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Marie Bell Receives the Order of the Golden Feather



Shannon Nesselrodt was the reciepent of the first VBA Triple Slam Award

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From the President

"The VBA doesn't support crossbows." I heard this statement recently and it took me by surprise. It simply isn't true. So I would like to take moment to explain the current policy your Delegates have approved and how we got there.

Several years ago the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) proposed legalizing crossbows in Virginia. The VBA Delegates at the time felt that crossbows, if made legal, should be offered as an option during the firearms season, rather than during the archery season. However, the VDGIF did approve their use during the state archery season. Initially they required anyone who wanted to use a crossbow to purchase a separate crossbow hunting stamp, in addition to an archery stamp. Because of this requirement, data was available to track the number of Bowhunters who purchased a crossbow stamp. Statistics provided by the VDGIF indicate that during the 2012 season there were 205,756 total resident hunting licenses sold in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Of those, 41,239 purchased resident Archery tags. Another 27,708 purchased resident Crossbow licenses. If you do the math, bowhunters using crossbows at that time equaled 67% of the number of bowhunters using vertical bows. While we have no way of capturing the number of Bowhunters using crossbows in Virginia today, that number is almost certainly significantly higher now.

It was clear at that time that crossbow users were growing fast in our State. This trend did not go unnoticed by the VDGIF, and beginning in 2013 they dropped the requirement to purchase a separate crossbow license, and crossbows became legal equipment to use by Bowhunters in Virginia who purchased an archery stamp. They have remained legal for bowhunting since.

The Delegates of the VBA took this opportunity to revisit our policy. It was clear that members of our clubs had legitimate concerns regarding the use of crossbows on their ranges. These included the concerns with: 1) The power of crossbows, and whether targets on the ranges would stop a bolt; 2) The overall safety of crossbows. It should be noted that at the time many crossbows – especially older models - did not have the extended forearm grip that keeps fingers away from the rail, preventing injury. Also, not all had incorporated a positive stop that would not allow a crossbow to be fired if a bolt is not fully seated on the sting – a feature that current crossbows have. 3) Insurance policies that clubs carry did not cover the use of crossbows on club property. Over a series of meetings, the delegates decided that each member club would decide on the use of crossbows on their ranges, and at their club shoots, depending on the views of their membership and ability of their targets to safely be shot using crossbows. It was established that crossbows would not be allowed at State Shoots, unless all of the clubs hosting permitted their use and your state Delegates vote to include them. But the Delegates also approved a shooting style guide, modeled after national archery organizations, that member clubs could use if they elected to allow the use of crossbows.

From the Executive Vice President

Spring has sprung, so they say. I just looked out the window and there's snow on the ground, not much, but it's white, and just the other day we had the yard mowed for the first time. But with the beginning of spring the shooting activities start up, indoor shoots are either done or soon will be and it is time to set your sights on shooting outdoors whether it be at paper, foam or turkeys. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to enjoy the spring.

I would like to thank Belvoir, Bow Hunters of Rockingham, Kingsboro and Sherwood for putting on a well-run and well-attended indoors and Spring Classic. I was not able to attend this year because of medical reasons but from what I have heard the arrows flew true and for the most part with good results. The VBA banquet was also held in Harrisonburg with emphasis on celebrating the VBA 75th anniversary. I would like to thank Jon Robertson, Marie Bell and everyone else who helped put the banquet together and say congratulations to all of the award winners.

Jon Robertson has decided to step down from his post as the VBA Hunting VP because of his work schedule. He will be missed, not only because of all the hard work he has put forthon the banquet and awards but also all the work he has done with the VGDIF. Jon made a lot of trips to Richmond to sit in on VGDIF meetings and present the VBA's view on proposed legislature.

One of the highest honors the VBA can bestow on a member is to be elected in to the Order of the Golden Feather, and this year I would like to say congratulations to Marie Bell on her selection into the Order. All your hard work at the club, region and state level does have its rewards.

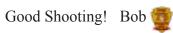
I would like to send my condolences to the family of Dave Proctor, who passed recently from a long battle with cancer. He was one of the driving forces in the VBA and at Rockingham. There is not much in the VBA that he didn't accomplish; he held state office for more years than I can remember and was a long-time member of the Order of the Golden Feather, which is a great honor. He was a great friend and mentor and will be missed.

Executive Vice President Terry Ballowe

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This policy of allowing member clubs to govern the use of crossbows on their property remains in effect today and still has the strong support of the Delegates.

At our April meeting, Delegates discussed the eligibility of VBA hunting awards for animals taken by VBA members shooting a crossbow. The Delegates recognize that many of our younger members do not have the ability to pull a hunting longbow, recurve or crossbow that has sufficient force to ethically harvest a game animal. But they can do just that under Mom or Dad's supervision using a crossbow. And promoting the growth of new Bowhunters from our younger members is a core value for the VBA. In addition, the Delegates noted that we have many adult Bowhunters who cannot pull a hunting bow as well. The Wounded Warriors that participate in the Fort Belvoir Archery Program under Mr. Rick Atchison are a good example. Our older Bowhunters also often have injuries or just old age that keeps them from being able to pull the same bow they once drew back with ease are another example. But most important, the same concerns for liability on club property do not exist when a VBA member is hunting on private or public land. Therefore, the Delegates agreed that animals harvested with any archery equipment that is permitted under VDGIF hunting regulations will be recognized for hunting awards. But the Delegates did ask that the Hunting Committee – which recommends the various categories for hunting awards – take a look at whether future awards should be by type of bow used: longbow/recurve; compound; or, crossbow. That recommendation will be forthcoming at a future Delegate meeting.



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From the Publicity Director



Who could have not asked for such nicer weather this year at our VBA State Indoor Sectional Tournament. The State Tournament had 144 archers that either shot at Belvoir Bowhunter, Bowhunters of Rockingham and Kingsboro Bowmen or Sherwood Archers. The Bowhunters of Rockingham volunteered to consolidate all the results from the other clubs. Much thanks goes to them, especially to Lowell Hertzler who was very efficient, communicated with the other clubs and did an outstanding job.

On Saturday, the first day of the tournament, Lowell sent word that David Proctor of Linville, VA., at age 67, passed away on Friday (March 11, 2016) at his residence, after a courageous five-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Dave held positions as VBA Executive Vice-President and FLIGHT Editor, Hunting Vice-President and in 2015, Rob Pecora presented him the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his devoted dedication to the VBA. He was a dear friend to fellow archers and bowhunters throughout the Commonwealth or wherever his hunting features took him. The VBA, archers and bowhunting friends sent their sincere condolences to Debbey, Rodney, Kim and their family. For further details and information, go to www.mcmllenfh.com.

Our recent VBA 21st Annual Awards and 75th Anniversary Banquet was held on April 2nd at the Pano's Restaurant in Harrisonburg. The banquet had a nice turnout with 77 attendees, comprising from 13 clubs, Bowhunter members, 16 Order of the Golden Feather members and John Street, VBA President in 1994 and NFAA Director.

President, Bob Foster, begin with welcoming everyone and thanked them for coming. This evening, we have a great program that you will always remember! Bob then turned the program over to Dave Burpee, who presented the Order of the Golden Feather award to Marie Bell. Marie is a deserving individual, who has dedicated much time and service to the VBA as our Executive State Secretary and her club. Although, we normally have a guest speaker, Dave Burpee, OGF Chairperson decided to do something different. Dave asked for some OGF members to give a short story about themselves, about the VBA, and as an asset to the archers and bowhunters in Virginia. Dave then recognized Debbey Proctor and asked to say a few words regarding Dave and his dedication to the VBA.

Cay was next to present the Double Crown winners: Denny Cline, RU, Dixie Bowmen; Robin Vogel, FTRAD and Paul Vogel, STRAD both from NORVA. The Triple Crown winners were: Jacob King, CMBHFD/R and Chris King, YMBHFS/R, both from Bowhunters of Rockingham and Jerry Wenzel, MSMFS/F, Manahoac. Congratulation to all of you!

Bob then presented the following clubs with the most increase in membership for 2015. The Smallest club was Walton Park, with an increase of 11%; the Medium club was Two Rivers Archery Club with 15% and the Largest club was Bowhunters of Rockingham with a 6% increase.

Lastly, Jon presented all our Bill Bennett Big Game Award winners with a plaque for their first time, cast arrows after their first harvest and plaques in the following categories: Largest Buck, Turkey, Bear, Doe, Carp and/or Gar and to the Double and Triple Slam winners. For more details and information go to the VBA website.

Jon, asked that he needed help from some of our younger archers to draw the winners for our ladies' raffles. He then announced the Silent Auction winners. The hand-made traditional arm guard winner was Bob Seltzer and the bow from Steve's Archery & Gun Shop was won by Jimmy DeBuke. A big thanks to Dick's Sporting Goods, the two \$50 gift certificates from Belvoir Bowhunters and the 75th Anniversary knife from Rob Pecora. A special thanks to the clubs, other individuals and organizations for their donations. Also, much appreciated and thanks to Marie who created the VBA Picture Gallery, coordinated the banquet with Jon and had the VBA cups, shirts and knives for anyone that wanted to purchase them; to Bob and Carolyn Yager from Misty Graphics, who worked with me in re-designing the new pictures for the VBA Prop; and, to Lowell Hertzler who brought the Trophy board to display the mounts that Dave Proctor has done in the past.



David D. Proctor

The Order of the Golden Feather is extremely sad to notify you that David Dean Proctor, 67, passed away on March 11, 2016. A member of the Bowhunters of Rockingham, he was elected in 1988 to the VBA's highest honor, the Order of the Golden Feather. His contributions to the VBA at club, region, and state levels were truly outstanding, and he is one of only 83 members elected to the Order in the 75 year history of the VBA. His leadership with the Bowhunters of Rockingham propelled him to the VBA Board of Directors where he served as the Hunting Vice President from 1980 through 1990 and then as the Executive Vice President and FLIGHT Editor from 1991 through 2009. His efforts during these years had a significant impact on the VBA and led to increased hunting opportunities for archers in the state of Virginia. He will be sincerely missed by the many friends whose lives he touched. The VBA and the OGF extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

VBA 75th Anniversary Items For Sale



VBA cups 96 available \$5.00 each



Hook Knives 9 @\$45.00 Straight Blade 36@ \$40.00 T-shirts
Small 15 @ \$15.00 each
Large 21 @ \$15.00 each
XI 38 @ \$15.00 each
XXL 12 @ \$17.00 each
Golf polo

XL 5 @ \$25.00 XXL 3 @ \$30.00



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VBA State Indoor 2016



Champions Bowhunters of Rockingham





Overall Winners - Bowhunters of Rockingham









VBA State Indoor Championship Hosted by Belvoir Bowhunters, Bowhunters of Rockingham, Kingsboro Bowmen and Sherwood Archers

Rank	Name	Style		One	8		Day Tw			Best	
		-	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	-	I/O Xs	Score		I/O Xs
Class B											_
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	246	7	2	264	11	0	264	11	0
Class A SC	Sabrina Westfall	AFBHFS/R	286	25	6	290	24	6	290	24	6
Class B	Sabrilla Westiali	AFBHF3/N	200	25	O	290	24	O	290	24	O
1st	Ellena Parks	AFBHFS/R	289	26	8	274	26	9	289	26	8
2nd	Debra Ramos	AFBHFS/R	263	9	0	285	21	0	285	21	0
3rd	Sarah Paulus	AFBHFS/R	283	27	6	279	15	5	283	27	6
Class A											
SC	Resa Combs	AFFS/R	300	44	15	0	0	0	300	44	15
2nd	Lisa Zuber	AFFS/R	298	37	10	97	42	11	298	37	10
3rd	Karin Eppard	AFFS/R	292	25	6	291	34	9	292	25	6
	Barbara Morris	AFFS/R	0	0	0	291	19	2	291	19	2
Class A	I!f Ot	A ETD A D	077	10		007	0		077	40	
SC Class B	Jenifer Stoner	AFTRAD	277	13	1	267	8	1	277	13	1
1st	Charlene McManus	AFTRAD	203	0	0	189	0	0	203	0	0
Class C	Chanono Momanao	711 1110	200	Ü	O	100	O	O	200	O	O
1st	Wendy Moore	AFTRAD	174	2	1	177	5	0	177	5	0
2nd	Julie Westfall	AFTRAD	166	2	1	111	1	1	166	2	1
	Brandi Bemoskie, INC	AFTRAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Class C											
SC	Jeff McManus	AMBB	249	3	3	220	5	2	249	3	3
2nd	Michael Westfall	AMBB	239	9	1	248	9	1	248	9	1
Class A	Jacob Dowking	AMDLIEC/D	200	47	44	205	00	6	200	47	4.4
SC	Joseph Dawkins	AMBHFS/R	300	47	11	295	29 47	6	300	47 47	11
2nd 3rd	Brian Baldridge Logan Weller	AMBHFS/R AMBHFS/R	298 298	44 36	12 9	299 299	47	15 8	299 299	47	15 8
Siu	Daniel Montgomery	AMBHFS/R	298	41	12	299	44	6	298	41	12
	BJ Sonifrank	AMBHFS/R	298	39	10	297	0	0	298	39	10
	John Taylor	AMBHFS/R	298		10	297	33	8	298	34	10
Class B	John Taylor	AMBI II O/TT	230	04	10	231	00	O	230	04	10
1st	Tom Miller	AMBHFS/R	294	31	6	296	36	8	296	36	8
2nd	Joe Spink	AMBHFS/R	295	25	5	294	30	5	295	25	5
3rd	Blake Perry	AMBHFS/R	294	28	10	0	0	0	294	28	10
	Buck Higgens	AMBHFS/R	293	34	6	293	24	6	293	34	6
	Shawn Murphy	AMBHFS/R	293	30	6	293	34	6	293	34	6
	Daniel Bailey	AMBHFS/R	293	20	5	0	0	0	293	20	5
	Christopher Hollowman	AMBHFS/R	291	26	5	282	15	3	291	26	5
Class C											
1st	John Weller	AMBHFS/R	261	10	4	273	16	3	273	16	3
2nd	Walt Spaulding	AMBHFS/R	249	13	3	267	12	3	267	12	3
3rd	A. P. Phillips	AMBHFS/R	259	8	1	257	7	2	259	8	1
Class C SC	Tony Hall	AMFS/F	269	12	2	0	0	0	269	12	2
2nd	Bakari Dale	AMFS/F	245	9	1	252	5	2	252	5	2
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Rank	Name	Style	Day Score	y One Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Day Tw Xs	/O I/O Xs	Score	Best Xs	I/O Xs
Class A											
SC	Buddy Braden	AMFS/R	300	58	19	300	60	22	300	60	22
2nd	Lucas Kenley	AMFS/R	300	58	22	300	57	24	300	58	22
3rd	Charlie Wright	AMFS/R	300	57	20	0	0	0	300	57	20
	Greg Sisk	AMFS/R	299	48	19	300	55	9	300	55	9
	Dwayne Hensley	AMFS/R	300	54	14	0	0	0	300	54	14
	Daryl McKenzie	AMFS/R	300	50	13	0	0	0	300	50	13
	Billy Robbett	AMFS/R	299	49	18	299	53	18	299	53	18
	Scott Dillard	AMFS/R	290	31	4	299	53	18	299	53	18
	Mike Joyce	AMFS/R	295	29	11	299	41	7	299	41	7
	Matthew Murphy	AMFS/R	288	30	6	299	38	8	299	38	8
	Rodney Roberts	AMFS/R	298	36	6	296	40	11	298	38	6
Class B	Dryan Zubar	AMEC/D	206	44	10	207	26	0	207	26	0
1st	Bryan Zuber Shawn Smith	AMFS/R	296	41 30	10	297	36 36	8	297	36 36	8 11
2nd		AMFS/R	295		5	296		11	296		
3rd Class C	Jeff Richards	AMFS/R	0	0	0	290	18	2	290	18	2
1st	Bruce Maxey	AMFS/R	289	24	0	285	21	6	289	24	0
2nd	Randy Harris	AMFS/R	288	23	2	289	19	2	289	19	2
Class B	,										
SC	Obula Reddy-Indela	AMTRAD	245	7	1	248	8	4	248	8	4
2nd	Adam Phillips	AMTRAD	233	6	2	242	8	3	242	8	3
3rd	Michael Westfal	AMTRAD	240	8	0	226	4	1	240	8	0
	Jeff Moore	AMTRAD	213	7	0	238	4	1	238	4	1
Class C	Kanny Durham		202	4	4	010	0	4	010	0	4
1st 2nd	Kenny Durham Joshua Clue	AMTRAD AMTRAD	203	4	1 0	219 138	8 2	1 1	219 138	8 2	1 1
SC	Clara Layton	CFBHFS/R	284	22	8	289	28	7	289	28	7
2nd	Katelyn Carstens	CFBHFS/R	269	16	1	287	22	2	287	22	2
3rd	Mia Kull	CFBHFS/R	277	15	6	0	0	0	277	15	6
SC	Mia Kull	CFFS/R	288	20	6	278	18	3	288	20	6
SC	Pat Hamp	SSMBHFS/R	300	40	10	0	0	0	300	40	10
2nd	Ronnie Benson	SSMBHFS/R	294	36	12	297	38	11	297	38	11
3rd	Ralph Santmyers	SSMBHFS/R	296	39	7	296	42	6	296	42	6
	Stephen Richards	SSMBHFS/R	290	26	6	294	25	5	294	25	5
	Gus Ruetenik	SSMBHFS/R	260	13	2	286	21	5	286	21	5
SC	Lowell Hertzler	SSMFS/R	299	41	10	299	45	15	299	45	15
2nd	Pat Hemp	SSMFS/R	297	31	9	297	45	13	297	45	13
3rd	Wilt Baker	SSMFS/R	295	34	4	0	0	0	295	34	4
ora	Jarrett Frame	SSMFS/R	277	25	4	292	25	5	292	25	5
	Mike Serig	SSMFS/R	253	6	1	248	7	1	253	6	1
	Danny Alger-INC	SSMFS/R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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SC	Paul Vogel	SSMTRAD	272	11	5	261	9	2	272	11	5
2nd	Teddy Breeden	SSMTRAD	243	9	4	221	8	1	243	9	4
3rd	Olin Bare	SSMTRAD	161	0	0	181	1	0	181	1	0
	Ray Stone	SSMTRAD	179	3	2	164	1	1	179	3	2

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SC	Colton Morris	CMBHFS/R	0	0	0	296	33	13	296	33	13
2nd	Corbin Durnham	CMBHFS/R	284	29	8	290	38	10	290	38	10
3rd	Samuel Stoeckmann	CMBHFS/R	278	19	0	0	0	0	278	19	0
	Lucas McClellan Michael King	CMBHFS/R CMBHFS/R	259 265	8 15	1 4	267 253	9 14	3 4	267 265	9 15	3 4
SC	Phoenix Dishman	CMFS/F	169	0	0	233	0	0	169	0	0
SC			294		7	0			294		7
2nd	Wyatt Moss Gabriel Hollowman	CMFS/R CMFS/R	264	30	1	258	0 9	0 1	294 264	30 8	1
3rd	Nathaniel Holloman	CMFS/R	204	4	0	219	6	2	219	6	2
	Daniel Holloman	CMFS/R	177	0	0	197	1	0	197	1	0
SC	Denny Cline	MSMBB	268	13	2	277	13	1	277	13	1
2nd	James Sorrell	MSMBB	253	11	3	261	5	0	261	5	0
SC	Bill Swick	MSMBHFS/R	250	8	5	0	0	0	250	8	5
SC	Fred Switzer	MSMFS/R	289	24	10	179	19	4	289	24	10
2nd	Robert Lyons	MSMFS/R	282	14	6	0	0	0	282	14	6
SC	Russell Hatchi	MSMTRAD	235	6	0	236	4	2	236	4	2
2nd	Jim Clipprd	MSMTRAD	0	0	0	166	2	0	166	2	0
SC	Grace Stoeckman	PWFBHFS/R	182	6	0	0	0	0	182	6	0
SC	John King	PWMBHFS/F	172	6	3	160	3	2	172	6	3
SC	Doreen Rizopoulos	SFBHFS/R	248	6	2	244	7	2	248	6	2
SC	Robin Vogel	SFTRAD	246	5	0	242	8	0	246	5	0
SC	Troy Stoner	SMBB	224	2	0	233	6	1	233	6	1
SC	Vance Cave	SMBHFS/R	300		132	0	0	0	300	54	13
2nd	Joe Heavner	SMBHFS/R	293	28	2	295	25	5	295	25	5
3rd	Phong Nguyen	SMBHFS/R	286	17	3	294	26	6	294	26	6
	Stan Eye Paul Spencer	SMBHFS/R SMBHFS/R	286 267	21 16	6 3	284 284	23 20	9 6	286 284	21 20	6 6
	Felix Lopez	SMBHFS/R	258	10	0	0	0	0	258	10	0
	Robert Carpenter	SMBHFS/R	236	6	1	235	4	1	236	6	1
SC	Tom Lynch	SMFS/R	300	55	15	300	57	22	300	57	22
2nd	David Estep	SMFS/R	300	52	15	300	54	15	300	54	15
3rd	Bobby Kenley	SMFS/R	296	40	13	300	44	11	300	44	11
	Patrick Eppard	SMFS/R	299	46	13	300	43	9	300	43	9
	Rick Stark	SMFS/R	299	55	18	0	0	0	299	55	18
	Franklin Jones Ted Bradford	SMFS/R SMFS/R	299 294	42 36	21	0 293	0 39	0 7	299 294	42 36	21
	Marvin Huffman	SMFS/R	294	0	8 0	293	33	7	294 291	33	8 7
	James Dean Hutchison		281	12	3	0	0	0	281	12	3
	Earl Cash, Jr.	SMFS/R	268	7	0	0	0	0	268	7	0
SC	Michael Light	SMTRAD	252	9	2	263	10	2	263	10	2
2nd	Bob Brummond	SMTRAD	243	5	1	242	4	0	243	5	1
3rd	Rusty Wood	SMTRAD	242	2	0	0	0	0	242	2	0
	Kevin Brown	SMTRAD	204	2	0	204	6	1	204	6	1
	Jerry Michonski	SMTRAD	159	3	1	172	1	0	172	1	0

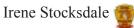
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	Keith Matheny	SMTRAD	168	1	1	0	0	0	168	1	1
	Ron Buzalsky	SMTRAD	143	0	0	0	0	0	143	0	0
Class C SC Class B	Cassie Smallwood	YAFBB	0	0	0	199	2	0	199	2	0
SC Class A	Claire Masey	YAFFS/R	271	8	0	0	0	0	271	8	0
SC	Hunter Lilly	YAMBHFS/R	294	28	5	288	21	3	294	28	5
2nd Class B	Gabriel Anderson	YAMBHFS/R	267	12	2	270	9	4	270	9	4
1st Class A	Nathaniel Carpentar	YAMBHFS/R	241	6	1	0	0	0	241	6	1
SC	Austin Knicely	YAMFS/R	293	32	7	298	41	12	298	41	12
2nd Class B	Cody Lewis	YAMFS/R	264	21	3	294	31	7	294	31	7
SC	Kaitlyn Pylant	YFBB	194	5	0	189	6	3	194	5	0
2nd Class A	Vivian Vickers	YFBB	167	1	0	181	3	2	181	3	2
SC Class A	Jennette Leonard	YFBHFS/R	291	31	5	289	24	5	291	31	5
SC Class A	Jennette Leonard	YFFS/R	295	34	9	296	36	10	296	36	10
SC	Chris King	YMBHFS/R	298	38	7	299	45	9	299	45	9
2nd	Parker Harris	YMBHFS/R	277	17	6	282	21	3	282	21	3
3rd	Nicholas Layton	YMBHFS/R	258	11	2	279	16	3	279	16	3
	Steven Leonard	YMBHFS/R	256	12	3	273	16	3	273	16	3
	Jacob King	YMBHFS/R	240	9	3	253	13	8	253	13	8
Class A SC	Logan Weller	YMFS/R	300	42	11	298	44	10	300	42	11
2nd	Stven Leonard	YMFS/R	254	11	3	267	13	3	267	13	3
Class B	Stveri Leonard	11011 3/11	254	11	3	201	10	3	201	10	3
1st Class C	Seth Moss	YMFS/R	229	6	1	0	0	0	229	6	1
SC	Joshua McClellan	YMTRAD	25	0	0	41	0	0	41	0	0
	Mike Lewis	Guest	300	56	19	0	0	0	300	56	19
	Susan Erdos	Guest	282	22	4	289	30	10	289	30	10
	Webb Babcock	Guest	0	0	0	235	5	1	235	5	1
	Chris Howell	Guest	103	1	0	0	0	0	103	1	0

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We would like to extend many thanks to Jon, our Hunting Vice-President, and his wife Lori for organizing this wonderful banquet. Jon took on this position from Ed Bickham and did an outstanding job. Much to our disappointment, Jon announced that he is stepping down due to his workload and more responsibilities. If I forgot to mention anything about the banquet, go to the VBA website, www.vbarchers.com and see us on our new Facebook page.

As a last reminder, don't forget the next two VBA State Tournaments. The 3-D Spring Classic (marked) that will be hosted by Bowhunters of Rockingham and the State Open hosted by NORVA on Memorial Day weekend. Again, check the VBA website for information and details.





VBA INDOOR RECORDS 2016



STYLE	NAME	YEAR	BEST ROUND	X'S	INSIDE-OUT X'S
AFBB	Cay McMannus	2016	264	11	0
AMBB	Dwayne martin	2014	294	20	5
AMBH	Kris Hale	2014	267	18	4
AMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2014	280	26	6
AFBHFS/R	Sabrina Westfall	2016	290	24	6
AMBHFS/R	Darryll Diehi	2015	300	59	23
AMFS/F	Denny Baird	2014	284	23	6
AFFS/F	Sidney Davis	2015	255	6	1
AFFS/R	Valerie Murdoch	2014	300	54	20
AMES/R	Grea Sisk	2015	300	60	19
AMFS/R Tie Score	Buddy Braden	2016	300	60	22
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2016	277	13	1
AMTRAD	Roy Meditz II	2014	271	11	2
SFBHFS/R	Thoy Baker	2015	264	15	4
SMBHFS/R	Vance Cave	2016	300	54	13
SFFS/R	Jonell Frantz	2015	287	25	7
SMFS/R		2015		57	22
SMBB	Tom Lynch	2016	300		1
	Troy Stoner		233	6	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
SFTRAD	Robin Vogel	2016	246	5	0
SMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2014	279	21	4
SSMBHFS/R	Patrick Hamp	2015	300	45	11
SSFFSR	Bertha Brugh	2014	289	17	6
SSMFS/R	Herb Hawse	2015	300	49	10
SSFTRAD	Sanda O'Shea	2015	206	2	0
SSMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2016	272	11	5
MSMBB	Denny Cline	2016	277	13	1
MSMBHFS/R	Bill Swick	2014	269	12	1
MSFFS/R	Mary Wenzel	2015	269	9	5
MSMFS/R	Fred Switzer	2014	295	28	4
MSMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2015	272	17	7
MSMTRAD	Russell Hatchl	2015	237	9	1
PWMBHFS/R	John King	2016	172	6	3
PWFBHFS/R	Mia Kull	2014	219	6	3
CFBB	Kylie Marisa	2014	258	5	2
CMBB	Luke Hatchi	2014	236	8	0
CMBH	Ethan Mullins	2014	258	5	2
CFBHFS/R	Clara Layton	2016	289	28	7
CMBHFS/R	Colton Morris	2016	289	28	7
CFFS/R	Mia Kull	2016	288	20	6
CMFS/F	Phoenix Dishman	2016	169	0	0
CMFS/R	Wyatt Moss	2016	294	30	7
CMTRAD	Dheeraj Reddy Indela	2015	245	8	1
YMBB	Sawyer Dishman	2015	108	2	0
YFBB	Vivian Vickers	2014	221	6	2
YFBHFS/R	Jennette Leonard	2016	291	31	5
YMBHFS/R	Chris Knig	2016	299	45	9
YMFS/R	Logan Weller	2016	300	42	11
YFFS/R	Jeanette Leonard	2016	296	36	10
YMTRAD	Koen Beugelsdijk	2014	300	0	0
YAFBHFS/R	Kelsey Baird	2014	297	42	13
YAMBHFS/R	Hunter Lilly	2015	294	28	5
YAMFS/R	Kevin Clayton	2015	300	58	19
YAFFS/R	-	2015	271	8	0
	Claire Maxey Cassie Smartwood			2	0
YAFBB	Cassie Smartwood	2016	199	2	U

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"A SEVEN YEAR JOURNEY"

By Randy Hall

For years I started writing this story on the flight out of Dulles International Airport to Denver International Airport. Watching the Rockies come into view as we land.... Sadly I never finished it in the previous 6 years of hunting out west. Until now.

I have read the countless stories from the greats, such as Randy Ulmer, Fred Eichler and Cameron Hanes, and they have great hunting stories, but I wanted my own.

I am CRAZY about mule deer for some reason, I still truly love whitetail hunting, but for the week to ten days I get the chance to

come out west to hunt muley's, there is a euphoric feeling when it comes to hunting these majestic animals. However 6 years of tag soup and some would question my sanity, or hunting skills. But with the support of my very supportive wife and son, giving up was never in the equation. On the later as a lot of the western hunters know, especially the ones that hunt Colorado there many units that you just cannot hunt each year. Thus making it a little difficult because you are switching from one unit to another. There is some great hunting to be had, however its gets tricky trying to learn all of these new locations. I had a few chances though. Shot over a good buck in unit 21, and had a great looking 4x4 coming to me after that only to ding my wedding ring on the top cam of my bow. Now I shoot with gloves on. Finally this year I was heading back to a unit that I was fortunate enough to hunt in 2012. Although I didn't connect on a high country mule deer that trip, I was able to chase two fine bucks, a tall



4x4 and a solid 4x3 for an entire week. What I did was get a little better educated on alpine bucks on that trip.

Well truth be told I wanted to be in top shape for this hunt for I knew that the hunting and terrain would be very tough. But a shoulder injury and repetitive back issues kept me from getting in great shape, I was in decent shape so I wouldn't let that stop me.

Well the journey began on Friday August 29th, 2014 and due to Dad's work obligations, we didn't get on the road until almost noon. So there would no evening scouting prior to the first day. So after the long journey on Interstate 70 due to holiday traffic, we then had an almost 2 hour ride on the ATV just to get to the trailhead. Well we got to the trailhead just as it got dark, and I will not head up the mountain until I check my bow to make sure nothing got knocked out of whack, between the plane ride and the horrendous ATV ride. So we somehow manage with flashlights and headlamps I was able to check my Hoyt Carbon Element and after all that traveling it was still spot on.

So up the mountain we ventured for the next 2.5 hours when Dad said he finally had enough, we needed to set camp. So we did,



probably one of the worst nights I had ever tried to camp, wind was unreal, we were on a slope so I played slippy slide for those few hours before first light came.

Got up that morning and was able to locate some does, but it was time to finish the climb and get to the area I truly wanted to check out.

We set camp quickly, got up to our glassing point on a small knoll. Around 530 pm after some rain passed through we finally started seeing deer, two 3x3's, then all of a sudden we see 9 bucks in one group and the biggest being a very dandy 4x4, there was also a good 4x3, the rest were small bucks. We watched them until almost dark and they were around 450 yards way when suddenly a couple of the smaller bucks started chasing one another and in an instant they were within 150 yards and the big 4x4 for some reason separated

from the rest of the herd, and even though he was up feeding I took the chance to cut him off, Dad later told me 5 minutes after I dropped in the ravine the buck did a 180 so I never had a chance, yet.

Sunday morning rolls around and I believe we bumped the large group of bucks going to our glassing spot that morning I saw them for a few minutes and they were in a hurry and you could tell they were quite jumpy. They dropped over the hill towards our camp, so we continued to glass. After a few hours and no other bucks I told Dad let's head to higher ground, we hadn't taken 3 steps and I luckily noticed the reddish coat of a deer off to our north, it was one of the 3x3s and he had one of the smaller 4x4s with him. We stayed put because I thought there might be a chance to make a stalk on them if they bedded. The bedded alright, 340 yards looking directly our way. So we watched them for about 2 hours when suddenly a small fork horn appeared out of nowhere. As the fork horn stared intently at the hiking trail that was below us, I assumed there were hikers on the trail. Suddenly bucks started appearing all over

the rocky terrain that the 3x3 had bedded. It was the group we had bumped earlier, they had ran in a circle over the past several hours and were right back in the basin we were watching. We snuck out of there for lunch, due to the deer having the higher ground and not wanting to spook them again. I thought there would be a good chance to sneak back in there in the afternoon and possibly put on a stalk. We got back in there early that evening and the one buck that we saw was the tall 3x3 that we had also seen Saturday evening. He feed early and had bedded down at 530, I thought that was a little strange because that buck stayed in that bed and we watched him until dark, there was no way to put a stalk on him either. The one thing that I will mention here is that the winds were unreal. I'm guessing we had sustained winds of around 40 plus miles an hours that day.

Before I left on this hunt I told my wife several times that I didn't want to sight see anymore. I told her that I was going to try and do whatever it took to try a take a muley, I also had my 3.5 year old son "Hunter" pick two magic arrows out of my stock for me. I kept asking him before I left if I was going to get a deer, and he always replied "yes".

This hunt just felt different, but I also knew that with all of the eyes in that large group of bucks that it might be impossible to put a stalk on the bigger 4x4. So after putting the 3x3 to bed on Sunday I told Dad that was the buck that might give me the best chance. He seemed to be a loner. I thought for sure Monday morning we could located him along that ledge that he had previously been on



for the past two nights. As sure as the world come Monday morning we couldn't locate that deer or any deer for the first two hours of daylight, talk about confusing. It truly surprised me that we couldn't even find any does that morning. I told Dad I was going to head to higher ground and see if I could locate anything. We had also decided to try and look in another basin several miles away for some different bucks, to see if we might have a better chance at making a stalk with fewer eyes. But first I headed to the higher ground to make one last check. I eased my way into still hunting mode as I crested to top of the ridgeline. I kept easing up to some barrenground willow, when suddenly I see the backs of two deer I ease down onto my knees and take off my pack. Glasses on, no time for camo face paint, just get the arrow in the rest and the release on the string. The smaller forky goes diagonally up the hill from me and I range him at 75 yards, way out of my comfort zone. I was thinking to myself that maybe the other buck would be a little better and maybe it

would feed closer to me. As I'm watching this buck his head finally comes into view and I realize it's the 4x3. As so often happens in hunting the few seconds were insane, and no help on my part. For with a matter of 4 to 5 seconds of seeing the 4x3, the 4x4 I'm after walks right into view. I'm trying to get the rangefinder to get a range and its throwing out all different sorts of numbers, when finally it hits 52 yards, right at my max but I feel really confident at this range. Bow is back and on the release of the arrow, a complete whiff. I believe the bow was canted significantly and I didn't follow through as I normally would. Buck fever took over.

So the big 4x4 runs out to my left, out of view. I know there is a good chance he is still there. The 4x3 and a smaller buck keep looking over there, I just can't see him. A small spike stare me down, he can tell there is something there and just isn't sure. I was figuring this was all going to end any minute. A few times I thought the 4x3 was going to give me a chance at a shot. This little standoff lasted almost 25 minutes, the 4x3 would feed some and the small buck would change positions. Really never taking his eyes

off of me, but for a few seconds knew it was risky I moved just hoped would be just a little better shot. What I didn't realize at the had suck up behind me, let out ran from cover almost right back time, it happened fast, bow was the arrow was gone, though I I would have liked. The arrow and the buck ran over the hill. instant, and bedded down " I just stay down" when suddenly the tremendous incline for at to this magnificent buck's final a recent episode of Western Simmons got very emotional. didn't understand it, but sitting



he did and even though I enough to get into what I of a spot for a possible time was that another deer a snort and all three bucks to the spot I missed the first back, pin was the buck and hit a little forward of were caused massive damage He made a 100 yards in an kept saying over and over he began to tumble down least another 100 yards resting place. I had watched Hunter in which Nate Watching the show I really up there for those few

minutes watching that buck never move again I can truly say that I have never, ever become that emotional when it came to hunting. So now, Nate Simmons, I truly understand.

So we all know what happens next. Dad and I hiked over 10 hours and 2 separate trips to get all of the deer and gear out. Was it worth it? Absolutely! We are already making plans for 2015. So to all those out there enjoy the sights, for some will never behold the true beauty of the high country.

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Dave Proctor – Bowhunter, Archer, Businessman, Husband, Sportsman, and a Loyal Friend

Dave grew up in Florida and Ohio, went to college in Indiana, and moved to Virginia to finish his college in the Shenandoah Valley. In Virginia he found a place that he fit in and found friends to last a lifetime. He joined the Bowhunters Of Rockingham and the Virginia Bowhunters Association in 1971. For the next 45 years both the BOR and the VBA benefited far more from his participation than he ever took back from them.

After college Dave went to work in the camera room for Good Printers in Harrisonburg. In a few years his hard work, dedication, attention to detail, and character earned him promotion to the position of General Manager for Goods. He worked at Goods for 41 years until his retirement in 2015.

His love of people as well as the sport of archery and bowhunting led to a deep involvement with the Bowhunters of Rockingham archery club, and the VBA state organization. He served as president of the BOR for many years. Even when he was not president, he was a strong influence in the development of the club. When Dave first joined the BOR we struggled to keep the minimum membership of 8 to maintain our affiliation with the VBA. Over the years of Dave's involvement and leadership we grew to a membership of 240 cubs, youth, adults, and old geezers. Dave welcomed us all into the club, no matter what our skill level, what our equipment preference, or what type of competition we enjoyed. He really enjoyed getting new shooters started in the sport of archery, and was especially proud of seeing his grandsons start shooting and competing.

During that time the BOR started an Indoor League, an Outdoor League, rented space for indoor shooting, eventually built our own building on our property, and continued to improve the facility, adding a kitchen and restrooms. Under his leadership the club began to look beyond our own enjoyment and began doing fund raising projects for various community service oriented organizations. The club has donated several thousand dollars each year to charities such as the American Cancer Society, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, The Rescue Squad, and Hunters for the Hungry.

In the mid 1970's Dave purchased the Quiver Shop from his friend Jim Layman. He first ran the shop out of a bedroom in his home and then out of his basement when he moved to Keezletown. He began selling PSE bows as well as a wide variety of all types of archery equipment. He did not really have customers, but a long list of friends who became dependent on him for all sorts of necessary archery equipment, plus various and sundry gadgets that came and went from the archery scene over the years. Dave was a pretty basic archer and hunter himself, but he loved going to the Archery Trade Association (ATA) show as well as the Kinsey's Dealer show. He always brought back samples of the latest and greatest new equipment and let us know what looked promising and what smelled like a dud. He enjoyed making arrows and when we were standing around talking and not buying, he was always busy fletching arrows. He always had stock arrows on hand but was ready to make arrows to our custom specifications as well. He knew all our individual idiosyncrasies and kept materials on hand to make our special orders or sell us the components to make our own. Dave was always ready and willing to help fix our last minute equipment breakdowns that seemed to happen right before a VBA state shoot or a long planned hunting trip out west.

He was an accomplished bowhunter. His love of bowhunting took him to Montana, Canada, South Carolina, West Virginia and other exotic hunting destinations. He claimed elk, whitetail deer, bear, mountain sheep, javelina, wild boar, groundhogs, Angora goat, mule deer, coyotes and carp. He helped start an awards system (The Southern Sportsman Award) for the BOR to recognize our trophies, large or small, and to motivate us to expand our hunting experiences. He kept track of all our hunting successes, always knew who had taken what animals, celebrated with our kill stories, and empathized with our stories of gloom, doom, agony, and despair.

Dave's love for the sport of archery led to his long involvement with the BOR and the VBA. Dave began to serve as the BOR representative to the quarterly meetings of the Virginia Bowhunters Association. He was soon appointed to serve as the VBA Hunting Vice President and then as Executive Vice President. He was a regular at all VBA meetings and State Championship tournaments, and spent many hours representing the VBA at Game Commission meetings as well as the Virginia State Big Game Show.

In 1988 Dave was inducted into the Order Of The Golden Feather by the VBA in recognition of his virtues of sportsmanship, character, morals, integrity, and friendship and for having rendered outstanding service to archery and the VBA. In respect and appreciation for this meaningful award, the license plate on his truck has read OGF88 ever since.

Dave Proctor, our fellow bowhunter and friend.





Allyn Stephen - Belvoir





Logan Grimm - Bowhunters of Rockingham

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Shenandoah County Archers Strasburg, Va. 2016 Shoot Schedule

Shenandoah Annual May 21 & 22, Field and 3-D

June 12, pin shoot Field & 3-D

July 10, pin shoot Field & 3-D

Aug 14, pin shoot Field & 3-D

3-D shoot every Friday evening starting at 5:30PM, 2 man blind draw, cash payout.

AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM VOTED ON AT APRIL MEETING:

(1) Shooting Styles, Sect. G, Traditional, #11: Change to read: Traditional Style for women and Master Senior Male is to shoot 30 yards maximum in all Field, Hunter, and Animal rounds. On all targets 30 yards or less, the adult stakes will be used, on all targets over 30 yards, the cub stakes will be used. Traditional men to shoot a maximum of 50 yards, using youth stakes on targets over 50 yards in Field, Hunter, Animal rounds. Effective, January, 2017. Passed, 28 yes, 7 no.

AGENDA ITEM FOR JUNE MEETING:

(1) Article 15 Tournaments, Sect. 15.1.2, Spring 3-D Classic, B. Change to read: The Spring 3-D will be a 2 day shoot. The Spring 3-D will have marked distance. There will be a minimum of 25 targets. Maximum distance will be 60 yards. Archers have the option of shooting 1 or 2 days and counting highest score. Effective, 2017.

Justification: In removing, archers must shoot both days, this will bring the trial basis 2014-2016 permanent.



Wally and Winne want you to try thier Grilled Buck Kabobs

Bottled Itailian dressing
Cubes of venison
Bell peppers cut into cubes
Onions cut into squares
Mushrooms cut into squares
Pineapple chunks
Cherry tomatoes

Marinate venison in salad dressing at least overnight. Alternate venison with all other ingredients on skewers.

Grill over medium coals for about 15 minutes until desired doneness.



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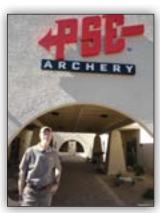


Come help us celebrate the life of Dave Proctor and his contribution to archery, the VBA, and to each of us who knew him as a friend and fellow bowhunter.









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NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS is proud to host the



2016 VBA STATE OPEN

Saturday, May 28, 2016 & Sunday, May 29, 2016

FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

NOVELTY SHOOTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT REGISTRATION AND WILL

BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 3:30PM ON SATURDAY ONLY!!!

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Registration & Times:

Saturday – 6-7:30am REGISTRATION

Fees - \$20.00 per Archer or

\$50.00 per Family

Start Times for both days will be 8am.

ALL ARCHERS MUST SHOOT BOTH DAYS TO QUALIFY FOR AWARDS!!!

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM 2016 VBA STATE OPEN PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & ONE ARCHER PER FORM

NAME:	VBA#				
HOME ADDRESS:					
PHONE :	EMAIL:				
DIVISION: <u>CIRCLE ONE</u> - SILVER S YOUTH, CUB, PEEWEE SEX: M / F STYLE: (MUST BE VBA RECOGNIZ	ENIOR (70+), MASTER SENIOR (60-69), SENIOR (50-59), ADULT, YOUNG ADULT,				
Please make all checks payable to Send all forms & payments to -	NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS ORVA Tournament Chairman / Rodney Roberts O55 S Chesterfield Rd Apt 515				

Arlington, VA 22206



Massanutten Archery Club ANNUAL ~ 16-17 July 2016

Archery Events:

Saturday and Sunday

- Field/Hunter Round
- 15-Target 3D Course

Saturday Novelty Shoots

- Long Shot Competition
- Jug Shoot
- Iron Buck
- Coon Shoot

Sunday Novelty Shoot

"Tuff-Man" 3D Course

Other Activities:

Horseshoe Tournaments
Cornhole Tournaments

Directions:

Outdoor Range is located at 933 Stonewall Jackson Hwy., Bentonville, VA 22610. From Front Royal take US-340 South approximately 11 miles. Range is on right, look for Massanutten Archery Club sign.

Additional Info:

- Awards and Cash Pay Outs.
- Primitive camping is available.
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Contact Info:

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Contact Marie Bell - VBA State Secy & Treasurer 1-888-922-9536 or 540-343-7334



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NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS is proud to host the



2016 VBA STATE 3D FALL CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, August 20, 2016 & Sunday, August 21, 2016

FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

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Registration & Times:

Saturday – 7-8:30am REGISTRATION

Fees - \$20.00 per Archer or

\$50.00 per Family

Start Times for both days will be 9am.

ALL ARCHERS MUST SHOOT BOTH DAYS TO QUALIFY FOR AWARDS!!!

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM 2016 VBA STATE 3D FALL CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & ONE ARCHER PER FORM

NAME:	VBA#
HOME ADDRESS:	
PHONE :	EMAIL:
DIVISION: <u>CIRCLE ONE</u> - SILVER S YOUTH, CUB, PEEWEE SEX: M / F STYLE: (MUST BE VBA RECOGNIZ	SENIOR (70+), MASTER SENIOR (60-69), SENIOR (50-59), ADULT, YOUNG ADULT,
•	o NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS
	NORVA Tournament Chairman / Rodney Roberts
10/20	5055 S Chesterfield Rd Apt 515

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75th Year Anniversary Tournament

Labor Day Weekend - September 3&4

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- Pig roast Saturday
- Novelty Shoot
- Live music Saturday Night
- Buffet Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning.
- Food will be served during the competition.

Shoot includes:

28 field Targets Saturday14 Hunter and 14 Animal Targets on Sunday

Must be a VBA Member to compete for special 75th Aniversary Awards. Guest class open to non-VBA Members.

Registration Friday 6 PM - 8 PM & Saturday 7 AM - 8 AM

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO

Rob Pecora 540.364.3936 Maxie Cameron 540.635.8128 or may email rmpecora@gmail.com

Raffle and door prizes will be drawn on Sunday following awards ceremony.

MOTELS

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REGISTRATION FORM VBA Membership required to receive awards. Must shoot both days. Fees: \$20 per person/\$50 max per family Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly. Only one person per form.					
Name:			Phone:		
			State:	Zip:	
VBA#:	Home Club:		Average:		
Division: Cl	ub • Youth • Young • Adult • Adult • Senior • S Style: FS FS/F BHFS Must have 2 previous scores, otherwise, shoot 7 or more =	BH BB TRAD Class:	AA A B C		



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2016 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

June 4 - 5
September 17 Scheduling Meeting
September 18 VBA Meeting

Tournaments 2016

May 28 -29 VBA State Open August 20 - 21 Fall 3D Classic September 3 - 4 State Closed



Just a reminder that the VBA has a \$500.00 Conservation Scholarship Available each year [providing funds are available]. Written request for the scholarship must be submitted to the VBA President by March 1st for approval by the directors. VBA members and their immediate family members are eligible. Scholarship can be used at any institute of higher learning for Forestry or Wildlife Conservation/Law Enforcement.



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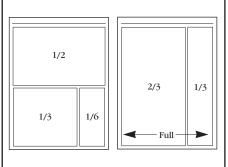
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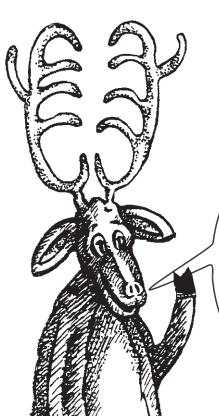
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Spring has sprung and it is time for Turkeys, rubber animals and paper targets, let's go have some fun.

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER

NOMINATIONS DUE IN MARCH

The VBA Order of the Golden Feather was created to honor those persons who have given unselfishly of their time and talents toward the betterment of archery and archers. Recipients are persons who possess the virtues of sportsmanship, character, morals, integrity and friendship. As a reflection of the substance for membership, only 80 people have been elected to the Order in the past 71 years.

To be qualified, a candidate must be member in good standing of the VBA at the time of nomination, must have a minimum of ten successive years' membership in the VBA and must be sponsored by three VBA members of good standing or by a VBA Club.

This article is a reminder that candidates must be submitted to the Board of Directors at the March meeting for this year. Nominations must be in writing and be signed by sponsoring individuals or a Club officer. Successful nominees have always performed duties or had an impact outside their immediate club.

Details can be found in Article 16 of the VBA By-Laws.