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Virginia Shooters at the Nationals

by Jim Barker

My wife, Debi and I made our first trip to the Nationals this year, and one thing is for sure, Virginia was there! Everywhere you looked there was someone from Virginia.

There were several big stories during the week, and once again one of these big stories include **Cay McManus**, who won the Female Barebow National Championship. Said Cay "Usually I have at least one bad day on the dots, but this year I had three good days and one great day", in route to her seventh National Champion title.

Another big story was **Amy Withers**, who won the Cub Female Freestyle National Champion. Amy also set a new National record for the two days of field target shooting with a combined score of 1089.

And then there was **Jane Mabe**, who won the Senior Female BHFS-L National Champion. Jane may be a lot of things, but it's hard to believe she's a senior. We rented a house with Jane, Gloria & Danny Alger, Lois & Greg Housden, and Gary Alger. Not only did this save on money, but it was lots of fun too, as Jane kept something going on all the time! She was also the big money winner (\$3.75) at the nightly poker game.

Debi Barker placed second in the Female Freestyle Limited division. This was a really tough division this year. We went to the Nationals with the idea that she would have to shoot 495's to win. For the past few years the winner had averaged between 485 and 490. Debi averaged a 503 for the four days of dots and only had a 4 point lead over the second place girl, who holds the National record for that division in the animal round. After the animal round, they were tied, and Debi lost the shoot-off Friday evening.

Denny Cline placed third in the male Barebow division. I had heard the stories about the "BIG BOYS", but now I know why they are called that. These guys shot 500's like it's easy, including a 517 by winner Dave Clem of MD. on Thursday.

Ronnie Lewis tied for second in the

Male Freestyle Limited division, but lost on the tiebreaker and ended out third in the Nation.

Dale & Scarlet Rucker both shot good. Scarlet was in the Championship flight, but her cables broke on Thursday. Dale must have hated that, as Scarlett took Friday off to go shopping!

Gary Jenks shot good, even though he broke the cables on his bow on Saturday before the shoot started. He did a real good job of getting it back together, but after attending the Frank and Dean Show, he said he was going to tear it back down this winter and start from square one. I hope he didn't learn too much, as he's a barebow shooter too!

Danny Alger wasn't pleased with how he shot, but he ended out eighth in the Championship flight, so he didn't do too bad! A new kid won the Adult Male BHFS-L division this year. Said Danny, "We kept waiting for him to figure out where he was and how he was shooting, and then panic and fade away. But he just kept getting stronger".

C.D. Miller really shot good for the whole week, as he didn't drop below a 544 for the whole week, and had a 548 on Thursday. He ended out sixth in the Championship flight. If that doesn't sound good, listen to this. There were thirteen flights of Adult Male Freestyle Shooters, and the total number was 181 of them. Now, how does sixth sound?

Dan Book was fourth in first flight in the Adult Male Freestyle division. He had a couple of days 'down' in the 530's, but he had a few days in the 540's too, including a 546 on Tuesday. Now that's shooting!

Gary Alger shot good in the Adult Male BHFS division. Gary was suffering from an infected tooth all week and couldn't talk very good, so Jane didn't pick on him too much. We would all like to have that clock Gary won at the raffle during closing ceremonies.

Greg Housden shot good in the Adult Male BHFS-L division. Because Gary couldn't talk, Greg became the target of all of Jane's barbs. He seemed to take it

all in stride though, as Jane is his Mother-In-Law, and he seemed used to it. Can't you guys imagine going to the Nationals with your Mother-In-Law?

For the first time since I have known him, I saw **John Boyd** excited about his score. While walking up the hill one day after a long day of shooting, a pick-up went by with John setting on the tailgate. When he saw me he hollered, pointing at his chest and then giving me the thumbs up. I later found out he had shot a 482. No wonder he was excited! As far as I'm concerned, those guys shoot the hardest division. John ended out tenth in the Championship flight of the Adult Male Bowhunter division.

Gloria Smith was another one who shot really good, ending out seventh in the Adult Female BHFS division Championship flight. She seemed real pleased with her scores.

Kenny Sorrels shot good even though he had some equipment problems. He ended out fifteenth in the Championship flight. He was also another one of us Virginians who forgot his sights!

Joe McManus was doing better and better walking the string, as was evident at the Nationals. But at the State Closed he went back to the Bowhunter division. What's the matter Joe? Barebow too tough? Just kidding, I would give anything (almost) to be able to be competitive in that division!

Many others from Virginia were there, and most shot really good, such as:

Charlie Parsons, AMBHFS Championship flight 7th.

Martin Stonesifer, AMBHFS Championship flight 15th.

Doug Carico, AMBHFS-L Championship flight 10th.

Michael Lewis, AMFS Championship flight 14th.

Gary Maggard, AMBH 1st flight 1st.

Susan Maggard, AFBHFS 1st flight 8th.

Danny Belcher, AMBHFS 2nd flight 10th.

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CLUB NEWS

Wythe Bowhunters

The Wythe Bowhunters will again hold their twice-weekly indoor practice nights every Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m. We will begin these practice nights on Tuesday evening, December 5, 1989 and will continue on until the State Indoor Tournament in March. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our clubhouse is located approximately 7 miles north of Wytheville on U.S. Route 52.

Prince William Archers

Indoor shoots will begin on Tuesday November 14, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. Shoots will be held every Tuesday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Indoor trophy shoot to be held on Saturday February 24, 1990 with two rounds being shot—1st round at 3:00 p.m., 2nd round at 7:00 p.m. You may shoot one or both rounds.

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Dickenson County Bowhunters

The Dickenson County Bowhunters has recently renewed the range. The range has been moved from Caney Ridge to a more suitable location in Clintwood, Va. The name has been changed from Caney Ridge Archery Club to Dickenson County Bowhunters. The range consists of a 14 target course with all types of shooting positions. Everyone is invited to come out and join us for different types of shooting pleasures such as spot target shooting, animal shoots, safari shoots and 3-D animal shoots.

—Ronnie Rose
Sec./Treasurer

Staunton River Archery Club

The "New" Staunton River Archery Club held their "Open House Fun Shoot" August 19. There were 95 people at the shoot with 67 of those registered to shoot.

NFAA Animal targets were shot on our new 14 target range. Lots of door prizes were raffled off including a Pearson bow that was won by A. L. Self of Rocky Mt.

The range is located just south of Altavista about 2 miles off Route 29. Take Route 924, bear left on Route 665. Range is on the right.

20-Pin Winners June 19-Aug. 5, 1989

Field

William S. York, Winchester
Linda Bradley, Virginia Beach
Richard E. Brown, Virginia Beach
Joseph Harris, Madison Heights
Jack Bradley, Virginia Beach
Sterling Davis, Front Royal

Hunter

William S. York, Winchester
David A. Chaney, Ringgold



The title of Triple Crown Winner is given to a person who wins the Indoor, Open, and Closed in the same year. This year finds 3 of these people. Kellie Fisher (center) won it in the Youth FS-L division. Cay McManus in the AFBB division, also added a National Championship this year. Debi Barker (left) won it in the AFS-L division and also added a 2nd in the Nationals.

SHOOTERS (continued from page 1)

Mike Stonesifer, AMBHS 3rd flight 1st.

David McLaulin, AMFS 2nd flight 9th.

Terry Evans, AMFS 7th flight 10th.

George Harman, AMFS 9th flight 1st.

Lindsay Harwood, AMFS 9th flight 12th.

Phil Cantrell, AMFSL 2nd flight 13th.

All in all, we had a great time and will be going back again! As a matter of fact we have already started making plans to be at Blue Springs next year. We hope to see even more Virginia shooters there. Every one of you who have never been to a Nationals should try to make at least one of these shoots in your life. But be warned, these things are like Lays Potato Chips, one won't be enough!

Oh yes, I was there too! Even though I didn't shoot good I had a great time and ended out 10th in the first flight in the AMBB division.



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Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Nov.-Dec. issue of FLIGHT will be Nov. 10, 1989. 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.

Augusta Archers Host the 1989 State Close

Augusta Archers Club, Staunton, Va. was the host for the 1989 State Close Archery Championship Tournament on September 2nd and 3rd. The weather was great. A turnout of 213 archers to compete for the State Championship, in their division. We want to congratulate each of the winners.

Augusta Archers would like to thank V.B.A. officers for their support and help for making the shoot successful. Thanks to all.

FS-Men

AA

Michael Lewis	State Champion	545	551	1096	89X
C.D. Miller	2nd	547	545	1092	89X
Tommy Truxell	3rd	542	547	1089	84X

A

Randy Flinchum	1st	528	545	1073	29X
Larry Hill	2nd	516	539	1055	51X
Ray Miller	3rd	508	544	1052	50X

B

John Graybill Sr.	1st	486	510	996	23X
Larry Morris	2nd	483	510	993	31X
Richard Bell	3rd	479	513	992	22X

C

Jim Hommel	1st	385	421	806	14X
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FS-L-Men

AA

James Moore Jr.	State Champion	511	533	1044	42X
Jeffery Mayes	2nd	501	514	1015	31X
James Wyant	3rd	500	510	1010	37X

A

Earl Cash Jr.	1st	465	496	961	10X
Charles Jefferson	2nd	463	495	958	24X
Gary Huffman	3rd	441	494	932	15X

FSBH-UL-Men

AA

Ron Neville	State Champion	543	549	1092	74X
Charlie Parsons	2nd	536	545	1081	68X
Martin Stonesifer	3rd	529	546	1075	66X

A

Scott Mullins	1st	493	530	1023	50X
David Chandler	2nd	504	516	1020	39X
Andy Stonesifer	3rd	493	526	1019	39X

FSBH-L-Men

AA

Bradley Baker	State Champion	507	537	1044	45X
Michael Smith	2nd	514	525	1039	45X
Danny Alger	3rd	501	537	1038	35X

A

Bruce Mabe	1st	464	507	971	27X
Vernon Davis	2nd	461	510	971	16X
Don Armstrong	3rd	468	491	959	20X

B

Augie Whetzel	1st	376	473	849	5X
Steve Clifton	2nd	361	418	779	5X
Betty Shrum	3rd	320	416	736	7X

Bowhunter-Men

AA

Howard Farris	State Champion	471	515	986	17X
John Boyd	2nd	463	507	970	18X
Steven Walker	3rd	467	498	965	16X

A

Earl Anderson	1st	388	435	823	11X
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B

Larry Frank	1st	370	404	774	10X
Craig Lavis	2nd	234	269	503	2X

Barebow-Men

AA

Russell Poe	State Champion	469	511	980	16X
Albert Walker	2nd	465	514	979	27X
Bert Cline	3rd	460	506	966	25X

A

Gary Jenks	1st	430	467	897	18X
Mickey Baugh	2nd	437	457	894	15X
Ronnie Moore	3rd	424	443	867	11X

FS-Women

AA

Paula Weissend	State Champion	510	546	1056	44X
Scarlet Rucker	2nd	509	533	1042	50X
Nancy Thompson	3rd	501	519	1020	39X

A

Freda Little	1st	436	499	935	9X
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FS-L-Women

AA

Debra Barker	State Champion	505	525	1030	37X
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FSBH-UL-Women

AA

Roberta Owens	State Champion	467	492	959	28X
Joyce Cameron	2nd	446	501	947	17X
Gloria Smith	3rd	455	490	945	26X

A

Cindy Williams	1st	346	471	817	8X
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B

Allison Salanova	1st	358	482	840	9X
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FSBH-L-Women

AA

Roberta Jones	1st	392	427	819	9X
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A

Linda Bradley	State Champion	393	427	820	6X
Jane Mabe	2nd	383	434	817	7X

B

Shirley James	1st	250	283	533	1X
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Barebow-Women

AA

Cay McManus	State Champion	478	515	993	24X
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Young Adult FS-Male

AA

Steven Quarles	State Champion	506	528	1034	35X
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Young Adult FS-L-Male

AA

Stacey Knighten	State Champion	457	497	954	23X
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A

Lee Harlow	1st	419	455	874	10X
Walter Bainbridge	2nd	419	413	832	8X

Young Adult FSBH-UL-Male

A

Tommy Dodd	State Champion	471	491	962	32X
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Young Adult Barebow-Male

AA

Victor Riggelman Jr.	State Champion	397	423	820	9X
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Youth-FS-L-Male

B

Tommy Keagy	State Champion	189	269	458	0X
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Youth FSBH-UL-Male

B

Scott Evans	State Champion	368	385	753	12X
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Youth FS-Female

AA

Amy Withers	State Champion	486	491	977	11X
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Youth FS-L-Female

C

Kellie Fisher	State Champion	112	122	234	1X
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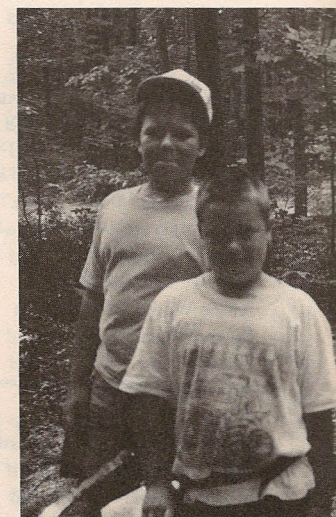
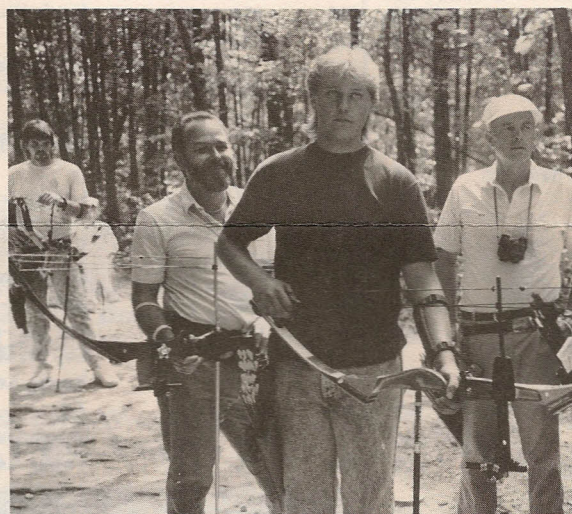
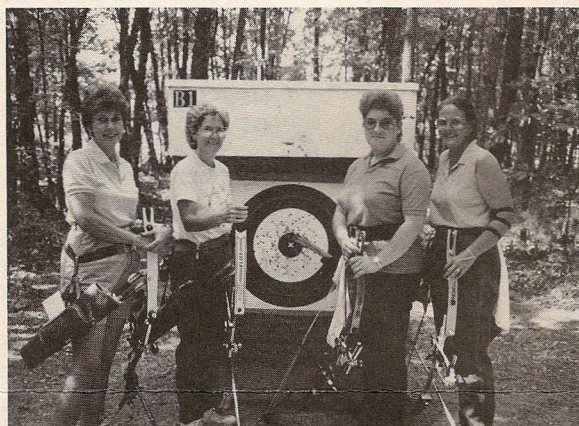
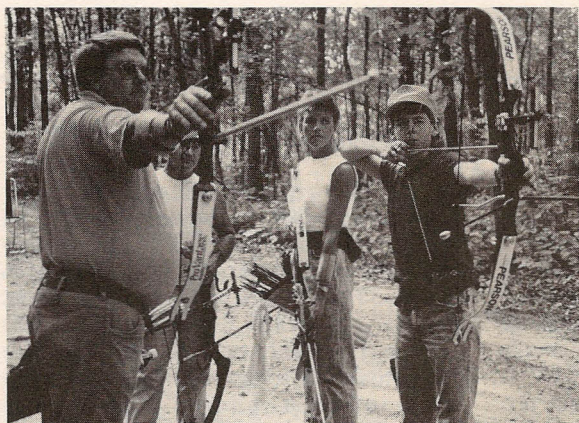
Cub-FS-Male

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Jimmy Hatcher	State Champion	345	449	794	11X
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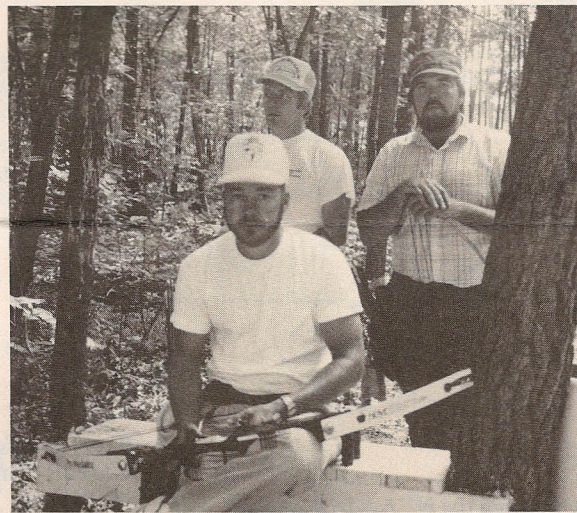
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Cub-FS-L-Male

B					
Michael Bibee	State Champion	337	341	678	3X

Cub-FSBH-UL-Male

A					
Anthony Shifflett	State Champion	497	519	1016	28X
William Campbell	2nd	479	493	972	34X

Cub-FSBH-L-Male

A					
Tod Hartsell	State Champion	493	496	989	25X
Christopher Hudson	2nd	410	448	858	3X

B

Michael Ware	1st	381	463	844	10X
Matthew Harris	2nd	333	377	710	3X

Cub-FS-Female

A					
Karen Baranski	State Champion	490	516	1006	28X
Frances Setter	2nd	336	384	720	6X

Cub-FSBH-L-Female

B					
Denya Pecora	State Champion	417	380	797	7X

Why Should I Join The NFAA?

by John Street, NFAA Director

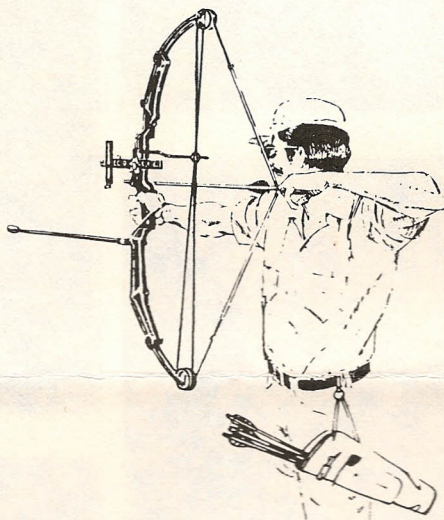
I was recently at a pin shoot when I heard a club member explaining the membership options to a perspective new member. When the topic got around to the NFAA the club member explained "if you don't plan on shooting you don't need to join the NFAA". I was not surprised by this explanation, but saddened to think of a new member missing out on what it means to belong to the NFAA.

The National Field Archery Association is a federation of States organized into one unit to provide for the development of the sport of Archery. One of the main purposes of the NFAA is to encourage the use of the bow in the hunting of all legal game birds and animals. It is also the intent of the NFAA to protect, improve, and increase the sport of hunting with a bow. To develop programs dedicated to the conservation and preservation of game and its natural habitat, as well as to foster and perpetuate a spirit of good fellowship and sportsmanship among all archers are also the goals of the NFAA. To stop here would be more than enough reason for an archer to join the NFAA. But there are others.

For the Bowhunter, the NFAA offers two game awards, the Art Young Big Game Award, and the Art Young Small Game Award. There are 3 classes of bowhunter awards, the bowhunter, the expert bowhunter and the Master Bowhunter.

The NFAA also offers a Diamond Buck Award for the Largest example of mule deer, whitetail deer and blacktail deer based on antler measurements. Along with these awards, NFAA offers an opportunity for a hunter to share his hunting adventures through the bi-monthly ARCHERY magazine.

The most important reason for joining the NFAA is the "clout" in which one day may help preserve the rights of every bowhunter. A bowhunter Defense



fund exists through the NFAA to develop and promote educational programs to combat anti-hunting efforts. This fund may also be used for the legal counsel in the defense of bowhunting rights.

So, the next time you, as a VBA and NFAA member begin explaining the dos and don'ts to perspective members, do encourage them to join NFAA. There is strength in numbers.

The following are RIC rulings from NFAA since I took office in June. They are in effect until they are either upheld or overturned at the Annual NFAA meeting in February 1990.

1. The index finger must be touching the nock of the arrow in the Bowhunter divisions. "Finger position may not be changed during competition."

2. The tab produced by Killiam Products Ltd is illegal in the Bowhunter divisions.

3. The A/F/C point and balance pin is not legal in the Bowhunter divisions.

4. The Neet RFT tab is legal in the Barebow division.

Letters to the Editor

Virginia Bowhunters Association
c.o Mr. Barry Wolfe
175 Kimball Lane
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Gentlemen:

Thank you for awarding me your Annual Scholarship for the 1989-90 academic year. It will help me to purchase textbooks and cover other expenses during my junior year at Virginia Tech. Please convey my appreciation to all members of the Virginia Bowhunters' Association.

Yours truly,

Andrew N. Hunt

Mr. Barry Wolfe
175 Kimball Lane
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Dear Barry:

I want to thank you for the continuing support of the Virginia Bowhunter's Association for our scholarship program here in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Resources.

I am very pleased to announce that Andrew N. Hunt, a sophomore in wildlife management has been selected to receive the 1989-90 Virginia Bowhunter's Association Scholarship Award (\$500). Andy is a very fine young man and is very much interested in game management and plans to pursue his career in either a state or federal agency. He is from Vienna, Virginia, and attended high school there.

Again, thank you for your excellent support.

Sincerely,

David Wm. Smith
Professor and Assistant Director

Application 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. **Kill must be made within the state you live.**

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A significant milestone was reached by VBA in September, 1989. That was the month in which membership in VBA, for the first time in its history, reached and exceeded 2,000.

Certainly a large part of the credit for this outstanding success must go to the officers of the various clubs, the workers in the clubs, including those individuals who attend VBA meetings as Directors from their clubs, and those many individuals who are no longer able to shoot the bow but faithfully pay their club and VBA dues each year because they wish to continue to be a part of this fine organization. Last, but certainly not least, credit must be given to the past and present officers of VBA who have given, and continue to give, unselfishly of their time and talent, often at their own expense, to promote our ancient and honorable sport.

I salute each of you!

Clinton Western, President
Virginia Bowhunters Association

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