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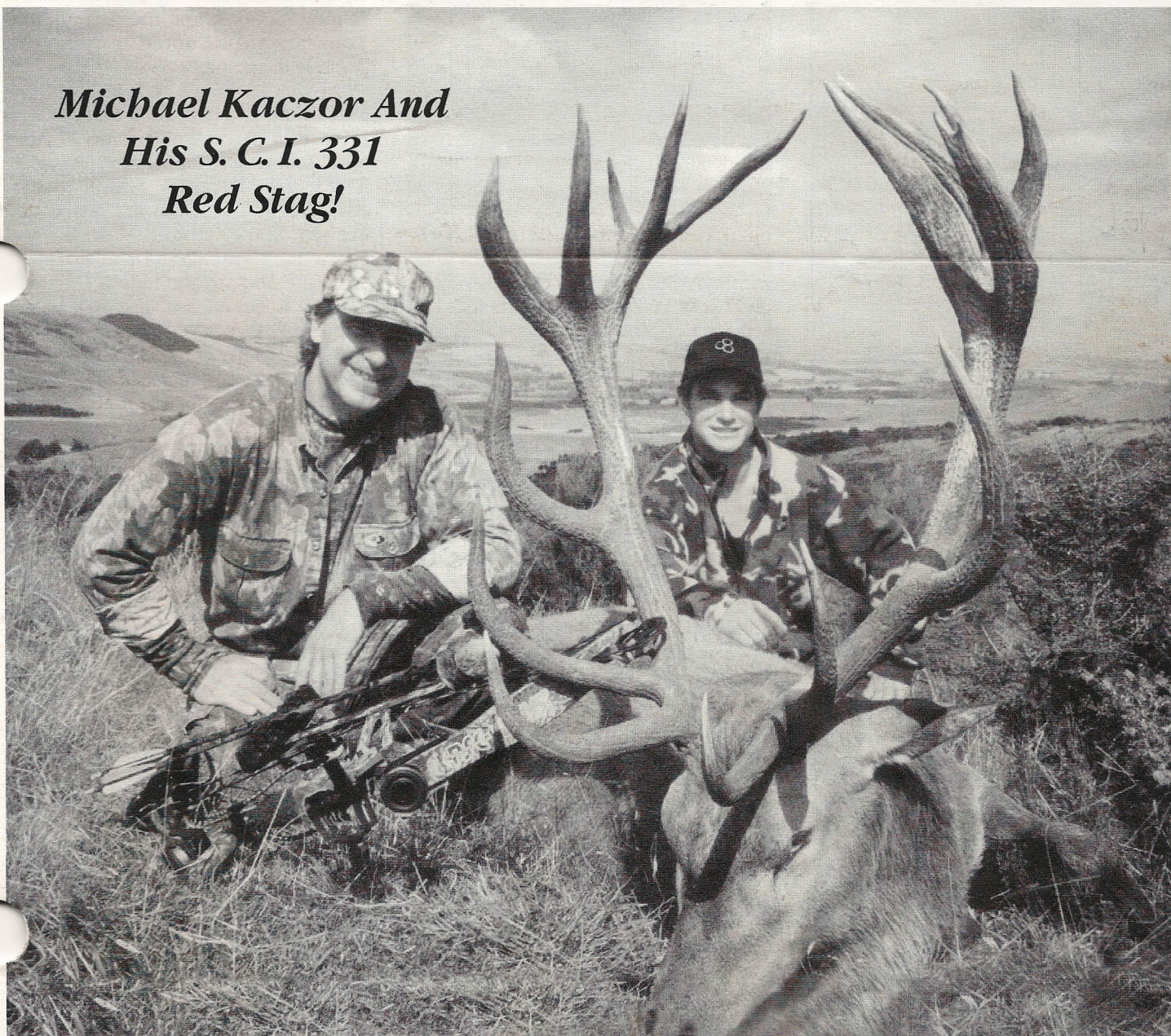
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**Flight Deadline**

*The deadline for the Fall issue of FLIGHT will be September 16, 2003. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your newsletter and we encourage you to participate!*

**From The Publicity Director**

**W**hen will the rains end? Yes, it's been a wet and soggy spring for both the two hosting clubs and those that attended the 3-D Spring Classic and the State Open. Although the attendance so far is down from last year, everyone managed to make it through the raindrops and enjoyed seeing those dedicated tournament shooters. Hopefully, we will have brighter skies for the State Closed at New River Archers and the 3-D Fall Classic at Kingsboro Bowmen.

**New Legislation**

On Wednesday, June 18, Governor Mark Warner signed legislation that will allow a voluntary donation of \$2.00 when hunters purchase their next year's hunting licenses. This legislation is being referred to as the "David Horne Hunger Relief Bill" as a tribute and honor to David's lifetime of service to those in need. Also in attendance was Lieutenant Governor Tim Kaine, who upon learning of the need for this legislation, had the bill drafted for his 2003 legislative package. The chief patrons of this bill were Delegate Vic Thomas and Senator Ken Stolle.

**Hunters for the Hungry Raffles**

The Hunters for the Hungry will have two raffles this year. Funds from these raffles will go to support the processing fees for animals that are donated to feed the hungry. The first item to be raffled is an Arctic CAT ARV 250cc, including a winch and trailer valued at \$4,000. Raffle tickets for the ATV will be sold at \$10 per ticket. The second raffle is the hunt of a lifetime — a five-day, five-night muzzleload one-buck hunt at Rocky Branch Plantation in Pine Mountain, Georgia. The winners will hunt with the "Team Realtree" photographers and hunt with either David Blanton or Mike Waddell. The package includes meals, lodging and licenses. The value of this hunt is \$3,500. Raffle tickets are available at \$30 per ticket. Please contact Bob Seltzer (703-493-6705) if you would like to buy raffle tickets. They will be available through the end of July.

**Ducks Unlimited Archery Village**

The Ducks Unlimited folks have called upon VBA to help administer their "Archery Village" program this

year at the Great Outdoors Festival in Dinwiddie/Petersburg the weekend of September 19-21. I have been asked to coordinate and chair this event, provided I can get "committed" volunteers who are qualified to teach archery. The Archery Village will be set up and conducted similarly to the way Paul runs his archery education program. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer.

**VBA Archers Attend Tournaments**

I would like to congratulate our Virginia archers who attended the NFAA Indoor Nationals, the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Sectional and the Atlantic City Tournament, as noted in the NFAA Archery magazine.

At the Nationals, we had Colleen McGowan, AFBHFS; Rick Stark, AMBB in second place; Bobby Norris, Larry Bass, Joel Hugill, and Robert Huffman, AMFS; Vic Matthews, Master SMFSL; Barry Velarde, SMFS in first place; and Steven Stark, Roger Willett, Mel Shrewsbury and Darryll Diehl, Pro MFS.

At the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Sectional we had Roger Willett, Pro MFS in second place; C. W. Nesselrodt, Bob Clark and Matt Faulkner, AMFS; Ken Norris, AMBHFS, in second place; Jim Herin, AMBHFS in first place; Russ Hatchel, Senior MTRAD; Vic Matthews, Master SMFSL in first place; Wendy Bridge, AFHFS in second place; Betty Hamlin, SFFS; Nichole Stark, YAFFS; and Jim Branning, YAMFS in second place.

At the Atlantic City Tournament, we were represented by Ginger Hamlin, AFFS in second place and Jessica Musser in third place; Brian Tate, David Gills and Robert McGovern, AMFS; Darryll Diehl received \$1,000 for first place and Ken Norris received \$250 for second place in the AMBHFS. Roger Willett, Compound Unlimited, received \$750 for sixth place in Flight 2; Steven Stark in Flight 2 and Richard Leftwich received \$400 for first place and Melvin Shrewsbury in Flight 3; Joel Hugill and William Hamlin in Flight 5; Rick Stark, AMFSL; Barry Velarde, Senior FS received \$125 for fifth place; and Betty Hamlin, SFFS.

In the Unlimited Compound Market 3-D tournament, Steven Stark received \$500 for first place. Our collegiate

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## A Second "Kiwi" Season

As every hunter knows with the end of the season, it will be a long off-season until that special rush and thrill of adrenalin flows again. For me the 2002-03 season was both pleasant and productive, with two whitetails harvested for the second year of my bowhunting experience. Now when most were cleaning and putting up their equipment, I was just getting started with a more intensive regimen. After conferring with Guide Billy Sandulak of Leithen Valley Trophy Hunts at the Chantilly Sport Show held in late January of this year, we worked out the details of my upcoming bowhunt - stand placement, heights, distances, blinds, and other situations likely to be encountered. Next it was getting the bow fine tuned and checked thoroughly by Bow Pro Kelly Racz of R&R Archery in Lewes, Delaware. Then came the hardest part, the routine of gym work on upper body strength and endurance at a time of year when hunting memories begin to fade on a soft couch near a warm fire. In addition, I worked out a schedule of regular practice at either NORVA or my good friend's backyard range in Annandale, Virginia. I don't think that I will ever forget the cold, after work practices in the snow, numbed fingers, or the cackle of my friend's wife Mary asking me if I wanted to use their snow shovel to get back and forth to the target area! Usually I was lucky to get in 20 minutes practice before it was too dark to see properly. Mary would then offer up much kindness in hot tea to soothe both the limbs and the mind for when practice did not go very well. Still, I was determined to use the practice sessions to work out the bad habits. It would not be long until March when I would be flying into late summer on the south island of New Zealand to take on my greatest hunting challenge to date and come face to face with some of the world's largest Red Stags!

The expectations got me started on researching and learning all about the Red Deer, *Cervus elaphus*, on best approaches and times to hunt. In comparison to the animals that we hunt in North America, the Red Stags are like a cross between the best attributes of a whitetail deer and an elk! Their primary sense, smell, can range up to several



miles in the right prevailing wind conditions. Their hearing is almost as good, and with monochrome sight can detect movement out to 300+ yards, and well defined shapes at 50 yards or more. When alarmed, they are big and strong enough to book into the next valley over rough terrain before you can think about another shot. Even with their size they can be so visible with binoculars, yet so distant from effective weapon ranges! Although sight would seem to be their weak point, I did find out on my first trip that it could be frustratingly difficult to get within decent telescopic range, much less a reasonable bow range of 30 yards. It would be a great challenge to get up on these Red Stags, almost the size of a bull elk. I selected March for the pre-rut period when the stags are "thick-necked," apt to be less "smart," and establishing territories before the hinds come into estrus. After the hinds do come into "heat" the biggest stags break off into herding them much like the way elk do. With all those eyes around it is almost impossible to get in really close.

When my plane touched down in Auckland in March of this year, I wondered if all the preparation was enough to be successful, but it didn't really matter for me — just getting away from the office and being there again at Leithen

Valley would be ample reward. And New Zealand — you cannot beat the people, hospitality, economics, or scenery. After a tour of the wine country in Marlborough and a short stay in the quaint resort area of Queenstown, I finally made it back "home" to Leithen Valley in time for a short evening viewing of the terrain and animals. Not only was the weather completely cooperating, but on my arrival the stags all began to roar. The "Roar" is really something to witness, and not unlike the "bugle" of an elk, only distinctly different in the vocalization. It starts out like a low glottal bellow that whines out into a classic roaring sound, sometimes followed by short, heaving "ungh's." Magnificent to watch and listen to at 300 yards, but it can be hair-raising to the back of the neck at just 15 yards! In a way I imagine that this is part of the intended purpose. After viewing some splendid stags and an elk, I spent the rest of the evening unpacking my gear and checking out my bow — everything made it without a hitch.

My first day out came easy with my guide taking me to a blind set-up over a wallow in one of the many dissected valley draws of prime hunting land. Relief in these erosive alluvial hills runs about 700-1000 yards of gentle to steep slopes with prime NZ grasses, tussocks, bush, and occasional group of trees. It can create some ideal ambush sites, and this is what I was counting on. The first morning was genuinely superb for both weather and game watching. The best treat was in observing one bachelor herd of 4-5 year old stags play/dominance fight up and down over two hill tops — just like viewing a wildlife TV adventure in your backyard!

Later in the refurbished blind we looked out over this new "hot spot" and started to get a little sleepy from a long enough first day out. Suddenly, a bellow-roar came from immediately behind us, nearly making me jump right out of my boots. I believe they refer to this as a NZ wake-up call! As I turned to look over my shoulder, I could see the huge antler rack hovering over the bush, a probable 390 or better class stag that we had seen the night before. With my body twisted into a pretzel and shivering from the tension, I watched him go past a hole in the

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## A Second "Kiwi" Season, *Continued from page 3*

bush at eight yards, actually making eye contact for a moment. To my great relief, the acorn scent that clung to my Mossy Oak Shadow Leaf camo did not affect his sensitivity to our presence. I turned and readied myself for the shot — all he had to do was exit the bush out to the left and he was mine at less than 20 yards. Fat chance, for he was big for a reason — he went right instead! Another unsuccessful shooting situation later got me so wired and tired that we called it a day.

The next morning at sunrise I found myself with outfitter Alan Stewart, who resembles and acts so much like Crocodile Dundee that one is tempted to call him Mick! He dropped me off at a spot he had scouted the evening before and then took off to flank and possibly pressure a nice Gold Medal stag that had bedded in this level draw bottom with patches of dense brush. As I quickly looked around for an ambush site, a flicker of movement and the realization that I had a stag slowly making his way towards me at about 300 yards. I slowly retreated to brush over cover and set up on one knee. I blended in well with the



cover and had just enough in front of me to break up any outlines. The wind was right and I watched the stag make his way, stopping periodically to look around before moving on. He stopped at 30 yards looking right at me, then continued slowly eyeing me before looking around. My heart started racing at the sight of that stag in the early morning sunlight in what seemed like an eternity

for that animal to get within a 16 yard shot that I planned on. Just as he passed I started to pull back on my bowstring when he obviously caught the movement in his peripheral vision and he bolted forward to my utter dismay and chagrin. I just couldn't believe the set up that I had just blown! In typical Kiwi fashion, however, Alan suddenly popped up with inquiry of seeing a stag running away with no arrow in it! One look at my face and it was, "Not to worry; we'll get another one." The patience of my guide and hosts was enormous in my book, and very much appreciated. I spent the rest of the morning in one of Guide Billy's tree stands and had the pleasure of watching a mature hind with yearling hind and stag come to within 18 yards. Could have drawn back and got one, but my conscience over "Mom" got to me. Later, my NZ hosts reminded me that the hind meat is a bit more tender than the stags!

That afternoon Billy took me to another ambush set up, near the corner of an old sheep fence line and a favorite pass-

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archers from James Madison University were Megan Bowker, Kristen Haug, Nichole Kimball, Stephanie Pylypchuk, Kelly Clark, Katina Weiss, Adam Wheatcroft, Bobby Parr, Caleb Heller, Ian DeVivi, James Kim, Josh Miller, Andrew Holben, Ryan Segura and Michael LeFleur.

### Upcoming VDGIF Events

The upcoming dates for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) events for women and the family are as follows:

- **Family Sea Kayaking Day**, Saturday, June 28 — Chickahominy Lake, New Kent
- **Mother and Daughter Outdoors**, Saturday - Sunday, August 2-3 — Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox
- **Virginia Outdoors Weekend**, Friday - Sunday, September 12-14 — Westmoreland State Park in Montross
- **Women's Upland Game Bird Hunt**, Saturday, November 15, Catlett
- **Generation Deer Hunt**, Saturday, November 22.

These events are well worth attending and you will enjoy meeting others who share your interests.

### VDGIF Hunter Education

For all IBEP and Hunter Education instructors who would like to increase their knowledge, the VDGIF offers "Advanced Training Workshops" at the Appomattox Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center three times a year. Classes are offered in Shotgun, Rifle, Muzzle-loading, Archery, Range Operations, Woodsmanship, Treestand Safety, Teaching Hunter Education, GPS Orienteering, Animal Tracking, ATV Training, Turkey Hunting Techniques, Outdoor Cooking, Survival, Flyfishing, Map & Compass, Women & Family Dynamics, Trapping, Organizing/Improving Your Hunter Ed Class, Hunter Ed Alternative Delivery and Ethics. There is no charge for attending these workshops. The lodging facilities are rustic and meals are included. I encourage and highly recommend that

our instructors attend these workshops. Let me know if anyone is interested and would like further details.

VBA expresses thanks to two of our members who were called upon to serve our country and help support our troops in Iraq. Ralph M. Huppert, Jr. of Belvoir Bowhunters and Joseph Wood of NORVA. We wish them both a safe return to their families and loved ones.

Finally, VBA would like to extend our condolences to the families and friends of Frank McGurgan of Manahoac Bowmen, who passed away on Sunday, April 20, and Mac Hodges of Cub Run Archers who passed away on May 6. Both were dedicated archers who spent much time helping out with their club events.

That's all for now, folks. Have a nice, safe summer!

*—Irene Stocksdaile*

### In Memoriam

*Frank McGurgan, Manahoac Bowmen — April 20, 2003*

*Mac Hodges, Cub Run Archers — May 6, 2003*



# ***Congratulations To Our Tournament Winners!***



◀ **VBA Spring 3-D  
Classic Champions** (21)

**VBA State Open  
Champions** (18)



◀ **VBA State Open  
Overall Winners**

## **IBEP Training Dates, Summer & Fall 2003**

Schedule as of 6/20/03. A minimum of 12 students is required to conduct the course. Updated information can be found at our website, [www.geocities.com/~vbarchers/](http://www.geocities.com/~vbarchers/), or e-mail Al Baughman at [beinsured@juno.com](mailto:beinsured@juno.com). The NBEF website, [www.nbef.org](http://www.nbef.org), has listings of all IBEP schedules by state.

### **FORT BELVOIR**

Coordinator: Bob Seltzer  
 July 19, 2003  
 August 16, 2003  
 Sept. 13, Sept. 21, 2003  
 Oct. 12, Oct. 26, 2003  
 November 9, 2003  
 Classes run from 8 am – 5 pm.  
 Nominal fee for facility usage.  
 Pre-registration is required.  
 (703) 805-3714, 9 am – 5 pm.

### **FORT A. P. HILL**

Coordinator: Irene Stocksdale  
 September 27, 2003  
 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 No fee.  
 Pre-registration is required.  
 Check in at MP station for  
 location of classroom.  
 (703) 670-5003, 6-9 pm.

### **LYNCHBURG/NEW LONDON RURITAN CLUB**

Coordinator: Al Baughman  
 August 9, 2003  
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 No fee.  
 Pre-registration is required.  
 (434) 525-7427, 7-9 pm, or  
 e-mail [beinsured@juno.com](mailto:beinsured@juno.com)

### **MARTINSVILLE, SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Coordinator: Capt. Eddie Cassady  
 August 23, 2003  
 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 No fee.  
 Pre-registration is required.  
 (276) 656-5301, 9 am - 5 pm.

**CALL TO REGISTER NOW!**



# VBA Spring 3-D Classic – 2003, Hosted By Cherokee Archers

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Day 1		Day 2		Totals	
				Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
SC	Katy Carlson	AFBB		59		90		149	
SC	Kay Core	AFBHFS		243		248		491	
2nd	Teresa Covington	AFBHFS		154		114		268	
SC	Karin Eppard	AFFS		256		259		515	
2nd	Angela Goad	AFFS		251		246		497	
3rd	Teresa Robinson	AFFS		202		235		437	
	Shirley Jordan	AFFS		209		208		417	
SC	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD		209		238		447	
2nd	Cay McManus	AFTRAD		150		175		325	
3rd	Debbie Woofter	AFTRAD		108		157		265	
	Kathleen Ernst	AFTRAD		119		105		224	
SC	Pat Snow II	AMBB		232		235		467	
2nd	Chris Willard	AMBB		230		222		452	
3rd	John Harless	AMBB		217		214		431	
	David Gallimore	AMBB		203		194		397	
	Mark Covington	AMBB		181		177		358	
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SC	Robby Moore	AMBHFS		256		265		521	
2nd	Frankie Farley	AMBHFS		247		264		511	
3rd	Patrick Eppard	AMBHFS		255		252		507	
	Taylor Linkous	AMBHFS		246		250		496	
	Albert Furrow	AMBHFS		244		240		484	
	Cory Sadler	AMBHFS		230		248		478	
	Danny Law	AMBHFS		217		254		471	
	Brad Baker	AMBHFS		220		251		471	
	Jimmy Halstead	AMBHFS		225		246		471	
	Joe Nale	AMBHFS		236		233		469	
	Everett Wilson	AMBHFS		227		241		468	
	Timmy Hancock	AMBHFS		229		223		452	
	Charles Hilliard	AMBHFS		217		232		449	
	Mike Turner	AMBHFS		209		225		434	
	Gary Compton	AMBHFS		236		197		433	
F I R S T F L I G H T									
	Edward Stevens	AMBHFS		207		218		425	
	Joel Williams	AMBHFS		198		220		418	
	Ricky King	AMBHFS		177		236		413	
	Kip Good	AMBHFS		181		217		398	
	Mark Combs	AMBHFS		180		209		389	
	Terry Ward	AMBHFS		204		180		384	
	Doug Bailey	AMBHFS		178		163		341	
	Brian Johnson	AMBHFS		163		171		334	
	William Bradley	AMBHFS		248		0		248	
	David Sartin	AMBHFS		124		0		124	
SC	Earl Cash	AMBHFSL		192		196		388	
2nd	Bill Draper	AMBHFSL		147		164		311	
3rd	Chris Sartin	AMBHFSL		108		90		198	



## VBA Spring 3-D Classic – 2003 (continued)

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Day 1		Day 2		Totals	
				Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
SC	Brian Bailey	AMFS		254		276		530	
2nd	Derek Nester	AMFS		270		258		528	
3rd	Larry Core	AMFS		248		264		512	
	Rusty Short	AMFS		248		256		504	
	Barry Spurlock	AMFS		256		248		504	
	Joel Hugill	AMFS		258		237		495	
	James Rice	AMFS		229		262		491	
	Bobbie Flinchum	AMFS		234		254		488	
	Mark Huff	AMFS		241		243		484	
	Matt Faulkner	AMFS		221		256		477	
	Danny Bobbit	AMFS		206		0		206	
SC	Denny Baird	AMFSL		184		245		429	
SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD		239		246		485	
2nd	Craig Ernst	AMTRAD		225		225		450	
3rd	Jerry Jordan	AMTRAD		205		226		431	
	Joe McManus	AMTRAD		221		199		420	
	Howard Faris	AMTRAD		200		216		416	
	Allen Spangler	AMTRAD		194		210		404	
	Darrell Payne	AMTRAD		174		210		384	
	Tom Dalton	AMTRAD		157		208		365	
	Roy Forehand	AMTRAD		165		180		345	
	Joe Gormley	AMTRAD		157		183		340	
	Don Bedner	AMTRAD		134		160		294	
SC	Alex Ernst	CMBB		126		175		301	
2nd	Erik Carlson	CMBB		141		154		295	
SC	Mark Gallimore	CMFS		276		250		526	
SC	Chris Halstead	CMFS		198		231		429	
SC	Justin Ernst	CMFSL		216		241		457	
SC	Steven Carlson	PWMBB		207		212		419	
SC	Barry Velarde	SMFS		261		263		524	
2nd	Marvin Groseclose	SMFS		223		256		479	
3rd	James Brugh	SMFS		215		213		428	
	Stan Parmentier	SMFS		156		212		368	
SC	A. L. Self	SMFSL		186		182		368	
2nd	Pat Snow	SMFSL		143		142		285	
SC	Brad Baker	YAMFS		245		242		487	
2nd	Gary Compton, Jr.	YAMFS		166		201		367	
SC	Patrick Vogel	YAMFSL		201		191		392	
SC	Charlotte Ernst	YFBB		129		128		257	
SC	Josh Snow	YMBB		205		224		429	
SC	Travis Gormley	YMFS		196		239		435	
2nd	Eric Flinchum	YMFS		164		209		373	
	Alex Carlson	YMFSL		55		97		152	

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*Jason Newman*

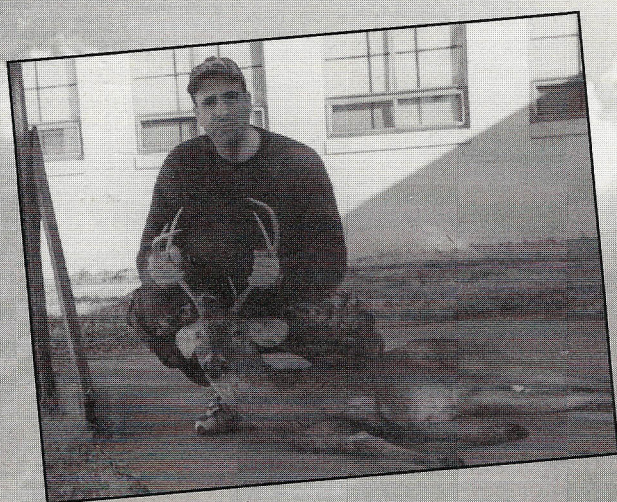


*Elvie Shifflett and son Greg*



*Kay Core*

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*John Castaneda*



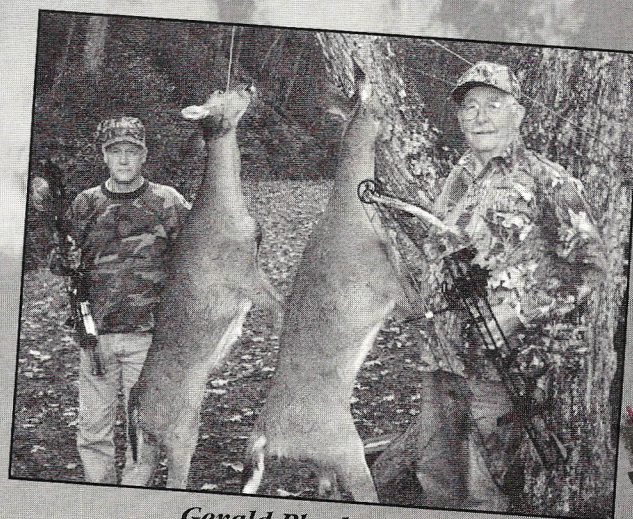
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*Shaw Hill  
more photos*

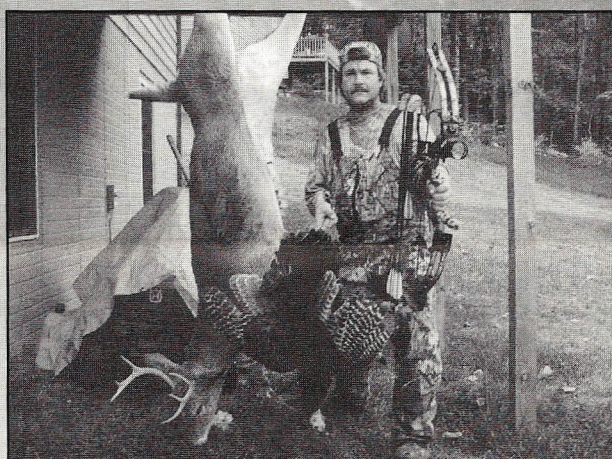




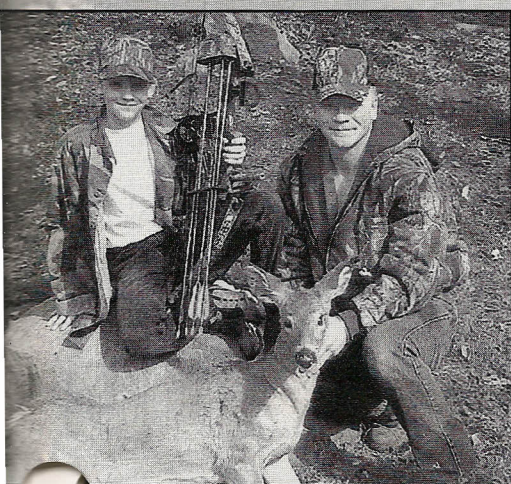
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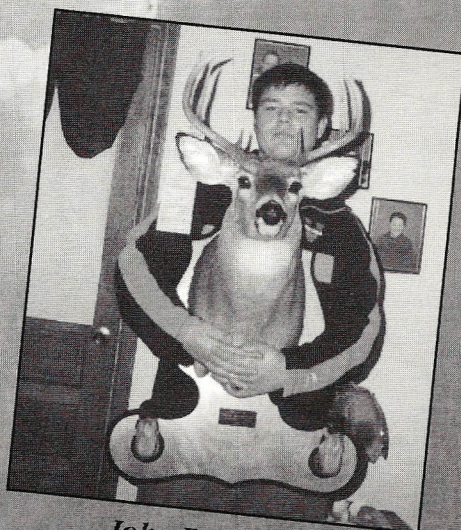
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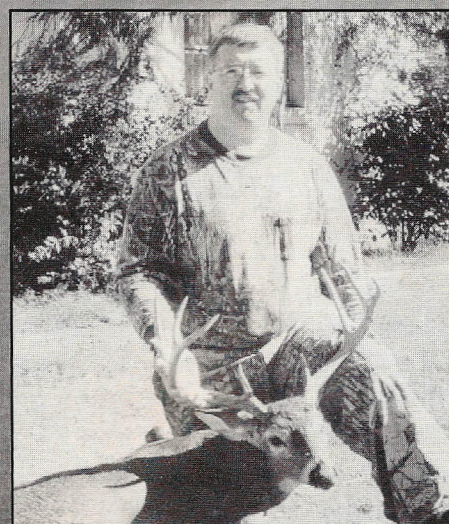
*Mark Brady — One very successful morning!*



*ker and his son Billy*



*John Brewster*



*Alan Kroll*

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# VBA State Open – 2003, Hosted by Sherwood Archers

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		14 Animal/14 Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	Xs	Scores	Xs	Score	Xs
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	AA	476	0	515	5	991	5
SC	Kay Core	AFBHFS	AA	511	43	524	14	1035	57
2nd	Robin Vogel	AFBHFS	AA	481	20	508	11	989	31
SC	Jessica Musser	AFFS	AA	517	45	546	23	1063	68
2nd	Bertha Brugh	AFFS	A	460	20	502	11	962	31
SC	Debra Woofter	AFTRAD	AA	110	0	92	0	202	0
SC	Bill Keen	AMBB	AA	472	14	513	0	985	14
2nd	Patrick Snow II	AMBB	AA	463	11	506	6	969	17
1st	John Harless	AMBB	A	435	10	475	3	910	13
1st	David Gallimore	AMBB	B	379	9	437	2	816	11
2nd	Bill Draper, Jr.	AMBB	B	337	1	423	2	760	3
1st	Don Bedner	AMBB	C	321	0	437	4	758	4
SC	Howard Faris	AMBH	AA	477	0	512	0	989	0
2nd	John Boyd	AMBH	AA	450	0	496	0	946	0
3rd	Joe McManus	AMBH	AA	413	0	452	0	865	0
	Earl Anderson	AMBH	AA	401	0	439	0	840	0
SC	Andy Stonesifer	AMBHFS	AA	543	61	548	22	1091	83
2nd	Billy Burkholder	AMBHFS	AA	530	46	547	23	1077	69
3rd	Gregory Petefish	AMBHFS	AA	529	31	544	22	1073	53
	Paul Vogel	AMBHFS	AA	528	40	540	26	1068	66
	Mike Shupe	AMBHFS	AA	518	38	531	20	1049	58
	Mike Stonesifer	AMBHFS	AA	511	32	537	19	1048	51
	Mitch Stonesifer	AMBHFS	AA	524	34	0	0	524	34
1st	Everette Kline	AMBHFS	A	508	25	524	12	1032	37
2nd	Randy McAvoy	AMBHFS	A	500	26	528	15	1028	41
3rd	Harry Kibler	AMBHFS	A	499	29	522	9	1021	38
	Webb Babcock	AMBHFS	A	482	22	515	10	997	32
	Mark Lohr	AMBHFS	A	504	30	0	0	504	30
1st	Rickey King	AMBHFS	B	500	25	520	4	1020	29
2nd	Joe Gormley	AMBHFS	B	472	18	483	6	955	24
SC	Jim Herin	AMBHFSL	AA	492	24	536	14	1028	38
2nd	Aubrey Self, Jr.	AMBHFSL	AA	449	11	482	5	931	16
1st	Jerry Jordan	AMBHFSL	A	419	13	477	5	896	18
SC	Mike Lewis	AMFS	AA	548	61	552	30	1100	91
2nd	Ronnie Lewis	AMFS	AA	549	60	549	29	1098	89
3rd	William Hamlin	AMFS	AA	544	60	554	24	1098	84
	Bryan Bailey	AMFS	AA	544	52	552	28	1096	80
	Robert Kenley	AMFS	AA	538	46	549	24	1087	70
	James Thurman	AMFS	AA	536	52	548	19	1084	71
	C. D. Miller	AMFS	AA	536	51	547	19	1083	70
	Kurtis Russell	AMFS	AA	535	54	546	21	1081	75
	Terry Pendley	AMFS	AA	530	51	542	20	1072	71
	Terry Ballowe	AMFS	AA	527	45	538	20	1065	65



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Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		14 Animal/14 Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	Xs	Scores	Xs	Score	Xs
	Kenneth Reynolds	AMFS	AA	515	30	528	18	1043	48
	Bud Mack	AMFS	AA	513	31	527	9	1040	40
	James Rankin	AMFS	AA	518	33	519	21	1037	54
1st	Larry Core	AMFS	A	527	39	549	21	1076	60
2nd	Leo Weigand	AMFS	A	522	35	545	20	1067	55
3rd	Tommy Wilhelm	AMFS	A	521	34	542	23	1063	57
	Kenneth Lingerfelt	AMFS	A	518	32	534	16	1052	48
	Roy Forehand	AMFS	A	515	35	536	19	1051	54
	Donald Brown	AMFS	A	520	32	524	14	1044	46
	James Brugh	AMFS	A	504	26	526	15	1030	41
	Randy Seavey	AMFS	A	494	13	524	8	1018	21
	Lloyd Overfelt	AMFS	A	503	25	508	11	1011	36
1st	Lilburn Martin	AMFS	B	483	15	512	7	995	22
2nd	Gary Maynard	AMFS	B	480	16	499	5	979	21
3rd	Jeffrey Routt, Sr.	AMFS	B	451	7	512	5	963	12
1st	David Ebin	AMFS	C	325	5	451	2	776	7
SC	Joseph Rozmus	AMFSL	AA	502	23	516	14	1018	37
2nd	Randall Hartley	AMFSL	AA	474	12	524	18	998	30
3rd	Jarrett Frame	AMFSL	AA	469	18	521	10	990	28
	John Grossl	AMFSL	AA	454	12	492	8	946	20
1st	Jim Harris	AMFSL	A	484	23	500	6	984	29
SC	Terry Coghill	AMTRAD	A	171	0	158	0	329	0
2nd	James Woofter	AMTRAD	A	83	0	128	0	211	0
1st	George Dalton	AMTRAD	B	357	4	379	0	736	4
SC	Mark Gallimore	CMFS	A	507	27	532	18	1039	45
SC	Roy Sturgill	SMBB	AA	457	15	508	9	965	24
2nd	Larrie Emerson	SMBB	AA	457	16	492	4	949	20
SC	Stan Parmentier	SMBHFS	A	485	23	511	12	996	35
2nd	Charles Martens	SMBHFS	A	407	12	441	2	848	14
SC	Robert Baublitz	SMFS	AA	529	41	545	20	1074	61
2nd	Bill Hamlin, Sr.	SMFS	AA	522	31	537	18	1059	49
SC	Buddy Lowman	SMFSL	AA	468	15	514	10	982	25
1st	Victor Matthews	SMFSL	A	438	7	492	7	930	14
SC	Nathan Kline	YAMBHFS	AA	509	29	522	14	1031	43
SC	Jacob Hinkle	YAMFS	AA	531	51	547	21	1078	72
3rd	Patrick Vogel	YAMFSL	AA	472	20	481	11	953	31
SC	Joshua Snow	YMBB	C	379	3	410	2	789	5
SC	Jacob Price	YMBHFS	AA	425	10	458	6	883	16
	Travis Gormley	YMFS	AA	471	13	529	0	1000	13
	Joshua Lohr	YMFS	A	475	17	507	0	982	17

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## A Second "Kiwi" Season, *Continued from page 4*

ing lane for stags on the prowl. A picnic like grassy area with bush cover and a nice hole in front for another close in shot possibility. I had taken along some two-way radios on this trip and we both took one, with Billy going up to higher ground to radio ahead on any approaching stags. It was a nice afternoon, but I did forget one item that made a difference, to check the batteries in the radio (I had even brought spares!). Soon the radio was crackling but Billy's voice immediately faded. Nonetheless, I got ready and nervously watched a decent sized stag make his way past me. Being careful this time to patiently wait until out of peripheral sight, I drew back and let an arrow fly only to hit a deflection off of a piece of barbed wire attached to the fence post! The stag bolted and dejectedly I radioed Billy about the mishap, not knowing that the reason he was trying to radio me was that an elk in the 360 class was right behind the stag and should be the one to take. With my bow on the ground beside me there was a sudden crackling and snapping of bush twigs and branches, and I watched that elk lumber into view like an ancestral dinosaur. I couldn't believe I was viewing what I had only read about in maga-

zines. An elk in full rut with the blood-shot eyes, snot running from his nose, and oodles of drool spouting from his mouth walking by while making low panting sounds and moving his head from side to side like a lonely male at an ISO dance! An awesome, almost shivering sight to behold! For some inexplicable reason, I just stared at this scene instead of knocking another arrow. When Billy finally arrived, I started to tell him of the elk adventure, but he had already seen it up close and personal. On the way back to me through the bush, he had just been quick enough to lie on the ground and have it pass him by at just six yards! Talk about scary movie scenes!

Just as I started to question myself again, Billy reminded me that it takes skill to hit a thin piece of wire at that distance, and that we still had some daylight left. Guide George Stewart joined us just as Billy spotted a nice Red Stag on a nearby hilltop. "Let's do a stalk." Almost as if on cue, we split up with Billy racing up a parallel ridgeline with binoculars to keep up with the animal's movements. George had me knock an arrow with instructions to be ready, as we made our way crisscrossing small streams in the narrow valley plain below the hill. With George periodically turning to catch hand signals coming from Billy, we started to make our ascent up the hill, winding around bush and trying to stay balanced as we pressed onward. What seemed like an eternity lasted about 20-25 minutes of winding and crouching our way up. My arms felt heavy, the legs got tired, and my lungs filled with that light, burning sensation of exhaustion as we made our way over the top to the last bit of bush cover between us and a mature Red Stag.

The stag stood there magnificently, almost defiant, antlered head with chest high. Looking back at us, he was slightly elevated above our position, and with the backdrop of waning light from the approach of sunset, it created a true Kodak scene, if there ever was one. I caught my breath as my guide looked and asked if I could make the shot. I had already estimated the distance and made the affirmative decision. If there is such a thing as a bowhunter's nirvana, I must have been in it, because at that point I was calm, focused, and totally confident. Can't explain why, just was, and I knew it. All the practice and preparation just came into play without any effort. I stepped into a perfect u-shaped shooting

lane between the bushes, drew back putting the 50 yard pin high on his shoulder, then slightly over to the left, and released. I watched as the arrow flew high into the horizon, then started to drop, straight on the intended target. The stag hunched over on impact with the arrow landing perfectly to create a mortal wound in the heart area of the chest. He turned and galloped furiously over the ridge horizon until we lost sight of him. Hearing my guide exclaim, "You got him! Best shot that I ever saw," was almost worth the trophy fees that I was soon to pay. What was most satisfying was the work it took and the pride in getting off a tough, but successful shot that I am not so sure I would even try again (I had passed on a moving elk at 50 yards two years previously), unless similar conditions existed.

We recovered the arrow with the Muzzy broadhead and last four inches missing, and a little trail of blood. With the approaching night we made the decision to go back to the lodge and take up the chase at dawn the next day. That evening I walked in to a great meal at the lodge and everyone celebrated, including a few SCI hunters from Michigan who had just joined us. I don't remember getting much sleep that night, perhaps because of the light rains and thinking about the loss of the blood trail. At daybreak we headed out into the bush and it took a while, but we did eventually find him. He had run about 180 yards before dropping, even with the mortal wound. The last 30 yards of his flight through the bush were very evident where he had been crashing against the bush as he started to stumble. A mature stag about 10 years old, he sported an 8 x 8 rack that scored out at 331 SCI points. Our spirits are now forever intertwined in my most memorable hunt to date.

I hope to get back again when my supply of red and fallow deer meat dwindles.

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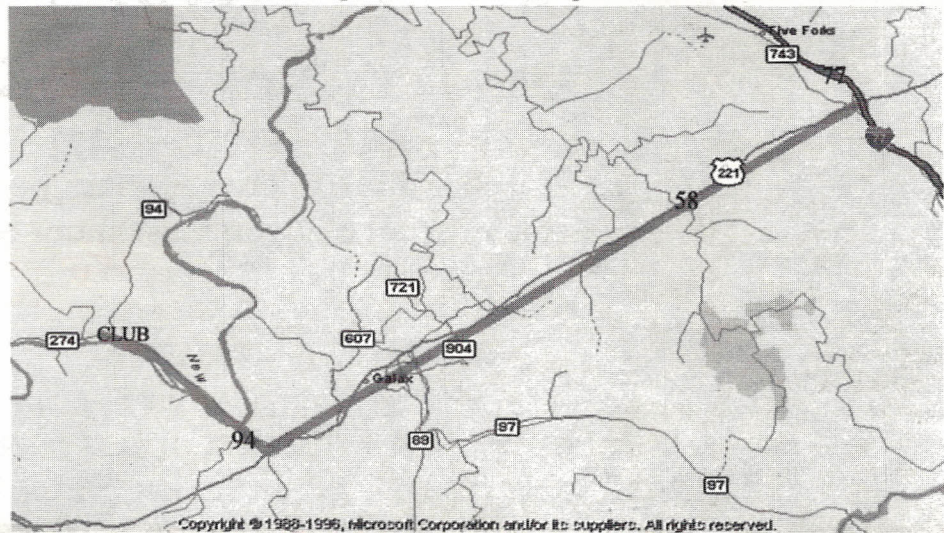
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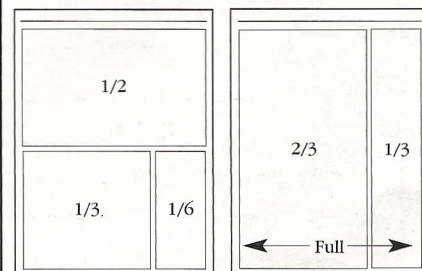
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