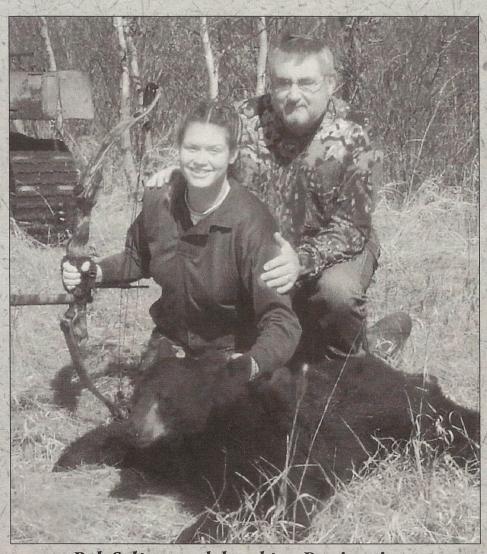


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Bob Seltzer and daughter, Dani, enjoy a Canadian bear hunt.

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#### Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Spring issue of FLIGHT will be March 17, 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

s I begin to write my article, I think how fortunate and blessed we are to be in such a great Commonwealth where we can hunt whatever game we choose. From reports, the deer and turkey harvest was up again this past season and many of you had much success, and some "big" ones at that! And what about the girls? Even our two Kay-Cays (Core-McManus) had success! For those who weren't as lucky as others, just think, it's only nine months away. Hopefully, we weren't hit with the Chronic Wasting and the Hemorrhagis Diseases, but we should soon be hearing from the VDGIF on their findings.

This leads us to our Eighth Annual Awards Banquet that will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2003, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Belle Meade Red Carpet Inn in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Some of you may wonder why the banquet is being held in Harrisonburg this year. Very simple! We are expecting a huge turnout to hear our guest speaker Monty Browning and to see what surprises Kevin Reedy and Lloyd Overfelt have in store for us. Many Big Game trophies, Triple and Double Crown winners, other recognized awards, door prizes and raffles will be presented. We cannot make this a success without your participation. So we expect to see you there to meet those whom you have heard or read about, shot with and even some old-timers. You have seen their pictures in Flight, but do you really know them? Have you met them? Come see for yourself! On Sunday, the VBA meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at the Bowhunters of Rockingham clubhouse just off Route 33.

Prior to the Awards Banquet, Ann Boyd will be busy processing your club's NFAA/State charter and memberships, which are due in to her office no later than Monday, January 27. I will be preparing and assembling some 1,000 VBA packets to be handed out at booth shows, 4H and Boy and Girl Scout functions, VDGIF educational events and other archery activities with which we are involved. (The first of the booth shows will be the Chantilly Sportsmen's Show at the Capitol Expo Center from January 31 through February 2, 2003.

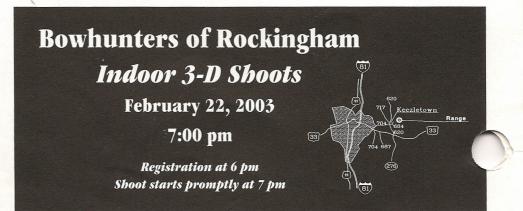
In the past, Bob, Ann and I have mentioned that the VBA membership is steadily declining and expenses keep increasing. Each of us needs to seek and encourage other archers and bowhunters to join a club and become a member of VBA. Your continued support in soliciting and signing up new members is critical to our mission. After all, YOU are the VBA!

In conclusion, relax and smile! Yo picture, your club's article, the St champs, Big Game trophy winners, teaching archery to groups, landing that big fish, or your bowhunting success may be in the next *Flight*. So get yourself in shape and tune your bow, and come on out to the clubs and State tournament shoots. And don't forget to bring a friend or child to show them those nifty bows and arrows and what archery is all about!

Wishing everyone Good Luck and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Yours in archery —

- Irene Stocksdale



#### It's Never Too Late

In 1987 my daughter, Dani, then twelve, started bow hunting. To have one of your children participate in and enjoy something that has brought you so much excitement and pleasure most of your life is an experience unmatched by any other. Many of you have shared this experience with your own sons or daughters and know exactly what I mean.

Dani had been shooting for a couple of years on Belvoir's outdoor range and was able to hit the "vital" area with broadheads out to thirty yards, so by the time she was twelve, I decided she was ready to hunt. She took the requisite hunter education classes, the IBEP class, practiced daily, watched all the hunting videos we had and was "chomping at the bit" to hunt.

When the fall season rolled around she was ready to go. On opening day of archery season and every Saturday thereafter she accompanied my hunting partner, Ralph Lawson, and me to woods. Her first season was really citing for both of us. Dani saw deer on most of our trips to the woods, but only got one that first season. Buck fever strikes us all sooner or later and for Dani it was sooner. She missed a six pointer her second time in her tree stand. It was only eight yards from her stand and the arrow sailed cleanly over the buck's back. I watched events unfold from my own stand about 50 yards away. After the buck took off, I climbed down and went to check on her. Dani was still shaking and said, "I couldn't hold the bow still." She was disappointed but looked forward to her next opportunity. Though she did get to help Ralph and me

each drag out a couple of deer that first year, she didn't get another shot.

The following year I went bear hunting in Maine for the first time,

something that became an annual trek for Ralph and me for the next eight years. Dani immediately lecided that bear hunting with bow d arrow was probably the most exciting thing in the world and something she must do. I told her she had to wait until she had a few more deer seasons behind her and

when she turned 16, I would take her. Her second deer season, that year, was uneventful. Not even a shot, but still tremendous fun for both of us. As her third season approached, Dani turned 14 and entered high school. She began cheerleading that fall and had to make choices. Practices were often held on Saturday and she couldn't miss practice or competition and stay on the squad. We only made it to the deer woods together once or twice that year much to the disappointment of Dad. Her second year of high school brought more commitments to cheerleading, other school activities and, much to my chagrin, a newfound interest in boys. It also brought an end to archery and hunting for Dani. Too many other interests she shared with her friends. Hunting with Dad and a bear hunt in the deep woods became nothing more than a shared memory.

In 1993, Dani graduated from high school and headed off to college at the University of Tennessee. There in the spring of her freshman year her cheerleading days came to an abrupt end when at a practice she landed wrong on her right ankle, destroying it. After reconstructive surgery and many weeks of rehab she was walking like new, but no more cheering. In '95 she met her future husband and they were married in '97. A year later my grandson Michael was born. In all this time Dani had not picked up a bow or indicated she might still be interested in hunting. All that changed after her second child, Meghan, was born in September of 2000. Dani asked if I had a bow she could shoot. She had obviously outgrown the one I had bought for her, which I gave away years ago. So, what could I do? I went out and bought her a new one, of course. Bow, arrows and all the accompanying paraphernalia. Anything to get her interested in archery again. Her renewed interest, according to her, was so she would be able to teach her son and daughter how to shoot when they got older.

About that same time, Ralph, Jack Denbow and I started planning a trip to Manitoba to hunt bear in the spring of 2002, eighteen months in the future. Dani heard Jack and I talking about it and at the first opportunity quietly asked if it would be possible for her to go also. I told her it would be great, but only if Ralph and Jack agreed. Both were more than happy to have Dani go along. The planning and preparations immediately began in earnest. There was the matter of booking one more hunter with Ron Chekosky, owner of Big Antler Outfitters of Manitoba, getting Dani all the right clothes and equipment for a bear hunt, having her watch tapes of bear hunts to learn what to expect and shot placement. Most of all, there was the practice, and more practice and then even more practice from a tree stand. As we got closer we made our final preparations to include flight arrangements. The excitement increased as each day passed. Dani and I were finally going to go on that long-promised and longawaited father-daughter bear hunt.

May 5, 2002, finally arrived and my son-in-law, Matthew, took us to the airport. Our flight was at 6:00 a.m. but

flight and because of the events of September 11, 2001, we had to get there hours early. Ralph, Dani and I met Jack at the airport at about 3:30 a.m. and went through all the checks, double checks and re-checks of airport security. Since Dani and Ralph were hunting with compounds and had hard cases for them, the security personnel insisted they be treated exactly like firearms.

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#### It's Never Too Late

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Jack and I were using takedown Great Northern long bows and along with our arrows, they were safely encased in our duffle bags, which were treated like all the other checked baggage. Sometimes simple really is much better.

The first leg of our flight to Chicago was uneventful but on our approach to Winnipeg, we were told that we couldn't land because of the snow and wind. After circling for about an hour we were diverted to Minot, North Dakota. There we sat on the runway for over two hours. We could not leave the plane because we had been in Canadian air space, and though we hadn't landed, we were now considered a foreign flight and couldn't enter the country without clearing customs. The problem was, there were no customs agents in Minot, so we couldn't leave the plane. The airline did manage to get some lunch brought on board and provided free adult beverages during the two-hour plus delay. Things weren't all bad.

We finally got word that the snow had stopped in Winnipeg and the runway had been cleaned so we continued our flight. Ron met us at the gate after we cleared customs and we headed for his lodge about a hundred miles north of Winnipeg. The lodge was an old school that he had converted. Large, comfortable bedrooms, bar, indoor heated pool and great food. All a definite plus during our weeklong stay.

The next morning Jack, Ralph, Dani and I were outside practicing, getting ready for the afternoon and evening hunt. After lunch we got our gear and headed out. Jack and Ralph went with their guide, Tom, while Dani and I went with Ron. Each had a six-wheeler with tracks loaded into the back of their pickups. Little did we realize that first afternoon how necessary those ATVs would be.

We drove about forty miles from the lodge into the backcountry. Let me say here that if you've never been to Manitoba you can't imagine how flat the country is, at least in the part of Manitoba we were in, and water everywhere.

Ron took me in to my stand first and we went through miles of swamp. I can't tell you how many times we were in water so deep we both had our feet on the seat. On several occasions I knew we were either going to turn over or go completely under. After what seemed like forever, but was in reality about 45 minutes, we arrived at the bait site I was to hunt. Ron added bait while I climbed into the stand. Shortly he wished me luck and departed. He hadn't been gone long when the first bear silently crept in to the bait. It was a boar of about 175 pounds. I had told Ron that I was only interested in a color phase bear. I really wanted one in the blonde or cinnamon phase and wasn't interested in taking another black bear unless it was the size of a Volkswagen, as I had already taken five over the years. So instead of nocking an arrow, I pulled out my camera and took pictures. Soon the boar left and a sow of 225 pounds came in for a while. Right up until Ron picked me up these two bears alternated coming in and snatching meat from the bait barrel. I might add that this was long after dark and sitting in the tree stand without being able to see beyond three or four feet while listening to the bears crunching beef leg bones is not something I recommend to anyone who is faint of heart. While I didn't get a shot that first night, I did get plenty of great pictures. Dani didn't get a shot either but she did have a big boar of over 300 pounds come in to her bait a couple of times. Unfortunately, he never presented a clear shot. Ron had stayed with Dani to video her hunt and did get the bear on film.

When we got back to the lodge about 10:00 p.m., Jack and Ralph were already there. Neither of them had seen anything.

On the second day of our hunt, Ron put me on a different stand in hopes of seeing the color phase bear I was set on. No luck, no bears at all. Dani and Ron went back to where they were before. Dani really wanted that big bruiser. In fact they hunted him for four days to include going in early in the morning of the fourth day and staying on the stand all day. While they saw him several times out of range, he never came back in to the bait. He didn't get that big by being stupid.

Ralph was the first to connect. He took a young boar that suffered from some "ground shrinkage" on the second night. An experience that every

bear hunter has at some point. Ra has also harvested several black bea previously, including one of almost 400 pounds. Jack scored on the fourth night, nice 200-pound boar that is going to make a beautiful rug.

Meanwhile I still hadn't seen my color phase bear. I had hunted a different stand each night and seen one other black bear of about 250 pounds but it wasn't what I came to Manitoba for so I just enjoyed watching it.

On the fifth day Dani decided to give up on the big on. Ron asked me if I thought they could take one of the ones I saw on my first day. I told him that I would almost guaranty a shot within 30 minutes of their being on stand. So that's where Dani hunted on day number five. Sure enough, within five minutes of Dani and Ron getting on stand, the boar came in. They quietly finished getting set and while Dani got an arrow nocked, Ron started the video. The bear presented a perfect broadside shot and Dani hit it perfectly. The arrow sank in right behind the shoulder and the bear took off. With seconds we could hear the bea death moans. They waited about 1. minutes, then got down to track Dani's bear. Ron trailed behind Dani with the video running as she found her bear a short 30 yards from where he was shot. Her reaction and facial expressions were worth the price of the hunt. What a great video; Ron got it all on tape. My grandson, Michael, watches it often and keeps asking when Poppop (yours truly) will take him bear hunting. At four, he is already shooting his own long bow and he feels he is ready now.

I did not hunt on the sixth day. We all went sightseeing and just relaxed. Ron did offer to let me come back for the fall hunt at no additional cost (other than air fare, of course), but I declined. Fall is for whitetail.

The following day we flew home with three bears, a super video and memories for a lifetime.

Dani, now twenty-seven and the mother of two children of her own, has finally gone on that bear hunt with Dad. A trip that began 15 years earli—proving that it's never too late create hunting memories with your kids.

-Bob Seltzer

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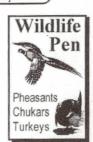
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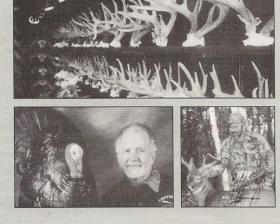
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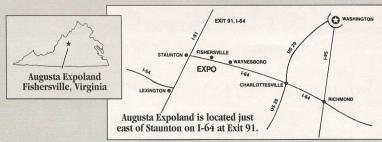


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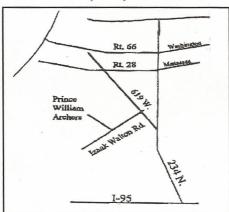
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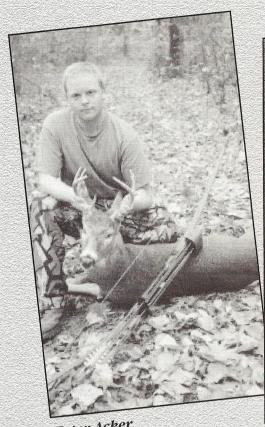
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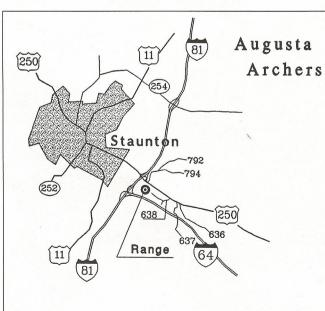
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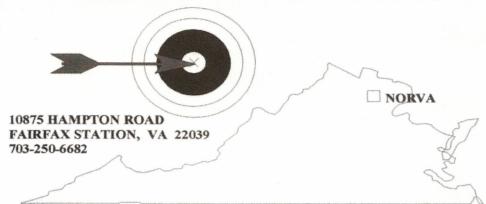
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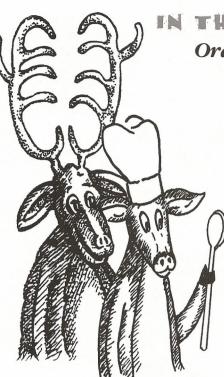
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1 tsp. black pepper

1/2 tsp. cinnamon 1/2 tsp. ground cloves 1/4 tsp. red pepper 1 Tbsp. Oriental sesame oil 1/2 tsp. liquid smoke

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For Marinade: Grind oranges in processor. Heat oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add red onions and sauté until lightly browned. Add garlic and sauté. Add ground oranges, chili sauce, marmalade, vinegar, teriyaki sauce, ginger, pepper, cinnamon, cloves and red pepper. Bring mixture to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer until sauce is thick and glossy, stirring frequently. Remove marinade from heat. Mix in sesame oil and liquid smoke. Season with salt to taste. Allow marinade to cool to room temperature.

For Venison Ribs: Place ribs bone side down on work surface. Using small sharp knife, cut 1/4"-deep slits down length of meat, spacing cuts about 1/2" apart.

Repeat in opposite direction, forming X pattern. Divide ribs between two heavy 1 gallon Zip Lock bags. Add half of marinade to each bag, remove air and seal. Refrigerate at least 24 hours and up to 48 hours, turning occasionally. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place ribs and marinade in large roasting pan. Cover and bake until the meat is tender, about 1½ hours. Place ribs on a platter; reserve the marinade. Pour the marinade into a medium saucepan. Cook marinade over medium heat until it is reduced to thick-sauce consistency, stirring occasionally. Heat barbeque grill to medium-high heat. Brush grill lightly with oil. Place ribs on grill and sear both sides. Brush ribs with the glaze and continue grilling until ribs are very tender and very slightly crusty, turning and basting occasionally with the glaze. Arrange ribs on serving platter. Brush with more glaze. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and green onions and serve. Serves 4 to 6.

> — adapted from *The Complete Venison Cookbook* by Harold W. Webster, Jr.

#### **Did You Know?**

- The white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) is a relatively small deer with short ears; all major points of the antlers come off the main beam; the tail is relatively long, and white underneath, females are usually antlerless; upper parts are reddish brown in summer, bright grayish fawn sprinkled with black; in winter, the face and tail usually lack blackish markings. Males weigh 70 to 200 pounds. They are also called
- Does bred when they are less than a year old normally produce a single fawn, with 10 percent of them bearing twins. Older does average almost two fawn — 67 percent bave twins, 21 percent bave single fawns and 12 percent have triplets.
- On the basis of food consumed, seven deer will eat about as much as one medium-sized cow.
- In the United States, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has statistics which show that in 1965, only about 779,000 women bunted. This represents about 6 percent of the bunting population. By 1985, the number was up to 1,489,000, which was about 9 percent of hunters. By 1996, the number had increased to about 10 percent or a little above.

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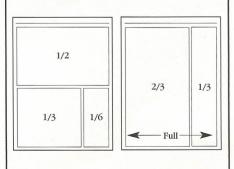
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