRETARY, MARIE BELL, 1223 JEANETTE AVENUE, VINTON, VA 24179.

Note: If possible, please include a picture of yourself with the game giving the name and description of game on back for identification. First, second and third place awards are available for each size category. The first Bill Bennett award is a Plaque and following awards are cast arrows.

2013 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

January 12-13 [meeting]
 March 23 [Banquet] -24 [Meeting]
 June 8-9 [Meeting]
 Sept 21 [scheduling session] - 22 [meeting]

Tournaments

Feb 23-24 State Indoor
 Kingsboro, Sherwood, Belvoir, Singers Glen
 April 20-21 VBA Spring 3-D Classic [Marked]
 Singers Glen
 May 25-26 VBA State Open
 Singers Glen
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 Northern Va.
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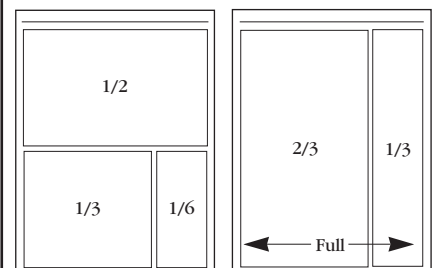
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