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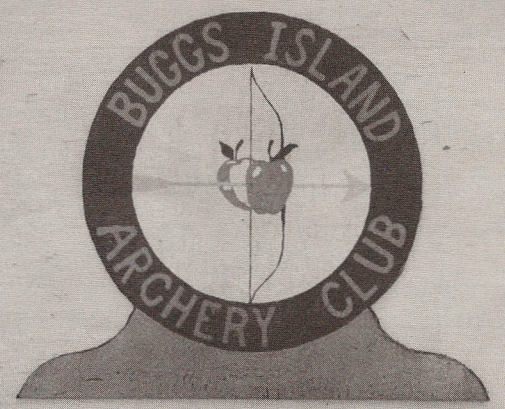
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The deadline for the November/December issue of FLIGHT will be **December 2, 1994**. Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is your newsletter!

From The Nominating Committee

As the newly appointed Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to think about the upcoming election. As we all have heard numerous times, "the VBA" does not consist of just the officers, but it's YOU, the member of VBA. Remember, it is now that you have the opportunity to run for an office, or forever hold your peace, as the saying goes. I realize there are several members who are very capable of holding an office in the VBA, and I would strongly encourage you to volunteer your services. If any member is interested in an office, please notify me or one of the other members of the Nominating Committee. Please submit a picture along with a biographical sketch so these may be published in *FLIGHT*. This information will enable other members to know who they are voting for.

The slate of officers will be presented at the January, 1995 VBA meeting. The holding of an office is not to be taken lightly. There are responsibilities that go with each office, and these duties may be found in the VBA Constitution and Bylaws. If you are interested in an office and are not sure of the duties, please take the time to read these responsibilities and call one of us to volunteer. We will be happy to hear from you!

The members of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

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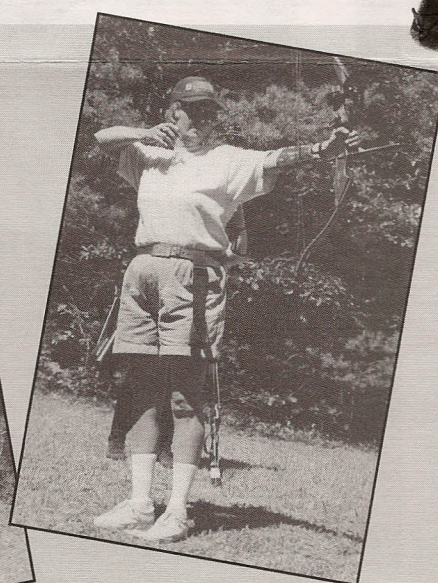
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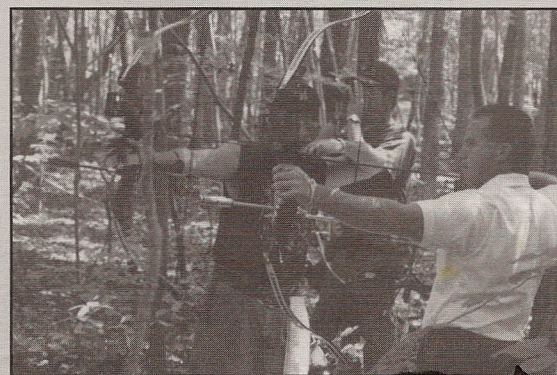
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Please take the time to consider this request and give one of us a call. ↗



*Thanks,
Buggs Island,
for a
Great
Shoot!*



Club News

(Front Page) New River Bowhunters Host Charity Shoot

In early January 1994, the New River Bowhunters started to plan for its Second Annual Children's Miracle Network 3-D Bowshoot. Hoping to better last year's turnout of 271 archers, the club got to work planning this event.

At the time, the club's biggest problem was severe ice damage to both our spot range and our 3-D range. After many hours of hard work, the ranges were clean. A good starting point had been achieved.

In March, the club decided to try to have this tournament hosted by Dan Fitzgerald, world-famous bowhunter. We also hoped to have Dan put on his Whitetail Deer Seminar. We found out in April that Dan was free and would be able to host our shoot. We set about the chore of advertising for this event. After many posters and flyers were sent out, ads were also placed in *FLIGHT*, *3-D Target Archery* and *Bowhunting World* magazine. With advertising out of the way, door prizes were our next big concern, as our club has always given away large amounts of door prizes. Many sponsors were contacted and many replied, donating well over \$2,500 in prizes. Door prizes were received from as close as home and as far away as Broadus, Montana. While requesting door prizes, all companies were invited to set up displays in our club house. We had room for many vendors. With the paper work done and contracts in place, all that was needed was leg work and elbow grease.

As July rolled around with the shoot date approaching, many things began to fall into place. The range was cleaned and trimmed. A large lot on the New River was cleaned for all to use and enjoy. Mainly this was done for anyone wishing to camp. A large lot was mowed to allow parking for many vehicles, should our shoot increase in size as we hoped it would.

Early on Friday, July 29, the club met to begin last minute preparations. Our club house was opened for vendors to start setting up by lunchtime. All trails were cleaned for the last

time. This effort triggered a lot of excitement in the form of a 40-inch copperhead. (Luckily, we saw him first!) By lunch, most of our work was completed. Three large tarp tents were in place in case of inclement weather. All members present ate lunch at the club. Vendors began to arrive shortly after lunch, including Mountaineer Archery, Mountain Top Taxidermy, Woodruff's Archer, the Virginia Game Commission, and Lohman Game Calls. The club also set up a display of all the door prizes and a table of pamphlets from sponsors too numerous to list. Around 10:00 p.m., the club was locked down for the night.

After a short night's sleep for all members, our hopes for fair weather were answered. Well before 8:00 a.m., sign-up archers were arriving. Then at 8:00, the onslaught began and continued non-stop until the 2 p.m. shut-off time for Saturday. Between archers and their families, our range was a-buzz with people. Many came just to see Dan Fitzgerald, who had flown in to Roanoke at 10:30 p.m. the night before, and had been met and picked up at the airport by our treasurer. Dan arrived at the range around 10:00 a.m. after a little sleep. A few more vendors showed up early in the morning, among them the Levi Garrett Chewing Tobacco Company, making many archers happy for the free chew.

All day long archers came and went until around 6:00 p.m. The club fell quiet once again, but for many the work was just beginning. The Whitetail Seminar was to start at 7:00 p.m. at Carroll County High School, with over 300 tickets sold in advance and more than 100 at the door. Over 400 hunters shouted and hollered as Dan presented his seminar. Dan's biggest message to the public during his shows is to get kids interested in shooting arrows instead of drugs. Dan sincerely loves kids and showed it many times during the two days he spent with us.

As Sunday began, it was a repeat of Saturday, but even bigger! On Saturday

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Wythe Bowhunters 1995 Indoor Tournament Schedule

The Wythe Bowhunters will hold their 1995 Indoor Tournaments on the following dates:

January	February	March
7	4	4
21	18	

All shoots will start at 12:00 noon with multi-casual registration until 7:30 p.m. All of our shoots will be trophy shoots with plaques awarded in all divisions and classes at approximately 9:00 p.m. If you come early and can't stay until 9:00, you may claim your plaque at the next tournament, however, all prizes **must** be claimed by the close of our last indoor tourney on March 4.

Fresh, hot, prepared to order food and soft drinks will be available at the clubhouse. Everyone is invited to attend. Thanks. ↗

— James Goodwin

Two Rivers Archery Club Deer Award Contest

Bill Athey is signing up members for our annual Deer Award Contest. Again, we will be giving out a trophy at our annual banquet for the deer with the most points harvested with bow and arrow this season. If you are interested in participating in this, please contact Bill as soon as possible. His phone number is 635-2041. There is a \$5.00 entry fee. Even if you do not enter, please notify Bill of any deer taken this season. The Club has awards for all successful members. ↗

— Denya Pecora

From Your VBA Bowhunter Committee

The VBA Banquet will be held at the Best Western Hotel in Charlottesville on the 18th of March. The tickets are \$35.00 per couple, and \$20.00 per single, which includes meals. There will be a cash bar at the banquet, and rooms at the hotel will be available if you get your registration in early. Call (804) 296-5501. Please mention that you are a VBA member. The guest speaker for the

evening may be Jim Gilmore (Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia), who supports hunting, and has proposed legislation of harassment laws against anti-hunters. It should be a very interesting evening. Social hour is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., with the Award presentation and our Guest Speaker at 8:00.

We will be giving first, second and third place awards in all three categories: for the biggest buck by weight, the biggest buck by the Virginia scor-

ing system, and the biggest doe by weight. These awards will be given at the banquet by the VBA President.

Rules for entering:

You must be a member of the VBA. It must be a Virginia White-tail. Entries must have a game check tag. If you have it scored, it must be by the Virginia scoring system by a Virginia Game Warden or a

certified official, weight must be taken from certified scales, and all entries must be sent to Bob Seltzer at 7588 Woodstown Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22153, post marked by January 15, 1995. There is no entry fee.

Tickets will be available from your club director, a VBA officer, or call Mark Lohr at (703) 465-4065 so he may arrange for your club President or Secretary to receive tickets. The tickets will be available at the January VBA meeting. ↗

VBA Banquet Big Game Contest

New River Charity Shoot

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we had 273 archers shoot. After all was said and done, on Sunday 353 archers had shot the 30-target range laid out over the mountains along the scenic New River.

Around 3:30 p.m. Dan said his good-byes and left to fly home. The club returned to work. After trophies were awarded, the club and grounds were cleaned. The club house was quiet again, and around 10:00 p.m. we all left.

After a two-day total of 433 archers shooting 625 rounds, we feel that this was probably the largest 3-D Tournament in the state. We hope it will continue to grow in size, and we are already planning next year's tournament. In all, the club was able to donate almost \$3,000 to the Children's Miracle Network. We hope to see all of you at the New River shoot next year! ↗

More Club News

Wythe Bowhunters 1994-1995 Indoor Practice Night Schedule

Just a little reminder that we will be holding practice nights again this winter every Tuesday and Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Practices will begin Tuesday, December 27 and will run until the State Indoor Tournament in March. Admission will be \$3.00 for VBA and NFAA members and \$4.00 for non-members. Targets are furnished. Shoot all you want to for 3½ hours! Cheap entertainment, eh? Everyone is invited to attend. Thanks. ↗

— James Goodwin

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FIELD

Damon Perdue, Glade Hill
Dale Allman, Boones Mill
Don Fiddler, Boones Mill
Walter Hynes, Ferrum
Whitney Wagner, Springfield
Jason Shelton, Gretna
Timmy Shelton, Gretna

HUNTER

Jerry Jordan, Clarksville
Walter Hynes, Ferrum
Don Fiddler, Boones Mill
Wayne Helmick, Centreville
Robert Bush, Centreville
James Crawford, New Castle

Bowhunting Suburban Whitetails

by Greg Hise

As I sit in my tree stand waiting for that big buck to walk by, I think about how lucky I am to be able to hunt only minutes away from my home in Fairfax County, Virginia, instead of having to drive for two hours to the country. I am hunting on a seven acre parcel of property along the Potomac River, only a few miles from George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, and 20 minutes from Washington, D.C., where I have harvested eight whitetail deer in five years. The land owner is generous to allow me to hunt here, and I realize how fortunate I am.

Five years ago this property owner commented to me how the deer had eaten nearly every plant and bush on his land except for the English Boxwoods, which apparently are not a favorite of whitetails. I quickly offered to do what I could to reduce the number of whitetails visiting his property, and he gladly took me up on my offer, so hunting close to home became a reality for me. Also, I would be the only bow hunter allowed to hunt there, and now I could hunt after work instead of only on Saturdays and holidays.

I walked the property a few times before archery season opened, scouting for deer trails, rubs and bedding areas so I could place my tree stands accordingly. Usually, placing at least two stands on a lot is sufficient to accommodate differing wind directions. While scouting, I noticed the owner enjoyed working in his yard, at times using a chain saw or leaf blower, which can be quite noisy. It is well known that local deer are accustomed to familiar neighborhood noises and movements, and they are just as wary as any country deer. (I found that out when one day I had a doe walk behind my stand; as I shifted my feet to turn in her direction for a shot, tree stand squeaked and she took off running due to the unfamiliar noise.)

When archery deer season finally opened I was ready and eager to start, especially since I was hunting on new property and I only had to drive ten minutes to get there. Opening day at first light, a doe appeared, slowly feeding along the tree line. I carefully raised my longbow and when her

head went behind a small tree, I came to full draw and a second later the arrow hit its mark. Bulls eye! She ran only twenty yards and expired. I quickly field dressed the doe and drove to the nearest check-in station, and was back home before most people are even awake! This past year I was fortunate enough to harvest a nice six-pointer fifteen minutes before dark, and I arrived home in time for dinner. Now that's a definite advantage over hunting farm country two hours from home.

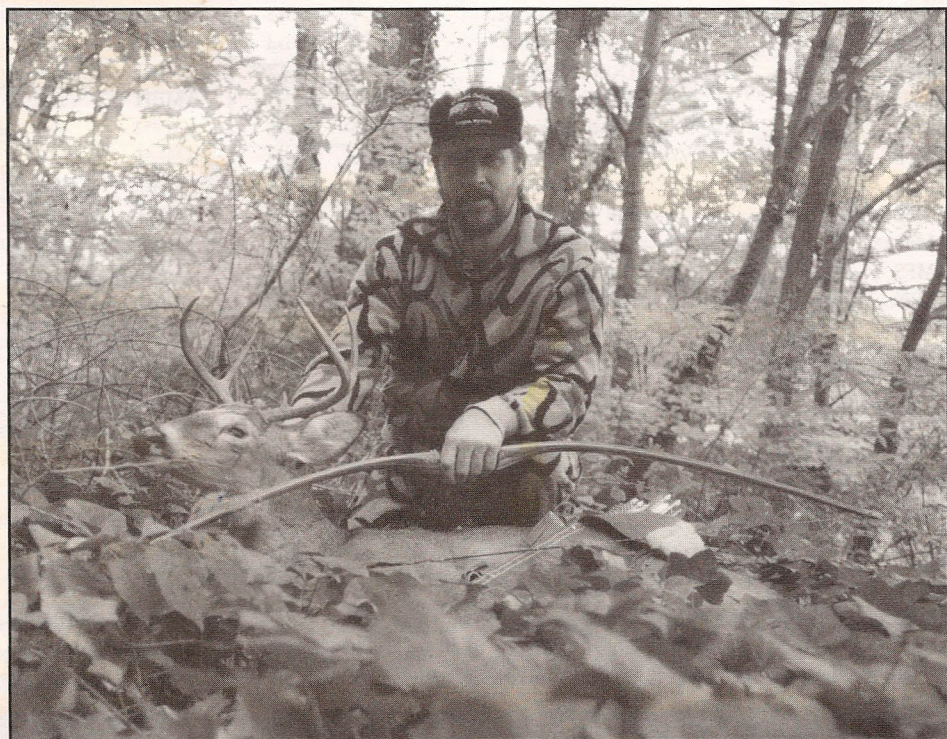
As most hunters well know, property to hunt on is getting scarce as farms are being sold and developed, houses and shopping centers are springing up everywhere, and public land that's available to hunt is usually crowded with hunters, thereby decreasing your chances of success. Hunt clubs are another alternative, but are sometimes very expensive. More and more hunters are now bow hunting just outside of cities and towns on small parcels of land, such as the one I hunt.

Fairfax County for the most part is bow hunting only because it is heavily populated. Since I only hunt with a bow, this is tailor made for me. Many jurisdictions offer archery hunting

only outside of city or town limits. In Virginia, when hunting on private land, you are permitted to harvest two deer a day *every* day during hunting season if you purchase bonus tags.

Do yourself a favor and check out the suburbs for those deer hunting opportunities. Review your game law regulations for your area before venturing out to scout for hunting territory. Even though deer season is over, now is the time to hunt, that is, for hunting rights on available property. Keep in mind that your relationship with the landowner can be greatly enhanced by offering your services for odd jobs such as cutting and stacking wood, yard work, or perhaps a gift of fruit and vegetables when in season. A Christmas gift of nicely packaged whitetail steaks harvested from the landowner's own land is a nice gesture of appreciation, and is surely most appropriate.

Greg Hise is an avid hunter who rarely hunts with anything but a longbow. During the summer months, he enjoys practicing at 3-D shoots. With his longbow, he has taken Mountain Lion, Antelope, Deer, Bear, Caribou and Javelina.



1994 State Closed Championships – Buggs Island

Division	Class	Name	Total	
YMFS	AA	Champ Bobby Lowe	1004	29
YMBHFSL	A	Champ Nick Willard	810	6
YMBHFSL	A	Champ Michael Bibee	777	7
YMBFS		Champ Jason Shelton	799	14
YFFS	A	Champ Traci Manning	927	13
YFBHFS	A	Champ Denya Pecora	843	5
YAMFS	AA	Champ Bobby Joe Norris	1071	64
YAMBHFS	B	Champ Ezra Keith	911	23
SENMFSL		Joe Herbert	1082	75
SENMFSL		Andrew Dobranski	1018	43
SENMBHFS		Billy Reynolds	1004	33
SENMBHFS		James Kyle, Sr.	966	21
PROMFS	Guest	David Schaub	1086	78
PROMFS	Champ	Dale Rucker	1069	63
PROMFS		Hank Megee	1062	51
CMFS	A	Champ Steven Lowe, Jr.	1100	78
CMBHFS	A	Champ Lee Short	993	24
CMBHFS	A	Christopher Shelton	941	16
CFBHFSL	B	Champ Beth Pecora	723	7
AMFSL	Guest	Buddy Lowman	976	18
AMFSL	AA	Champ Drew Bainbridge	1065	57
AMFSL	AA	Steven Overfelt	1032	45
AMFSL	AA	Giles Gilley	982	29
AMFSL	A	1st James Crawford	1002	13
AMFSL	A	Kevin Woolwine	969	13
AMFS	Guest	James M. Stewart	1005	23
AMFS	Guest	David Curtis	987	26
AMFS	AA	Champ Kendall Woody	1110	110
AMFS	AA	2nd Randy Flinchum	1100	81
AMFS	AA	3rd C. D. Miller	1096	98
AMFS	AA	George Hamlin	1080	59
AMFS	AA	Eddie Rogers	1079	76
AMFS	AA	Robert Kenley	1079	73
AMFS	AA	Bill Hamlin, Jr.	1077	82
AMFS	AA	Freddy Bailey	1070	62
AMFS	AA	Don Davis	1067	47
AMFS	AA	Steven Lowe, Sr.	1064	56
AMFS	AA	James Lowe	1063	62
AMFS	AA	Doug Hale	1062	68
AMFS	AA	Bobby Norris	1049	54
AMFS	AA	Bill Hamlin, Sr.	1044	47
AMFS	AA	Andrew Keech	1010	39
AMFS	AA	Danny Minnick	0	0
AMFS	A	1st John Van Lew	1075	67
AMFS	A	2nd Mark Lohr	1072	67
AMFS	A	3rd Troy Wilson	1052	57
AMFS	A	Barry Wolfe	1050	53
AMFS	A	Thomas Thacker II	1038	35
AMFS	A	Joe Seagle	1035	43
AMFS	A	Quinter Cook	1022	54
AMFS	A	Ronnie Dove	1007	54
AMFS	A	Danny Trent	1002	26
AMFS	A	John Stewart II	972	19
AMFS	A	George Harman	0	0
AMFS	B	1st Keith Trent	908	10
AMFS	B	Charles Smith	821	9
AMBHFSL	AA	Champ Steven Walker, Sr.	1025	36
AMBHFSL	A	1st Jim Little	1004	33
AMBHFSL	A	2nd Evan Stachowicz	966	16

Division	Class	Name	Total	
AMBHFSL	A	3rd Chester Hancock	955	18
AMBHFSL	A	David Chaney	928	24
AMBHFSL	A	Robert Mitchell	923	17
AMBHFSL	A	Jerry Jordan	905	12
AMBHFSL	A	Tommy Bailey	867	12
AMBHFSL	B	1st Douglas Jacobs	924	10
AMBHFSL	B	Jamie Vargo	852	7
AMBHFSL	B	Christopher Williamson	444	0
AMBHFS	AA	Champ Martin Stonesifer	1083	84
AMBHFS	AA	2nd David Heishman	1069	37
AMBHFS	AA	3rd Jerry Tice	1064	62
AMBHFS	AA	Whitney Wagner	1061	53
AMBHFS	AA	Clarence Bibee	1050	46
AMBHFS	AA	David Chandler	1044	58
AMBHFS	AA	Mike Stonesifer	1042	38
AMBHFS	AA	Billy Burkholder	1039	51
AMBHFS	AA	David Keith	1036	47
AMBHFS	AA	Neal Huffman	1029	37
AMBHFS	AA	Mitch Stonesifer	0	0
AMBHFS	A	1st Donald Maricle	1037	45
AMBHFS	A	2nd Michael Shupe	1005	24
AMBHFS	A	3rd John Manning	986	21
AMBHFS	A	John Stewart	980	25
AMBHFS	A	Russell Morris	976	29
AMBHFS	A	Richard Merkel	949	19
AMBHFS	A	James Mauk	942	23
AMBHFS	A	Lawrence Rucker	493	25
AMBHFS	A	Robert Butler	0	0
AMBHFS	B	1st Timmy Shelton	949	18
AMBHFS	B	2nd Phillip Ashby	949	14
AMBHFS	B	William Smoot	933	12
AMBHFS	B	Ricky Blankenship	925	13
AMBHFS	B	Charles Pillar	904	20
AMBHFS	B	Herman Reedy	420	8
AMBH	AA	Champ Howard Faris	984	25
AMBH	AA	2nd John Boyd	955	18
AMBH	AA	Carroll Willard	893	12
AMBH	AA	Joe McManus	813	11
AMBB	AA	Champ William Keen	948	24
AMBB	AA	2nd Roderick Jones	921	13
AMBB	AA	Donnie Devall, Sr.	916	16
AMBB	AA	Phil Cantrell	913	16
AMBB	AA	Michael Smith	910	14
AMBB	AA	John Mason	433	10
AMBB	A	1st Sam Short	928	19
AMBB	A	James Presley, Sr.	902	15
AFFS	A	Champ Debbie Maricle	992	22
AFFS	A	Louella Crawford	948	18
AFFS	A	Kay Manning	446	7
AFBHFSL	AA	Champ Janice Rucker	873	16
AFBHFSL	A	1st Irene Stocksdales	846	11
AFBHFSL	A	Sharon Hancock	823	13
AFBHFS	AA	Champ Robin Vogel	1031	37
AFBHFS	AA	Gwenda Willard	975	16
AFBHFS	AA	Christi Crawford	948	17
AFBHFS	A	1st Brenda Bibee	827	8
AFBB	AA	Champ Cay McManus	1007	29
AFBB	AA	Roberta Jones	769	12

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Applications for Bill Bennett Big Game Award

Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc.

Date _____ 19 _____

I, _____,
(please print name as it appears on VBA card) (Street Address)_____, hereby certify that I killed a
(city & state) (zip)

_____, 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 _____ 19 _____

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 deer/bear traveled after being hit _____ No. of hits _____

Location on body of hits _____

Shooting position _____ (Sitting, standing, kneeling)

Hunting method: Tree stand _____ Ground blind _____ Stalking _____ Other _____

Sex of game _____ No. Points, if buck _____ Spread of antlers _____ ins.

Field dressed weight of game _____ lbs.

Draw weight of bow _____ lbs.

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

Brand name & 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)

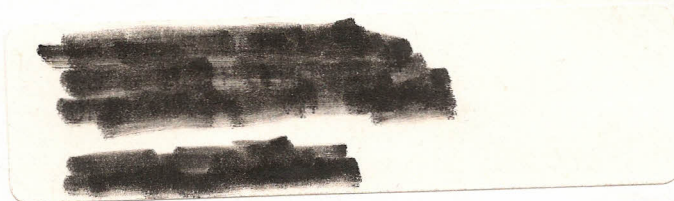
THE STATISTICS REQUESTED ON THIS APPLICATION ARE IMPORTANT TO VBA AND THE GAME COMMISSION.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF KILL TO THE VBA CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

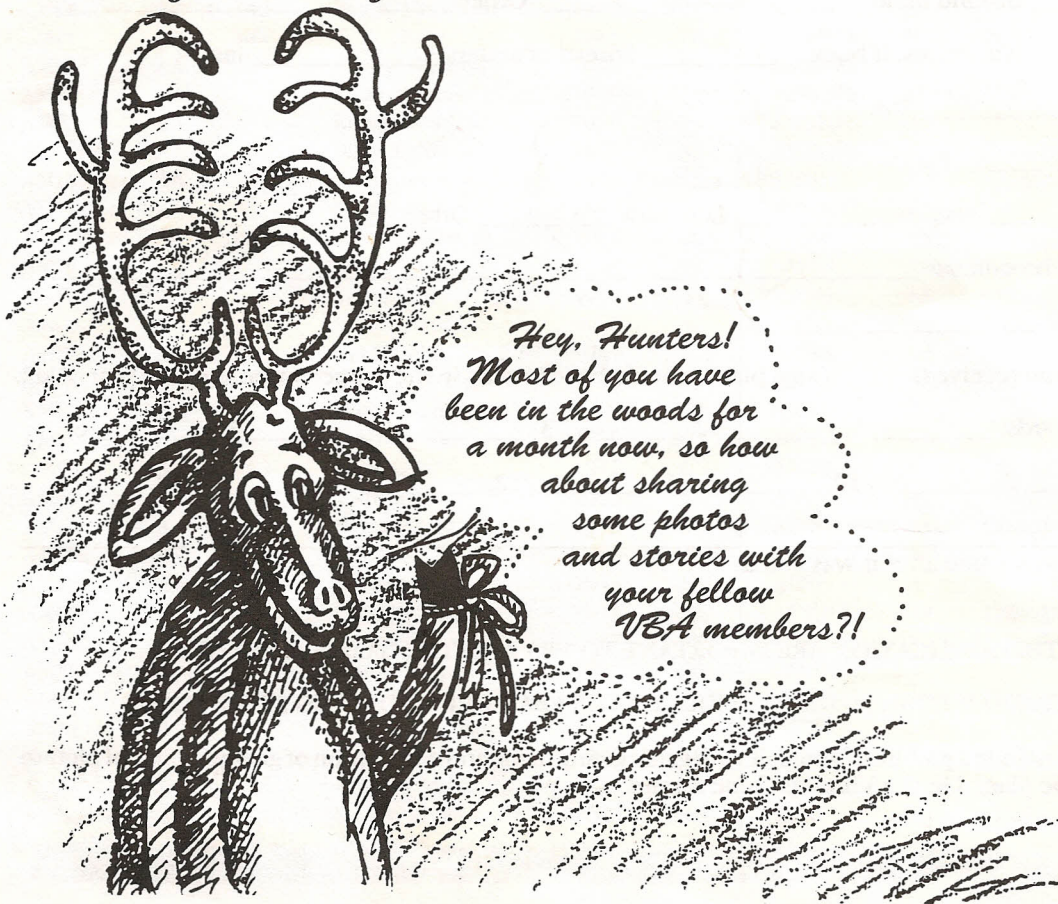
Note to applicant: If possible, please include a picture of yourself with game giving name and description of game on back of picture for identification. The picture will be placed in the VBA Big Game Album.

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A Note from Wally Whitetail:



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some photos
and stories with
your fellow
VBA members?!*