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YOUTH: Future of Bowhunting

Just a quick note to point up that VBA member Jeff Nathan, of McLean, Va. and a member of the Loudoun Bowhunters Archery Club took three deer with his bow in the fall of 1971 when he was eight years old.

His first, was a 102 no. white fallow deer taken in Penna. in Sept. On the opening day of the Virginia bow season, Jeff took a whitetailed doe deer on Presquile National Wildlife Refuge, being one of four bowhunters of 85 to score.

The following day, Jeff took his second whitetail in two days. However, the deer was hit by two other bowhunters before coming by Jeff's stand.

Under the Unwritten Law of the Bowhunter, Jeff gave the deer to the first bowhunter who had struck the deer with a non fatal skull shot with a light bow and dull broadhead. Jeff's shot was a throat and neck shot at about 8 yards, and his bow drove the Black Diamond broadhead thru the neck to the fletching. Both hunters wanted Jeff to take the deer, but his comment was "I don't want this deer, it's all shot up."

Recently an eleven year old hunter, Eric Patton of McLean Va. did almost the same thing, placing a Super "S" broadhead thru both lungs of a deer hit in the hip by another member of his party. After tracking the deer and spending an hour on hands and knees in a swamp, the other hunter claimed the deer, and Eric, being a

true sportsman, gave up his first deer. There is more to hunting than just "gettin a deer."

The Ishi Bowhunters of McLean has recognized Eric's sportsmanship and has honored him at a recent Club Game Feast with a Gold Trophy for the 1977 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD.

Other VBA members honored included Ken Sorrells for the 1977 Big Groundhog, Jeff Nathan for the biggest Doe - 126 no., and Dave Watson for the 1977 Outstanding Bowhunter Education Instructor Award. In short, VBA members did well during the Awards Ceremony, which included awards presented to Mr. Frank Everest, Commissioner of the Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries, who is also an avid bowhunter.

Congratulations to these young bowhunters. The future of bowhunting rests with our youth and how we develop them.

Tink Nathan
Loudoun Bowhunters
Archery Club

Get Well Soon, Nina

We all want to wish Nina Enders, our VBA Recording Secretary, a speedy recovery from her recent illness. We all hope you are back to normal real soon and shooting better than ever.

Whitetail Deer Food Preferences

Provided below are some statistics extracted from a study performed by the Wildlife Habitat Research Unit, Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Blacksburg, Virginia.

The study area covered seven Southeastern states including Virginia. During the study, the stomach contents of deer were analyzed to determine what foods were being eaten.

The study indicated that during the Fall season (in which Virginia bow season occurs) acorns were the most popular item in a deer's diet. Green leaves of woody plants were the second most sought after food. Overall, honeysuckle was the most popular green leaf. Mushrooms were the next most preferred food. Contrary to generally accepted beliefs, deer from Southeastern states consume very limited quantities of hard, woody browse.

The implications that the data have for the bowhunter are clear. Locate the preferred foods in a hunting area and you are likely to locate deer. Keep in mind the fact that food preferences change as the seasons change. For example, in the Spring when acorns are not plenti-

ful deer consume a much larger amount of green leaves. This is one reason it pays to scout for deer immediately prior to hunting season. The deer will often be feeding in locations different from those they frequented only weeks earlier.

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Lines from Loudoun Bowhunters

by Kathy Cissel

Our scheduled shoot on June 25th has been changed to casual registration from 10 am to 1:30 pm. June 24th is also a club shoot with casual registration, 10 am to 1:30 pm. A reminder to our club members that June 24th and 25th will be our club championship.

Our annual on August 12 and 13 will also be a Pro shoot. Come and camp for the weekend and dance to the music of "John Henry and the Steeldrivers" on Saturday night, August 12 from 9 to 1, all complimentary of LBAC.

We would like to invite everyone to our banquet on August 26th at the Quality Inn in Leesburg. It's \$25.00 a couple, \$13.00 per person, BYOB; dinner and dance and set-ups included.

6:30 - 7:30 cocktail hour
7:30 - 9:00 dinner & awards
9:00 - 1:30 dance to the music of "Hocus Pocus"

Anyone interested in attending the banquet should contact Kathy Cissel at 955-3872 or Linda Mock at 955-3258.

PERCENTAGE COMPARISONS OF FOOD CATEGORIES PREFERRED BY DEER IN FALL SEASON

Fruit (Primarily acorns)	Green Leaves	Dry Leaves	Succulent twigs and buds	Hardened twigs and buds	Fungi (Primarily mushrooms)	Forbs, grasses, sedges
Southern Appalachian Mountains						
54	16	6	2	1	8	13
Coastal Plain						
70	14	3	4	2	3	5
Piedmont						
33	34	7	10	3	5	9

Results of the 1978 Va. State Open

MEN - FS - PRO.		MEN - FS - B		MEN - BH - AA (cont.)		MEN - AMATEUR - FS - AA	
Jack Lancaster	550	Dennis Wheeler	495	Cletus Harrison	364	Raymond Stone	483
Ronald Lauhon	544	Lindsay Harwood	485	William Tayler	355		
Jack Cramer	544	Jim Caywood	484	Gary Sierk	353	YOUNG ADULT - FS - B - Boys	
Jack Cantwell	541					Randy Flinchum	501
Michael Gorge	540	WOMEN - FS - B		MEN - BH - C		YOUNG ADULT - BB - C-Boys	
		Suzanne Stutzman	357	Elmer Kyle	275		
WOMEN - FS - PRO.		Cindy Otis	348	MEN - RBH - Limited		Mike Johnson	156
Ann Boyd	507	MEN - FS - C		Webb Babcock	493	YOUTH - FS - A- Boys	
MEN - BH - PRO.		Gary Dickenson	448	Aaren Overstreet	478	Steven Thompson	536
Roger Firth	463	Gerald Deibert	433	A. L. Self	468	Timmy Overstreet	482
MEN - RBH - PRO.		Jack Upham	166	WOMEN - RBH - Limited		Bobby Daniels	418
		MEN - BB - AA		Darlene Frye	379	YOUTH - FS - B - Boys	
Roger Taylor	480	Russel Poe	484	WOMEN - BH - AA		Jackie Payne	343
MEN - FS - AA		Tony Pickett	479	Cay McManus	452	YOUTH - BB - B - Boys	
Ronald Billups	538	James Sorral	467	MEN - BH - A		Jeff Nathan	376
Tom Ott	536			Daniel Phillips	447	Michael Taylor	358
Larry Baker	534	WOMEN - BB - AA		David Heishman	445	Scott Fielding	219
WOMEN - FS - AA		Mary Pickett	399	Franklin Jones	410	CUB - FS - A- Boys	
Jean Miller	513	MEN - BB - A		WOMEN - BH - A		Robert Hall	495
Eula Hogge	507	Don Walker	436	Brenda Smith	236	Paul Watts	486
MEN - FS - A		Jim Gracn	402	MEN - BH - B		Brad Bright	483
		MEN - BB - B		MEN - RBH - UNLIMITED		CUB - FS - B - Boys	
Dan Miller	523	A. D. Rexrode	381	Luther Vinoski	494	Billy Athey	401
Michael Stutzman	523	Thomas Hutchens	376	Paul Crowley	493	CUB - FS - B - Girls	
Don Wheeler	521			Bill Hurley	492	Carol Harwood	206
WOMEN - FS - A		MEN - BH - AA					
Gerri Watts	481	Joseph McManus	447				
Pat Walker	478	Larry Thompson	446				
Ladonna Puffenbarger	473	Wayne Loveless	423				

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