

Rec'd 1/8/98

REB



VBA



(200-220)

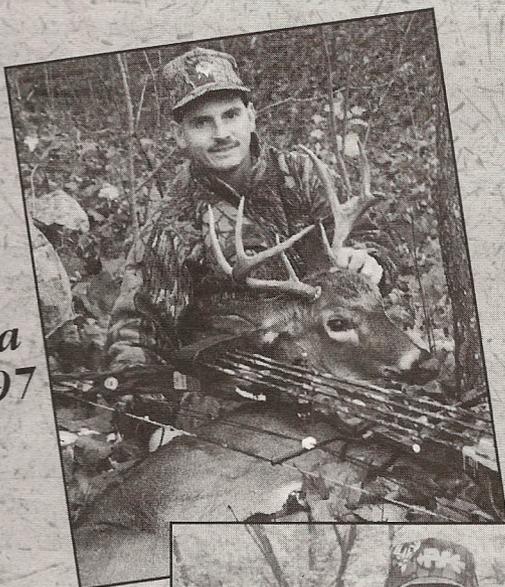
FLIGHT

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION

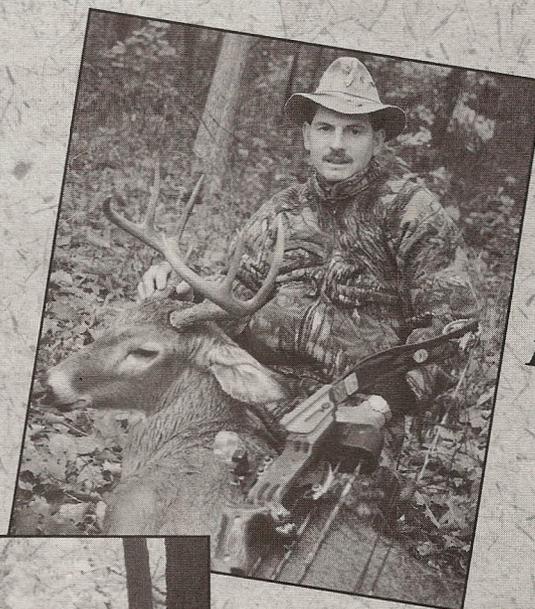
FLIGHT NO. 4

WINTER 1997

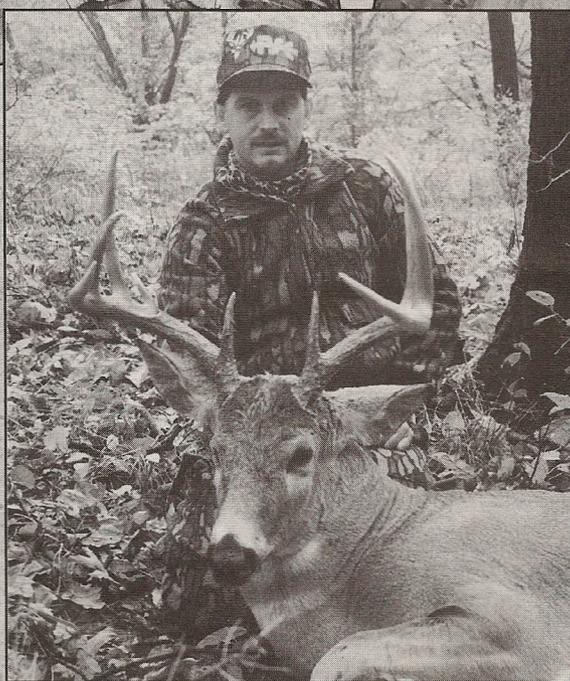
VOLUME 40



*Virginia
11/15/97*



*Virginia
11/11/97*



*Illinois
11/6/97*

*Story on
page 4.*

**A
Season
To
Remember!**

VBA OFFICERS

Robert Seltzer, President
7588 Woodstown Drive
Springfield, Va. 22153
703-644-9708 (home)

**Dave Proctor, Executive Vice
President and Flight Editor**
4076 Singers Glen Road
Harrisonburg, Va. 22802
540-867-0231 (home)
540-828-4663 (work)
540-828-4862 (fax)

Mark W. Lohr, Field Vice President
304 Jesse Lane
Strasburg, Va. 22657
540-465-4065 (home)

Clinton Western, NFAA Director
110 Breezewood Lane
Vinton, Va. 24179
540-890-3072 (home)

Ann R. Boyd, Executive State Secretary
154 Wilkins Drive
Winchester, Va. 22602
540-722-9536 (VBA)
540-667-1320 (home)
vbarboyd@juno.com

Crystal Bell, Recording Secretary
P.O. Box 415
Crimora, Va. 24431
540-943-7990 (home)

Robert M. Pecora, Treasurer
P. O. Box 348
The Plains, Va. 20198
703-754-1873 (home)
703-754-8713 (work)
703-335-3608 (pager)

Paul Vogel, Field Governor
7110 Wilburdale Drive
Annandale, Va. 22003
703-941-0073

David Burpee, Hunting Vice President
7433 Spring Tree Drive
Springfield, Va. 22153
703-913-0508 (home)
202-789-5366 (office)
202-789-5388 (fax)

Al Baughman, NBEF Director
119 Shady Oak Lane
Forest, Va. 24551
804-525-7427 (home)
804-929-2400 (work)

Irene Stocksdale, Publicity Director
3304 Bayfield Drive
Dale City, Va. 22193
(703) 670-5003 (home)
(202) 501-9196 (work)
irene.stocksdale@gsa.gov

FLIGHT NO. 4

VOL. 40

Published Quarterly
Dave Proctor, Editor
4076 Singers Glen Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Bulk Rate Postage
Paid at Bridgewater, VA

Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Spring issue of FLIGHT will be *February 27, 1998*. Please submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is *your* newsletter!

From The President

Well, the year and hunting season are quickly coming to a close, with only days left in each as I write this. The year has had its ups and downs health-wise for the Seltzer family, but the hunting season, at least the latter part of it, has been fairly successful. I hope each of you have enjoyed the hunting this year as much as I have and have been at least as successful. Before we bring this hunting season to a close, there are several things I want to remind you about. First, don't forget to submit your application for the Bill Bennett Award. If you don't have an application there is one printed on page five of this issue.

Secondly, don't forget the VBA Annual Banquet is coming up in March. If you were fortunate enough to harvest a nice buck or doe, enter them in the respective contests for awards to be presented at the Banquet. If you have any questions on this, please call Dave Burpee. (His phone number is listed at left.)

The third reminder concerns the survey forms each of us received from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries back before the season began. VDGIF was counting on us to fill out and return those forms as a means to gather important data. They had asked that we return the form by November 19. Unfortunately, only 7% of the forms had been returned by December 1. If you still have the form, please go ahead and mail it as soon as possible. I would like to cooperate with and assist the VDGIF whenever possible so that they come to count on us as a dependable and active part of the hunting community.

Lastly I want to remind you that the Virginia Hunters for the Hungry program can always use your help through donations of venison as well as dollars. Please help where you can.

I want to take this opportunity to say thanks to one of the finest bowhunters I know, and that is John Stockman. John has been our NBEF Director for the past six years and has put new life into the program. Without his interest and hard

work the program would surely have failed. Under his stewardship several thousand bowhunters have taken the NBEP course and the number of instructors state-wide has more than tripled. John has also been solely responsible for the VDGIF taking a renewed interest in supporting the NBEP. Beyond the fact that he has served the VBA well in several capacities over the years, John is simply a true gentleman who sets the mark all of us should strive for as ethical bowhunters. Thanks, John!!! And our thanks to Al Baughman for volunteering to keep NBEP alive and well.

Looking forward to 1998, I want to encourage each of you not only to retain your membership in your local club and the VBA, but also to bring in new members who share your interest. If ever there was a time when the old saying "there is strength in numbers" holds true, now is that time. More and more we are going to see legislation proposed that would limit or reduce recreational hunting in some way. The VBA should be prepared to oppose any reduction in or the loss of bowhunting opportunities. There were approximately 60,000 archery licenses sold in Virginia this year and we need as many of those voices behind the VBA as we can possibly get. Several members of the VBA Board of Directors have addressed Legislative Committees and/or the VDGIF Board of Commissioners on issues important not only to VBA members, but to all bowhunters in Virginia. Without fail the question will generally be asked, "how many folks does the VBA represent?" The actual answer is "everyone who purchased an archery license," but we sure need to have more of that 60,000 carrying VBA membership cards. We should all be concerned with the growth of VBA for that reason if for no other. So let's look at 1998 as the year we all do a little more to reach other bowhunters and make the VBA grow.

As we move into the new year, I wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous 1998. Good Hunting! 🏹

— Bob Seltzer

From The Hunting Vice-President

It's over. Hunting season is now behind us and we have nothing to look forward to, no life to live, no interests to pursue, no . . . well, you get the idea.

Actually, the outlook is much brighter than this dismal picture, because we have a full season of VBA club activities and State Championships ahead to enjoy. Participation in "dot shoots" and 3D challenges keeps hunting skills sharp, exposes hunters to new equipment and techniques, and is a source of great fellowship with other archers. So don't put the bow down yet; there is lots to do between now and next October!

One of our key activities is the Annual VBA Awards Dinner set for March 14, 1998 at the Mount Vernon Best Western Hotel in Charlottesville. Tickets are available from your VBA club representative in January. Cost depends on final operating expenses to produce the banquet, but it is expected to be about the same last year — \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Last year we had 75 attendees

VBA Banquet Big Game Contest

and this year promises to be even bigger, so make your reservations early.

Highlights for the event will include:

- Another terrific meal from Applause Catering. They did a great job last year and promise more of the same.
- Raffle prizes from the many companies who are expected to contribute a wide variety of gifts.
- Door prizes for men and women, and a silent auction for a major gift or two still in the process of negotiation.
- A guest speaker is on the agenda, but as of this writing, has not confirmed.
- Displays of everything from fish to fowl to mammals.
- Equipment displays of traditional and compound archery.

- Presentation of first, second, and third place awards.

Awards will go to VBA members who harvest during the 1997-98 season the largest carp and the largest gar taken by bow and arrow. The weights need to be certified and you enter by sending the VBA Carp/Gar form to me. There are also awards for the season's largest doe by weight, the largest buck by weight, and the largest rack scored by the Virginia system. You need to send your entry form to me along with a copy of the game check tag and a copy of the scoring sheet for the buck. Please pay special attention to the requirement that the weights be certified - no guessing allowed! We have very few entries in any fish or deer category, so make sure your entry is received by February 28! Questions? Contact me, Dave Burpee, at 703-913-0508.

Happy New Year, and see you at the Banquet in March! ↗

— Dave Burpee

VBA September Board Meeting Results

- **PASSED:** Motion to eliminate the office of Conservation/Legislative Affairs Vice President. That officer's duties would be assumed by other appropriate VBA officers. Effective immediately.
- **FAILED:** Motion that 1998 State Open and Closed be 28-Field, 14-Animal on first day; 28-Hunter on second day.
- **PASSED:** Change By-laws Article 12 to increase Executive State Secretary salary to \$4.00 per member. Effective January 1, 1998.
- **PASSED:** Motion to increase VBA Club Charter fee to \$20 per year. Effective January 1, 1998.
- **FAILED:** Motion to change Article 4, Section 1, Paragraph 1 of VBA Constitution. ↗

From The Executive State Secretary

On December 8, all club secretaries were mailed the necessary papers for 1998 club charter renewals and dues collections. ***If you are no longer the secretary for your club, please forward all forms mailed to you to the proper person, or contact my office immediately.***

All VBA dues expire on December 31 of each year. Members who are *not* planning to shoot in competition may join only the VBA through your local club. If you shoot in competition for awards, for example, in State Indoor, Open, or Closed, it is ***mandatory*** that you hold a valid NFAA membership card.

Club secretaries are asked to remember to return all forms issued by this office to me before the January 25, 1998 deadline. I ***must*** have all club renewal charters (NFAA will mail you renewal forms before the end of the year), your club officers' dues, and a copy of your club's constitution/by-laws, if changed. I must have all these necessary forms before I can process your club's re-charter application. Return all papers at the same time to avoid confusion. ***Nothing is to be mailed to NFAA except insurance. REMEMBER ALSO THAT THE VBA CHARTER FEE HAS INCREASED TO \$20.*** Make all checks payable to the Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc.

Lend your club secretary a hand by paying your dues early and getting new people to join VBA. Our membership for 1997 ***increased*** and we all would love to see this trend continue.

I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season. I am always available in the VBA office to assist all in any way I can. Please feel free to call upon me at any time. ↗

— Ann Boyd

Hunting Big Bucks In Illinois

I had just grunted about ten times and then let out one extra long grunt. In addition, I had sprayed doe-in-heat scent in the air, hoping it would drift to a nearby buck.

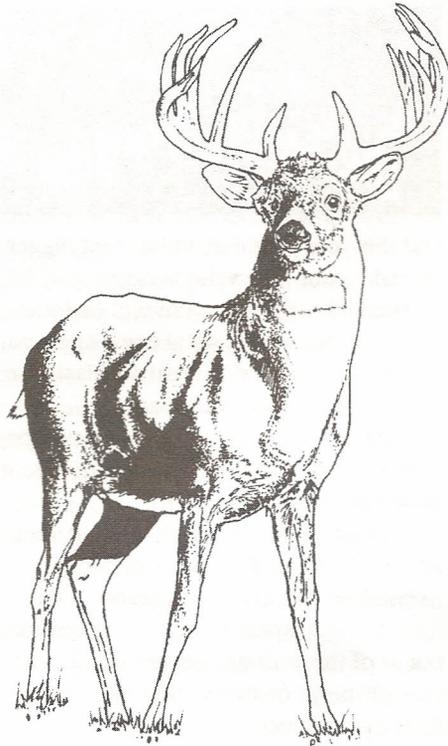
Down the hollow was a large fox squirrel. I watched him and just enjoyed the evening.

Then, as I rotated my head to the left, I saw a large set of antlers pointed straight at me. I closed my eyes knowing that I had been made!

This hunt had all started back in the spring when I attended the Pennsylvania Game Show and booked a hunt with Big Oak Hunting Paradise, Inc. of Lincoln, Illinois. As I talked to their representative, Greg Conrady, I knew he had just what I wanted — big bucks, and lots of them.

So on November 1, 1997, my hunting partner Harold Moyers and I headed out to Illinois. When we arrived the weather was terrible and miserably cold. We hunted in snow and rain until noon on Thursday, when finally the weather broke for the better. That's when things began happening.

From my tree stand, I heard a noise nearby and opened my eyes as "my" buck made two or three big leaps into some thick trees about thirty yards from me. He stood motionless for half a minute, then



walked into an open area which I judged to be about forty yards away.

As I came to full draw and made a grunt with my mouth, he stopped, and I sent an arrow on its way. He ran down into the draw and I realized that this time I had missed. Then he started walking up the draw toward the corn field. I sat in my tree stand and became angry and frustrated at having missed. Down the tree I scrambled, and up through the draw in pursuit of the buck.

The ground was wet, so I was

able to walk quietly with no crunch of leaves to betray my presence. Suddenly, there he was, right at the edge of the field. I could hardly believe my eyes! Being careful not to alarm him, I eased behind a big double oak. As I watched him, I gave another mouth grunt. He came toward me, right into an opening at twenty yards.

I came to full draw and stepped out from behind the tree. Lowering my pin on the buck's chest, I released. The arrow struck with a thud and the buck trotted for thirty yards, stopped, and rocking back and forth, down he went.

It was a great feeling to know that "my" big buck was on the ground. I left him there and went to find Harold to help me celebrate the biggest buck I had ever harvested with a bow. He was a nine point that dressed out at 210 pounds.

I would like to thank the people at Big Oak for arranging for me this very successful hunt. It is a first class operation with plenty of good food, warm beds, and a lot of big bucks. Most of all we appreciated our guide, who worked hard trying to provide an opportunity for us to get a shot at a "big buck."

Thank you, Gary and Greg Conrady!

— Randy Armentrout
Bowhunters of Rockingham



**It's Not
Too Late!!!**

If you have not completed and returned the survey form distributed in late summer by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, there is still time. We ask each of you, as caring sportspersons, to support this cooperative effort to improve wildlife conservation programs in Virginia.

Please mail your completed forms to Virginia Bowhunter Survey, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, P. O. Box 996, Verona, VA 24482-9901

Applications for Bill Bennett Big Game Award Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc.

Date _____ 19 _____

I, _____, _____
(please print name as it appears on VBA membership card) (street address)
_____, hereby certify that I killed a
(city, state and zip code)
_____, which is described below, and that I was a member of Virginia
Bowhunters Association, Inc. in good standing at that time. A description of my game and equipment appears below.

Signed _____

VBA Club Affiliation: _____

Location of kill: _____
(town) (county) (state)

Species of game taken: _____ Date of kill _____

Big Game tag number: _____. To be a legal kill, all game must be checked through a registered checking station.

Time of day: _____ a.m./p.m. Distance of shot: _____ yards.

Distance game traveled after being hit: _____ Number of hits: _____

Location of hits on body: _____

Shooting position: _____ Sitting/standing/kneeling.

Hunting method: Treestand _____ Ground blind _____ Stalking _____ Other _____

Sex of game: _____ Number of points, if buck: _____ Spread of antlers: _____ inches.

Field dressed weight of game: _____ lbs. Draw weight of bow: _____ lbs.

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

Brand name and number of blades of broadhead: _____

Is this your first bow kill in Virginia? _____

How many Big Game Awards have you received? _____ If any, please check the following in the proper space and give year of kill.

Plaque: _____ Subsequent awards: _____ 1, _____ 2, _____ 3, _____ 4, _____ 5, _____ 6,
_____ 7, _____ 8, _____ 9, _____ 10, _____ 11, _____ 12, _____ 13, _____ 14.

Signature of witness: _____
(person who saw game after it was killed)

The statistics requested on this application are important to VBA and the Virginia Game Commission.

This application must be returned within 90 days of kill to VBA Corresponding Secretary Ann R. Boyd, 154 Wilkins Drive, Winchester, VA 22602.

Note to applicant: If possible, please include a picture of yourself with game, giving name and description of game on back of picture for identification. The picture will be placed in the VBA Big Game Album.

In Memoriam: Charley Davis

Members of Sherwood Archers and VBA were saddened by the sudden death of Charley Davis on October 10, 1997. Charley was at hunting camp doing what he loved to do - hunting deer. He had harvested one only one week prior to his passing.

Charley had been a member of Sherwood Archers and VBA since 1977. Those who came in contact with him knew him as a quiet and kind individual who saw the best in everyone. He was responsible for the long flower bed beside Sherwood's clubhouse. He assisted the club when money was needed for building projects and he seldom missed a Sherwood tournament or any other club function. In addition, he helped many young people not only by introducing them to archery, but by taking them hunting and on vacations, and encouraging them to be their very best.

In 1994, Charley was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by Sherwood Archers. This is the highest honor the club can bestow on its members, and is given, in addition to other qualifications, for dedicated service to archery, Sherwood's club, and fellow archers.

He will be sorely missed!



VBA 1997 3-D Fall Classic At New River Bowhunters

Rank	Name	Style	Sat.	Sun.	Total
SC	Paul Sawyers	AM MSR	248	245	493
2nd	Jeff Myers	AM MSR	231	233	464
3rd	Bob Utt	AM MSR	240	222	462
	Mike Gilmer	AM MSR	227	232	459
	Larry Hypes	AM MSR	228	228	456
	Bob Money	AM MSR	219	234	453
	Lloyd Overfelt	AM MSR	228	224	452
	Junior Campbell	AM MSR	223	228	451
	Chip Groseclose	AM MSR	214	232	446
	Tony Stockner	AM MSR	218	221	439
	Danny Trent	AM MSR	223	188	411
	Rick Kelly	AM MSR	229	INC	INC
	Richard Harrelson	AM MSR	224	INC	INC
	Larry Hill	AM MSR	218	INC	INC
	Wayne Madagan	AM MSR	210	INC	INC
FIRST FLIGHT					
1st	Gary Kestner	AM MSR	207	220	427
2nd	Jeff Hill	AM MSR	204	192	396
3rd	Joe Lineberry	AM MSR	174	198	372
	Eugene Keene	AM MSR	176	195	371
	Tracy Rodrigue	AM MSR	159	172	331
	Larry Snow	AM MSR	160	168	328
	Charles Perry	AM MSR	125	130	255
	Roger Wheaton	AM MSR	202	INC	INC
	Mike Lovell	AM MSR	199	INC	INC
	Charles Kinzer	AM MSR	129	INC	INC
SC	Loren Robinson	AM FSR	224	242	466
2nd	Jeff Stevers	AM FSR	227	238	465
3rd	Frankie Farley	AM FSR	230	234	464
	Bruce Burnette	AM FSR	236	223	459
	Alan Lambert	AM FSR	222	230	452
	Roger Garr	AM FSR	228	216	444
	Doug Hale	AM FSR	209	228	437
	Michael Sizemore	AM FSR	199	206	405
	Alvin Davidson	AM FSR	201	198	399
	Ronnie Rodrigue	AM FSR	181	203	384
	Dee Kitts	AM FSR	182	201	383
	Chris Lundy	AM FSR	178	184	362
	Brian Thomas	AM FSR	224	INC	INC
	Bob Showers	AM FSR	212	INC	INC
	Carl Coffey	AM FSR	197	INC	INC

VBA 1997 3-D Fall Classic At New River Bowhunters

Rank	Name	Style	Sat.	Sun.	Total
FIRST FLIGHT					
1st	Scott Black	AM FSR	175	190	365
2nd	Robert Moore	AM FSR	166	162	328
3rd	Davy Taylor	AM FSR	139	163	302
	Jerry W. Jordan	AM FSR	137	136	273
	Jamie Farmer	AM FSR	108	153	261
	Carl Lane	AM FSR	106	5	111
	Nathan Harris	AM FSR	170	INC	INC
	Joey Shupe	AM FSR	164	INC	INC
	Doug Goad	AM FSR	152	INC	INC
	Jamie Lundy	AM FSR	150	INC	INC
	Charles Tomlinson	AM FSR	107	INC	INC
	Bob Agnew	AM FSR	INC	INC	INC
SC	Billy Moore	AM MFS	185	182	367
SC	Cay McManus	AF MSR	198	215	413
	Paul Vogel	AM RL	217	203	420
SC	Darryl Payne	AM RL	179	190	369
2nd	Martin Sizemore	AM RL	169	186	355
3rd	Kevin Reedy	AM RL	186	164	350
	Randell Meadows	AM RL	165	162	327
	Jerry Dawson	AM RL	166	96	262
	Terry Anders	AM RL	198	INC	INC
SC	Robin Vogel	AF RL	164	170	334
SC	Perry Smelser	AM CB	213	167	380
2nd	Carroll Willard	AM CB	136	186	322
3rd	Joe Mc Manus	AM CB	159	146	305
	Kendall Hall	AM CB	126	146	272
SC	Michael W. Smith	AM FSF	209	209	418
2nd	Steve Overfelt	AM FSF	177	215	392
3rd	Roger Pearman	AM FSF	180	200	380
	Jerry Jordan	AM FSF	148	147	295
SC	Teresa Moore	AF FSR	222	210	432
SC	Bobby Farmer	M Y	164	158	322
SC	Kristie Meadows	F Y	221	222	443
SC	Mark Patton	M YA MSR	175	181	356
2nd	Chuck Kinzer	M YA MSR	211	8	219
	Jeremy Hendricks	M YA MSR	153	INC	INC
SC	Jeremiah Robertson	YA FSR	127	5	132
SC	Jason Corbett	M CUB	213	215	428
2nd	Patrick Vogel	M CUB	144	113	257
SC	Michael Agnew	M PEEWEE	208	177	385
nd	Brandon Kitts	M PEEWEE	143	208	351
nd	Christopher Agnew	M PEEWEE	140	112	252

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

In Memoriam: James George Kohler

Norva Archery Club member James George Kohler, 76, was killed November 12, 1997 in a car accident outside Washington, Pennsylvania.

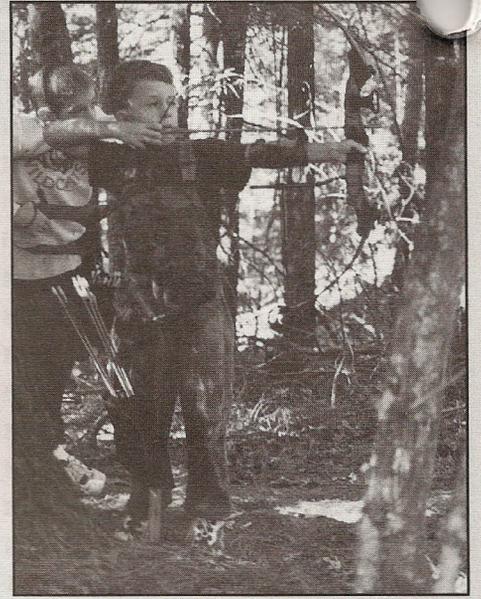
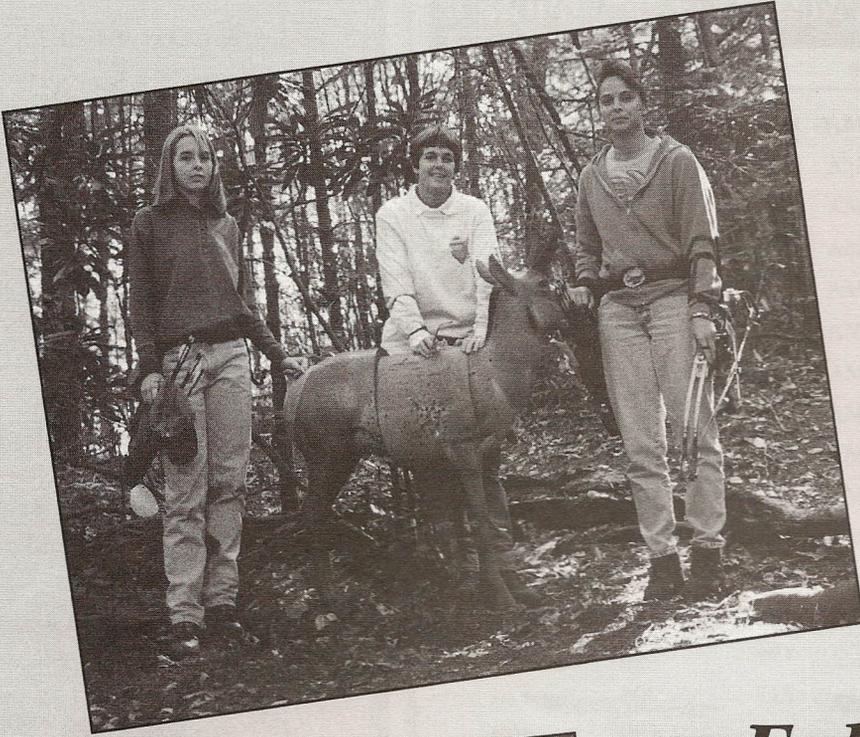
Mr. Kohler, who lived in Hyattsville, Maryland, was returning home from a hunting trip in South Dakota. A Pennsylvania State Police spokesman said the truck Mr. Kohler was driving struck a guard rail after it skidded on a patch of ice on a bridge along Interstate 70. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. Three passengers in the truck suffered minor injuries, police said.

Mr. Kohler was a retired Washington, D.C. police detective lieutenant, having begun his police career after serving in the Navy during World War II. Three years after his retirement in 1970, Mr. Kohler began a retail lawn business with his son Gary Kohler.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Police.

Mr. Kohler was an avid archer, hunter, and fisherman.

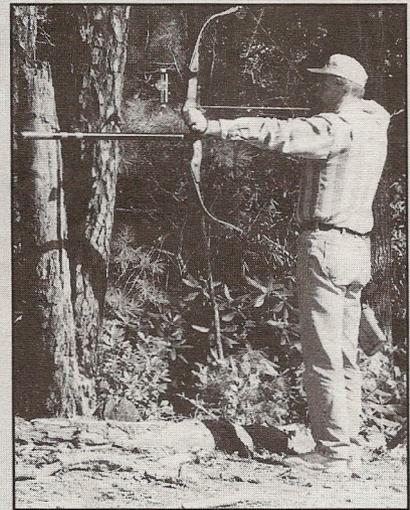
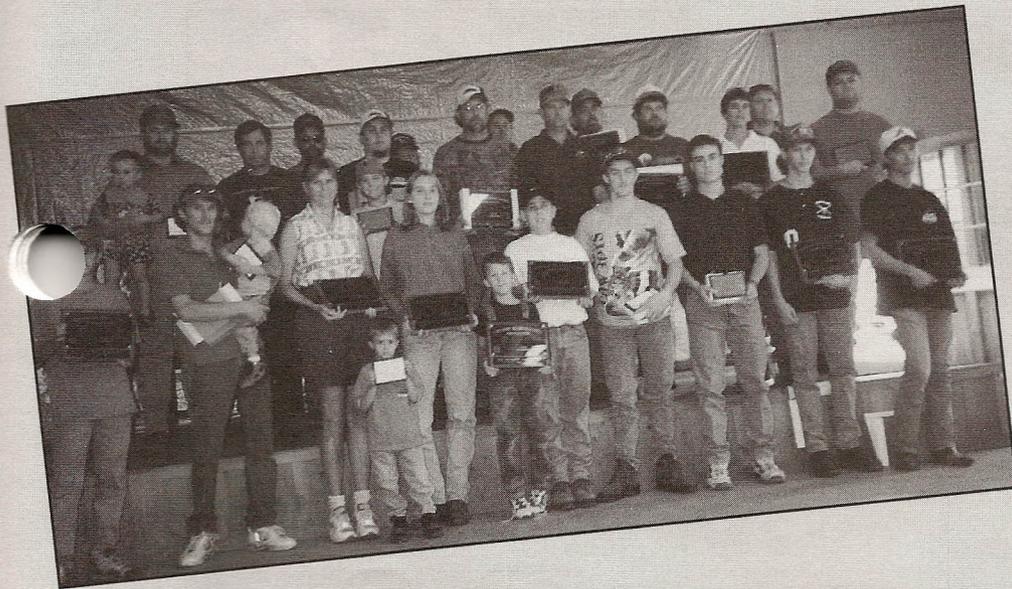
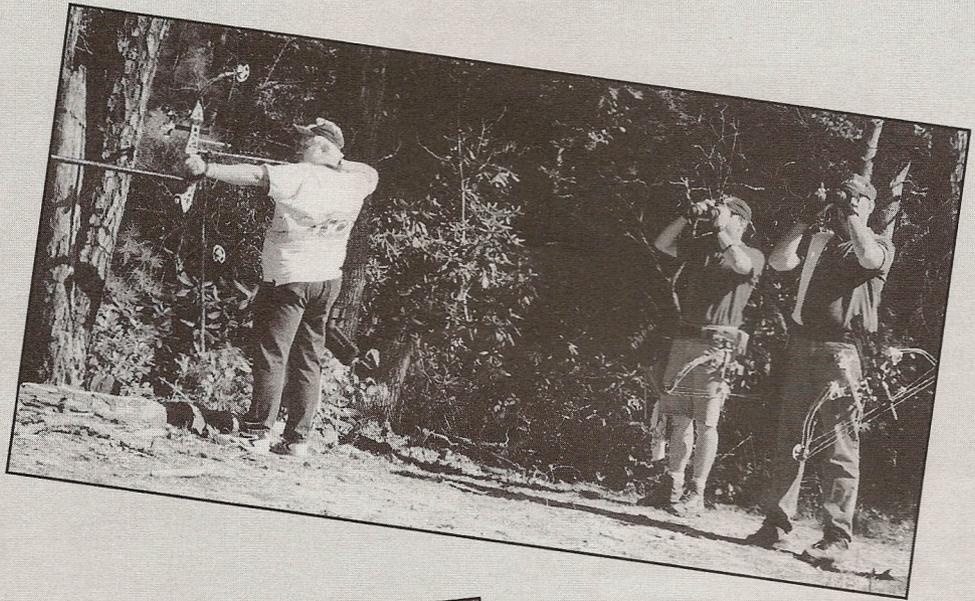
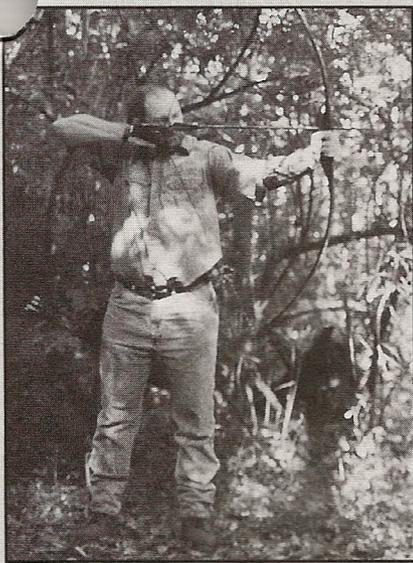




*Fall 3-D Classic
Hosted By
^{NEW} ~~North River~~
Bowhunters*

(Scores on pages 6 - 7.)





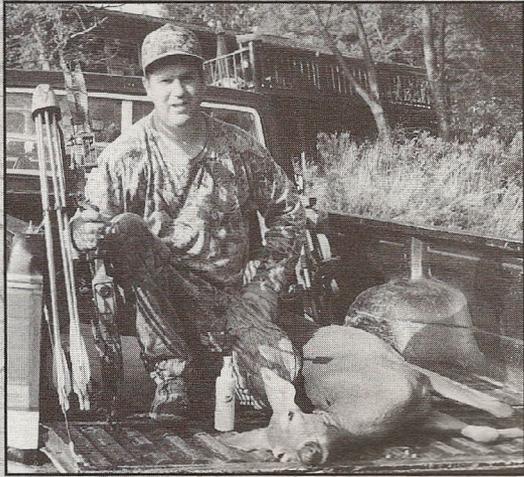
*Above:
3-D Fall Classic
Winners*

*At Right:
State Champs*

*Congratulations,
and thanks to all
who participated!*



VBA Members Share Their Trophies!



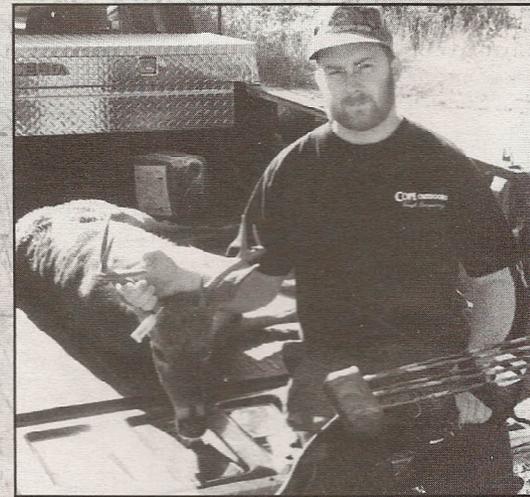
Ken A. Cason, Jr.



Randy Andes



Terry Lee Dorman



Kevin Reedy



Greg Hise



Gary Wright

Javelina Hunting — Texas Style

As we walked back to our first bait site, my hunting partner and good friend, Jay Kumar, tapped me on the shoulder and whispered, "Look — javelina." It had only been twenty minutes since we laid a trail of corn twenty five yards long down the winding dirt road. Now, the skill of stalking would be used to close in on the skittish little pigs.

After a squeeze from my powder bottle to ascertain wind direction, we cautiously weaved in and out of the brush and cactus at the edge of the sendero.

As we got closer, we could see and hear five javelinas chomping loudly on the corn. Four were average-sized, but the one closest to us was a fairly large porker.

Thinking that at any moment they could smell us and flee in terror, I made a classic bowhunting mistake. I hurried my shot. They ran off at the noise, but my arrow flew harmlessly over the huge javelina's back. I motioned for Jay to stay still and wait, knowing that sometimes javelinas come back if not disturbed further. A brief moment later, a grunting sound came from my right. An average-sized peccary was staring at me with intense interest. The showdown, him looking and me not moving, felt like it lasted for an eternity but, in reality, it was only thirty seconds so. Unconvinced that I was normal, he turned to leave and in that split second I

brought my recurve to full draw and released, collecting a nice javelina.

Many believe that these pigs have poor eyesight, and to some degree that's true. However, if you move with one looking at you, I guarantee you'll be by yourself wondering what happened.

Every February I pack my bowhunting gear and head for the Callahan ranch, 27 miles north of Laredo, Texas. The annual javelina hunt attracts more than 500 bowhunters each year, with 90,000 acres of South Texas brush country to hunt.

Highly regulated and well organized, the Callahan ranch offers four days of endless opportunities to see game. As at most ranches in South Texas, baiting with corn is a necessity. The ultra-thick brush and cactus don't allow the maneuverability that's necessary to successfully hunt javelina. The practice of spreading a long line of corn down the middle of a sendero

(dirt road) and waiting in ambush for the little varmints is a common and proven tactic. Having more than one bait site and hunting with a buddy who can keep an eye on another area will greatly add to your success.

This year's hunt resulted in a 33% kill ratio, an extremely high count of javelina, considering the number of bowhunters.

After deer season closes and boredom starts setting in, what could be better than extending the season with a new experience in South Texas, bowhunting the gray ghost, javelina.

Author's note:

Corn can be purchased at the ranch, as well as ice to pack your javelina or feral hog after skinning. Primitive camping is available in pre-determined areas, or one can elect to stay at a motel in Laredo. The Callahan ranch has a limit of two javelinas and unlimited feral hogs, rabbits and snakes. The ranch charges \$100 for pre-registered four-day hunts and \$120 if you register at the gate. A \$35 five-day Texas small game license is required. Hunt dates for 1998 are February 6 - 9. For more information on next year's hunt contact:

John Michael
2303 Sycamore Trail
Roundrock, TX 78664
(512) 218-1514

or

Don Smith
905 Floradale Drive
Austin, TX 78753
(512) 837-5892



Posed in front of a trophy-sized cactus, Greg Hise admires his Texas javelina. (Don't back up, Greg!)

— Greg Hise

How I Killed An Elk In The Mountains Of Montana

Recently, before my archery hunt for elk in Montana, I acquired a new release. It was expected to help me shoot accurately. Indeed it worked well during practice sessions before we left for the hunt, but its performance was yet to be experienced under real hunting conditions. It worked well indeed. Not only did it permit me to shoot accurately, but as it turned out later, it would stop a bull elk in its tracks.

One small drawback was that it required the use of two arrows per elk. The technique is relatively simple, at the first glance, even deceptively so. At the sight of an approaching bull elk, get ready and select your shooting lane. To now obtain a shot on a quartering away elk, inadvertently, or even purposefully, trigger the release as the bull reaches the shooting lane and send your arrow rattling through the woods over the elk's back.

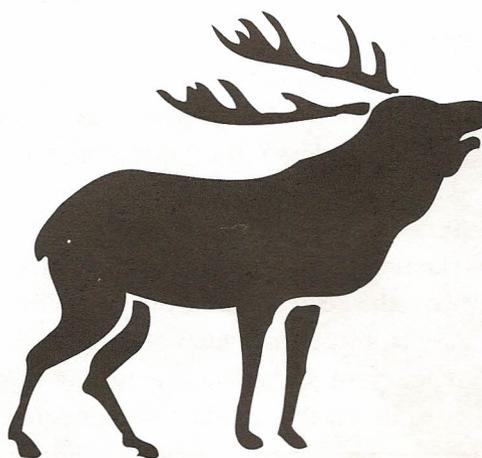
Upon hearing an unfamiliar sound, the bull will stop dead in its tracks, *and look away from you* trying to locate the source of the sound. Quickly nock the second arrow and place it in the quartering away bull elk. Works perfectly.

The second drawback may be that this technique doubles the price of the shot. Using two arrows per animal could set you back some \$30. However, if the above tech-

nique is adopted as Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), then the first arrow could be just any old clunker, the clunkier the better, and only the second one would be the expensive Easton ACC 3-39, with a broadhead of your choice. Those to whom money is no object would simply use the expensive arrows each time, so as not to reverse the procedure and shoot the good one into the woods and the old clunker into the elk.

While this technique worked flawlessly for me during the recent hunt where I obtained a beautiful five point bull elk, it is not guaranteed to work for everyone each time and it has not been, to the best of my knowledge, tried on whitetail, at least not as SOP. Good luck if you decide to try this new approach, and let me know how it works for you.

— Andrew I. Dobranski, M. D.



20 Pin Winners

September 13, 1995 —
December 1, 1997

FIELD

Danny Trent, Roanoke
Brian Tate, Yorktown
D. J. Delgado, Hampton
Silvio Fernandez, Fairfax
Ginger Schull, Bristow

HUNTER

None Issued

PERFECT PIN-FIELD

Danny Trent, Roanoke

PSE • DARTON • MATHEWS • BEAR/JENNINGS • GOLDEN EAGLE • HIGH COUNTRY • MARTIN

100+ Bows In Stock Year-Round

SPIRO'S
SPORTING GOODS

Highway 205, King George • (540) 775-3866

The Largest Archery Facility in Virginia!

★ 20 Target Outdoor 3-D Range ★ 26 Indoor Lanes – 30 Yards

★ DART Video System

INDOOR 3-D, DOT AND DART VIDEO LEAGUES ALL WINTER!



BIGOS

Polish Hunter's Stew

- 1/2 ounce dried mushrooms
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 1/2 pounds sauerkraut
- 3 slices lean bacon, diced
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 2 cups canned tomatoes, drained
- 1/2 pound kielbasa, cut into 1/2 inch slices
- 1 1/2 pounds cooked venison, or other game meat, cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 cup leftover meat gravy
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons sugar (optional)
- 1/2 cup Madeira wine

1. Wash the mushrooms and pour the boiling water over them. Let stand for 20 minutes.

2. Wash and drain the sauerkraut and place it in a large heavy kettle with a tight-fitting lid. Pour the mushroom soaking water over the sauerkraut. Trim off any tough stems and cut the mushrooms into strips. Add the mushrooms to the sauerkraut and cover. Simmer slowly for 30 minutes.

3. Cook the bacon slightly and add the onion and parsley. Cook until the onion is golden but do not let the bacon become crisp. Add the flour and stir in a little juice from the kettle containing the sauerkraut. Pour the mixture into the sauerkraut and mix well. Add the tomatoes.

4. Fold the meats into the sauerkraut and add the gravy. Add seasonings, the sugar and Madeira. Bring to a boil. Remove from the heat and let stand in a cool place or refrigerate. Traditionally, this dish is served on the second day, reheated, with boiled potatoes. Refrigerated, it keeps for three to four days.

Serves 8.

SHERWOOD ARCHERS

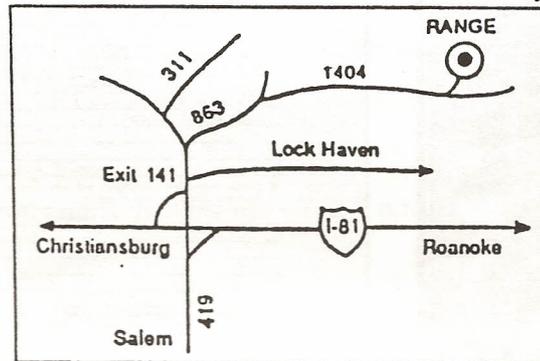
Host

1998 VBA STATE SECTIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

FEB. 21 & 22

REGISTRATION FEES:

15.00 Single \$30.00 Family (3 or more)



REGISTRATION TIMES:

Friday
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday
7:00-8:00 a.m.

SATURDAY ROUNDS:

1st 9:00 a.m.-12:00
2nd 12:00-3:00 p.m.
3rd 3:00-6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY ROUNDS:

8:00-11:00 a.m.
11:00-2:00 p.m.
2:00-5:00 p.m.

practice time available Friday evening

PLACES TO STAY:

- * Quality Inn Roanoke/Salem (1-800-459-4949) 3 mi.
- * Bugettell /Salem (NEW) (540-562-2717) 3 mi.
- * Holiday Inn Express / E. Main St. Salem (1-800-Holiday) 5 mi.

Fill out the form completely, print clearly and send one per person.

SEND TO: *Auvray Shumate*
1619 Mountain Heights Dr.
Salem, VA 24153
540-389-3369

State Indoor Pre-Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

VBA #: _____ Club: _____

Round Preference: _____

Circle Those That Apply: Sex: M F

Division: Adult Young Adult Youth Cub

Style: FS FSL BH BB BHFS BHFSL TRAD



flight

Advertising Rates for Flight

- 1/6 page • 2 3/8" x 5" • \$20
- 1/3 page • 5" x 5" • \$35
- 1/2 page • 7 1/2" x 5" • \$60
- 2/3 page • 5" x 10" • \$70
- Full page • 7 1/2" x 10" • \$100

(Price is based on camera-ready art.)

1/2

1/3

1/6

2/3

1/3

← Full →

Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation
(Required by 39 U.S.C. 3685)

1A. Title of Publication FLIGHT	1B. PUBLICATION NO. 2 0 0 2 2 0	2. Date of Filing 10-30-97
3. Frequency of Issue Quarterly	3A. No. of Issues Published Annually 4	3B. Annual Subscription Price \$2.

4. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)
154 Wilkins Drive, Winchester, VA. 22602

5. Complete Mailing Address of the Headquarters of General Business Offices of the Publisher (Not printer)
VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSN., INC. 154 Wilkins Drive
% Ann R. Boyd, VBA Executive State Secy. Winchester, VA. 22602

6. Full Names and Complete Mailing Address of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (This item MUST NOT be blank)
Publisher (Name and Complete Mailing Address)
David Proctor, 3730 Singers Glen Rd., Harrisonburg, VA. 22801
Editor (Name and Complete Mailing Address)
Managing Editor (Name and Complete Mailing Address)

7. Owner (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and also immediately thereunder the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, its name and address must be stated.) (Item must be completed.)

Full Name	Complete Mailing Address
Virginia Bowhunters Assn., Inc. (non-stock corp.)	154 Wilkins Drive Winchester, VA. 22602

8. Known Bondholders, Mortgagees, and Other Security Holders Owning or Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Bonds, Mortgages or Other Securities (If there are none, so state)

Full Name	Complete Mailing Address

9. For Completion by Nonprofit Organizations Authorized to Mail at Special Rates (DMM Section 424.12 only)
The purpose, function, and nonprofit status of this organization and the exempt status for Federal income tax purposes (Check one)

(1) Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months (2) Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (If changed, publisher must submit explanation of change with this statement.)

10. Extent and Nature of Circulation (See instructions on reverse side)	Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	Actual No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
A. Total No. Copies (Net Press Run)	1,032	1,150
B. Paid and/or Requested Circulation		
1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	-----	-----
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and/or requested)	987	1,093
C. Total Paid and/or Requested Circulation (Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)	987	1,093
D. Free Distribution by Mail, Carrier or Other Means (Samples, Complimentary, and Other Free Copies)	-----	-----
E. Total Distribution (Sum of C and D)	987	1,093
F. Copies Not Distributed		
1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	20	20
2. Return from News Agents	-----	-----
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and 2—should equal net press run shown in A)	1,007	1,113

11. I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete
Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner
Ann R. Boyd, VBA Exec. State Secy

PS Form 3526, January 1991 (See instructions on reverse)

WILCOX Serving The Peninsula For Over 40 Years
BAIT & TACKLE
"Your Complete Archery Center"

PRECISION SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Hoyt USA

JENNINGS

MARTINI ARCHERY INC.

GOLDEN EAGLE

OMEIDA EAGLE

BROWNING
The Best There Is
STOP IN AND SEE OUR NEW ARCHERY RANGE & VIDEO DART SYSTEM

Card

VISA

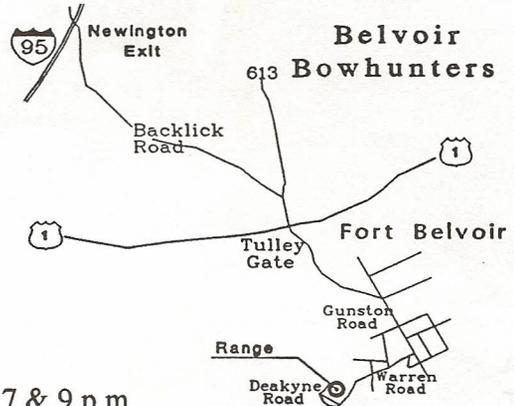
595-5537

MasterCard

DISCOVER

Belvoir Bowhunters and Northern Virginia Archers Host the VBA State Indoor Championship Sectional

at
Ft. Belvoir Outdoor Recreation Area
 Tomkins Basin Indoor Range
 Ft. Belvoir (Alexandria), Va.
February 21 - 22, 1998



Belvoir & NORVA Welcome You
 Friday Night for Registration and Refreshments - 7 & 9 p.m.

	Rounds	
	Saturday	Sunday
1st	9 a.m. to 12 noon	8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
2nd	12 noon to 3 p.m.	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3rd	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Things to Do and See!!

- * Potomac Mills Mall
- * Woodlawn Plantation
- * Historical Alexandria
- * Downtown Occoquan
- * Washington, D.C.
- * Mount Vernon
- * Arlington Cemetery

Registration

1. By Mail & Must be postmarked by February 13, 1998
2. Friday (February 20) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
3. Saturday (February 21) (1 hour only) 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Registration Fees

- \$15.00 Each
- \$30.00 Family (3 or more)

Hotels/Motels	Phone Nos.	Hotels/Motels	Phone Nos.
Best Western, Mt. Vernon	703-360-1300	Hunter Lodge	703-339-5400
Econo Lodge	703-780-0300	Best Western, Lorton	703-643-3100

* Mention VBA State Indoor Archery Shoot when registering

State Indoor Pre-Registration

Single \$15.00 Family \$30.00

Name: _____
 Address: _____

Club: _____
 VBA No. _____
 Soc. Sec. No. _____

Division - Circle One
 FS FSL BH BB BHFS BHFS-L
 Male Female

Adult Young Adult Youth Cub
 Birth Date if Young Adult, Youth or Cub

Month Day Year
 Round Preference: _____

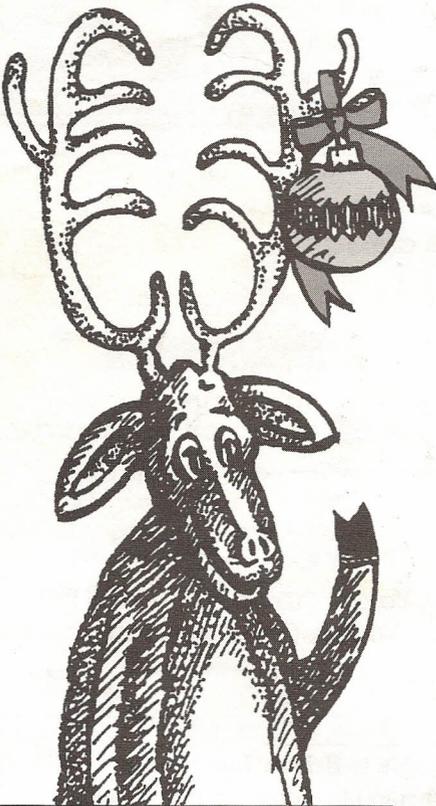
Please Make Check Payable to Belvoir Bowhunters

Send Pre-Registration form(s) to either:
 Irene Stocksdale or Brad Leininger
 3304 Bayfield Drive 15236 Cedar Knoll Ct.
 Dale City, Va. 22193 Dumfries, VA 22026
 (703) 670-5003 (703) 590-5356

VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Ann R. Boyd, Corresponding Secretary
154 Wilkins Drive
Winchester, VA 22602

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 14
Harrisonburg, VA
22801

IRENE STOCKSDALE
3304 BAYFIELD DR.
DALE CITY VA 22193



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM
WALLY WHITETAIL!**
