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*Cay McManus, our Special Awardee, with her plaque and arm guard made by Grant Patton*

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## From the President

I want to start out by saying Thank You to Shannon Nesselrodt and the members of the Banquet Committee. Led by Shannon, this group of folks did a superb job of putting together our 2018 VBA Awards Banquet held on Saturday, 9 June at the Southern Kitchen Restaurant in New Market, VA. The food was awesome, the guest speaker, SGT Earit Powell, who runs the Fairfax Count Deer Management Program, provided great insight into one of the most successful urban deer management programs in the country. Seeing our fellow archers and bowhunters receive awards for tournaments and trophy animals was inspiring! And finally, the list of prizes for the raffle was long and there were some really great items given to lucky folks at the banquet (four bows were given away). If you haven't attended one of the VBA banquets, you are missing out! Be sure to plan on attending next year!

I want to say "Happy Birthday" to Mr. Owen Shifflett, who turned 90 years old on 9 June. Owen has been a continuous member of the VBA for over 60 years and he is the last living charter member of the Bowhunters of Rockingham. Thank You, Owen, for all you have done for the VBA, BOR and the sport of archery/bowhunting over your many years! All of us hope you enjoy more years of good health, and we look forward to recognizing you again next year!

I am an avid reader of Peterson's Bowhunting magazine. I find the quality of the articles, and the timeliness of the topics, make reading it both enjoyable and educational. The July 2018 edition had an article that really caught my attention. It is titled The State of the Sport Report, written by Christian Berg and Emily Kantner. It is a look at bowhunting's past, present and future. Several positives are pointed out by the authors, to include: 1) The advances in technology that have made our modern equipment better than anything used in the past; 2) A rebound of deer population and an increase in the quality and quantity of deer (the #1 animal pursued by most bowhunters); and 3) More diversity in our sport, with more females joining our ranks, and youngsters who pick up the sport through competitive programs at the high school and collegiate level. But the authors also point out several concerns. The one that really caught my eye was a statement that bowhunter numbers here in America have seen a significant drop over the past few years. Out of curiosity, I went up on the VDGIF web site and pulled down the numbers for Virginia and found our numbers are following this trend. Between 2015 and 2017 the number of resident and non-resident archery licenses sold in the Commonwealth dropped from 69,995 in 2015, to 60,025 in 2017, a drop of 14%. Where are these folks going? The article suggests two factors: Our bowhunting population is getting older, and we are not attracting new bowhunters at a rate to offset our shrinking numbers. I think the authors are spot on. Frankly we are seeing the same thing in our member clubs, and all of them are voicing their concern regarding this trend. In an effort to try to understand the causes and come up with a strategic plan and action to reverse or at least offset it, the Delegates have approved the formation of a membership committee, chaired by Larry Readal, President of the Belvoir Bowhunters. If you have ideas, or would like to join this committee, Larry would welcome your input. He can be reached via Email

**FLIGHT Deadline**  
*The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be September 17, 2018. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your magazine and we encourage your contributions!*

at [lreadal@gmail.com](mailto:lreadal@gmail.com). If you don't want to join this effort, I would encourage you to get involved at your club. You can help by bringing anyone who had indicated an interest out to your club and spending time showing them how much fun shooting a bow can be. Offer to be an instructor if your club sponsors some of the youth archery programs, such as the National Archery in the Schools Program, or Scholastic 3-D Archery program. If you have a niece or nephew who asked you about hunting, take them under your tutelage and make them a part of your hunting this year. You can make a difference!

Good Shooting! Bob 

## From the Executive Vice President

I would like to start off with Shannon needs a raise for all the work he did on the banquet, that would be a raise if we were actually paying him but we're not so a pat on the back will have to do. When Shannon suggested that we hold the banquet at Southern Kitchen I was all for it immediately because I know the food there and the service there is great. After the food part of the evening the Guest speaker SGT Powell who runs the Fairfax County Deer Management Program gave a talk about how to run a controlled and effective deer program in a county park system alongside a heavily populated area. Many counties and towns could benefit from this type of a program when deer population and people population are packed together like Fairfax County.

I would like to recognize the clubs and businesses that sponsored the banquet with donations of the door prizes and auction items, without them this banquet probably could not happen. I will have them listed below.

Don't forget we have two more state shoots to this year, VBA Fall 3D Classic hosted by NORVA and the VBA State Closed Championship being hosted by Walton Park, please show up in force to support these shoots. Don't forget to go to your local club shoots and give them the support they need to continue as clubs because without YOU they cannot survive.

### ***VBA Clubs Sponsors for the VBA banquet***

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Terry 

## From the Publicity Director

We are now half way to the end of our VBA State Tournaments. We would like to Thank' the clubs that hosted our State Tournaments so far this year. Attendance at state tournaments are down again, but thanks to the guests that came, they helped bring the attendance up. Hopefully, those guests will join the VBA, one of our clubs or as a Bowhunter to increase VBA membership. We have two more State Tournaments left. NORVA will be hosting the State 3-D Fall Classic (unmarked) on August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and the State Closed hosted by Walton Park Bowhunters on September 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. So, let's come out and support the VBA.

At the June's VBA meeting, the Delegates voted all in favor for Robin Vogel from Belvoir Bowhunters and Jerry Wenzel from Manahoac Bowmen to the Order of the Golden Feather. In September, the OGF will cast their votes. Both are well deserving individuals who have had a great impact with their commitments to the VBA. Bakari Dale, VBA Field VP, passed out the tentative dates for the 2019 VBA State Tournaments and Meetings pending a few changes, including our 2019 VBA Annual Banquet. The State Tournament bids were submitted from the following clubs: State Indoors will be hosted by Belvoir Bowhunters, Bowhunters of Rockingham, Kingsboro Bowmen and Sherwood Archers. For the State 3-D Spring Classic (marked), Bowhunters of Rockingham, NORVA and Sherwood submitted their bids; for the State Open, Bowhunters of Rockingham and Sherwood Archers; for the State 3-D Fall (unmarked), only New River Bowhunters bid and for the State Closed, Buggs Island Fish & Wildlife Club, Massanutten Archery Club and NORVA submitted their bids.

Our 23<sup>rd</sup> VBA Annual Awards banquet was awesome! Although we had 62 from 14 clubs compared to last year's banquet of 124, everyone enjoyed Southern Kitchen's delicious fried chicken dinner and much more. We probably would have had more, but some attended Owen Shifflett's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday that same day. Owen has been a member of the VBA for over 60 years and is the last living charter member of the Bowhunters of Rockingham. Again, 'Happy Birthday' Owen!

Much of the banquet success goes to Shannon Nesselrodt, VBA Hunting VP. Bennet, you need to be at next year's banquet, as you Dad was just awesome! Also, to the Executive Board, the committee members and Charlene McManus who helped as well. We couldn't do it without them.

Our guest speaker, Sgt. Earit W. Powell, FCPD, Animal Protection Police, gave a very nice overview of the archery and deer management programs in the northern Virginia area. Very well taken and enjoyed by everyone. 'Thank You' – Sir!

We would like to thank our following sponsors, VBA clubs and individuals who donated many items towards our banquet, and there were so many: Bass Pro Shops, Ashland; Heartland Outfitters, Dayton; Lancaster Archery, Lancaster, Pa.; Rockingham Co-op, Harrisonburg; 613 Outdoors, Timberville; Belvoir Bowhunters, Ft. Belvoir; Kingsboro Bowman, Suffolk; Massanutten Archery Club, Bentonville; Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, Shenandoah County Archers, Strasburg, Two Rivers Archers, Front Royal and the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries. If I missed anyone, we also 'thank you' for all your support and donations.



Our special honor award went to Cay McManus. Cay has done a lot and more than we can say for the VBA over the years as the VBA Field VP and a member of the VBA for 40 years. Bob presented her a thank you card that had a \$100 gift certificate, custom hand-made arm guard and plaque. Both the arm guard and plaque were made by Grant Patton. Grant also donated another hand-made arm guard to our silent auction. Thanks Grant. We know that Cay will cherish them forever!

In recognition of our VBA clubs for their 2017 Annual Membership Increase, the awards were presented at the VBA April 9<sup>th</sup> (snow weekend) meeting by Bob. Belvoir Bowhunters for the Largest Club, Two Rivers Archery Club with the Medium Club and to Prince William Archers for the Smallest Club.

Our 2017 Double & Triple winners were presented by Bakari Dale, Field VP. The Double Crown winners were: Danny Cline, RU, Dixie Bowmen; Jenifer Stoner, FTRD, Belvoir Bowhunters; Regina Stroop, FHC, Bowhunters of Rockingham; Paul Vogel, STRD, NORVA; Mike Westfall, TRD, BOR; Tony Hall, HF and New River Bowhunters. The Triple Crown winners were: Mike Hand, MSMTRAD, Sherwood Archers; Regina Stroop, AFBHFS/R, BOR, Logan Weller, YAMFS/R, Manahoac Bowmen and Mike Westfall, TRD, BOR.

At last, Shannon presented the Bill Bennett Big Game Awards to: Floyd Crowder, Dixie Bowmen, Buck; Wade Colton, Massanutten, 4 Bucks, 3 Does, 1 Turkey, Double Grand Slam winner, a Buck by the VA Scoring System and a Doe by the PA Garth System; Joseph Heavner, BOR, a Buck; Brian Moore, New River, a Buck and First Plaque Award; Cory Woodward, BOR, 2 Bucks and First Plaque Award; Gregory Liskey, BOR, a Buck; Charlene McManus, Staunton River, a Buck and First Plaque Award; Donnie Hare, Dixie, Doe; Robert Yager, BOR, 2 Does and one by PA Garth System; Danny Korbini, Massanutten, 2 Bucks and one by the VA Scoring System; Larry Wales, Kingsboro Bowmen and a Doe by the PA Garth System; Tony Hall, New River Bowhunters, a Doe by the PA Garth System; Lawrence Bouchard, New River Bowhunters, a Doe and First Plaque Award; James Blake, Belvoir Bowhunters, 2 Does; Bakari Dale, Belvoir Bowhunters, a Buck, Doe & Bear; Thein Khin, Belvoir Bowhunters, a Buck, Doe and First Plaque Award; Ellena Parks, Belvoir Bowhunters, Buck and First Plaque Award; Steve Richards, Belvoir Bowhunters, a Buck, Turkey and First Plaque Award; Rodney Roberts, Belvoir Bowhunters and a Buck; Randy Stoeckmann, Belvoir Bowhunters, 2 Bucks, 3 Does and First Plaque Award; Jeff Nutter, Belvoir Bowhunters, a Buck, 2 Does and First Plaque Award; Rick Danyliw, Belvoir Bowhunters, a Buck and First Plaque Award; Ira Joseph, Belvoir Bowhunters, a Buck and First Plaque Award; Jerry Michenski, Belvoir Bowhunters, a Doe; David Shaw, New River Bowhunters, a Buck and First Plaque Award; Walt Spaulding, Belvoir Bowhunters, a Buck and First Plaque Award; James Dubuke, Bowhunter, a Buck and 2 Does; and Lowell Hertzler, Bowhunters of Rockingham, 2 Bucks and a Doe.

For those individuals that submitted their Bucks, Does and Turkeys for the Scoring System, they were: in the Big Buck category, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Wade Colton, Massanutten at 142 7/8"; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Danny Korbini, Massanutten at 140 2/8" and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Terry Dorman, Bowhunters of Rockingham at 138 5/8". In the Big Doe category, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Robert Yager at 37"; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Tony Hall, New River Bowhunters at 36" and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Larry Wales, Kingsboro Bowmen and Wade Colton, Massanutten both at 34" and for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Larry Wales, Kingsboro Bowmen, Turkey at 66 1/4" & 65 3/16".

For the Double Slam Deer & Turkey awards were: Steve Richards, Belvoir Bowhunters, Wade Colton, Massanutten and Larry Wales, Kingsboro Bowmen.

Our Silent Auction winners were: for the VDGIF 2012 Knife Collection went to Rob Pecora; the Primitive Cabinet to Two Rivers Archery Club; the Red Head Charcoal Smokers to Shannon Nesselrodt; the VBA Arm Guard to Robin Vogel; the Redhunt Food De-hydrator to Mary Wenzel and the Keen Foot Ware Shoes to Jeff McManus.

Well Folks – that should wrap it up. Come and join us next year as it's been fun and a pleasure! Don't forget the last two VBA State Tournaments and keep those memberships coming in.

Best regards and have an enjoyable and safe summer with your family and friends ~

Irene Stocksdales



# THE VBA STATE OPEN

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2018 VBA State Open Champions

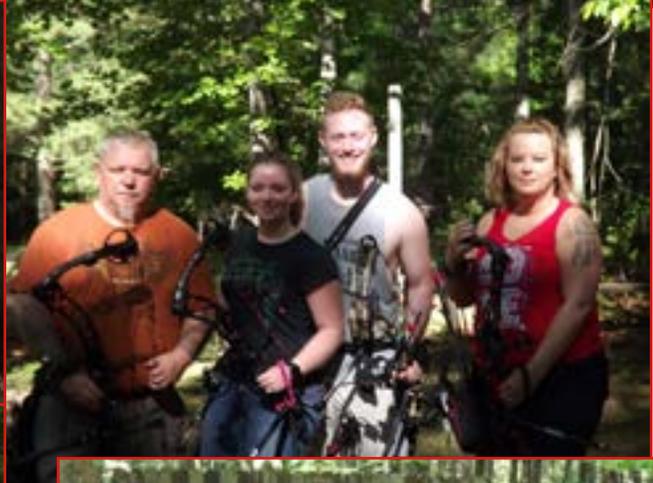


2018 VBA State Open Overall Winners

# VBA State Open 2018

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	Raylan Dishman	PWMBB		421	6	443	4	854	10
SC	Phoenix Dishman	CMBHFS/R	A	468	13	429	4	897	17
SC	Sawyer Dishman	YAMBHFS/R	A	481	17	514	8	995	25
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	A	388	11	476	5	864	16
SC	Debra Ramos	AFFS/R	A	486	13	518	11	1004	24
2nd	Claire Maxey	AFFS/R	A	465	21	525	9	990	30
3rd	Melissa Miller	AFFS/R	A	441	4	472	3	913	7
SC	Jessica Craig	AFTRAD	AA	412	8	482	4	894	12
SC	John Mason	AMBB	A	445	6	503	5	948	11
1st	John Boyd	AMBB	B	392	7	457	6	849	13
SC	Eddie Mitchell	AMBHFS/R	AA	530	45	542	11	1072	56
1st	Danny Korbini	AMBHFS/R	A	504	27	542	15	1046	42
2nd	Levi Cameron	AMBHFS/R	A	502	26	540	13	1042	39
1st	Rusty Zimmerman	AMBHFS/R	B	427	8	399	8	826	16
SC	Brad Baker, Jr	AMFS/R	AA	538	64	569	44	1107	108
2nd	Roman Bond	AMFS/R	AA	546	50	558	26	1104	76
3rd	Lucas Kenley	AMFS/R	AA	536	49	560	25	1096	74
	Jeremy Price	AMFS/R	AA	527	37	557	29	1084	66
1st	Charles Daniel	AMFS/R	A	515	43	548	19	1063	62
2nd	Allen Reedy	AMFS/R	A	521	41	539	14	1060	55
3rd	Bret Partlowe	AMFS/R	A	508	25	530	11	1038	36
	Donald Hanger	AMFS/R	A	502	32	530	9	1032	41
	Dustin Brown	AMFS/R	A	496	21	520	6	1016	27
1st	Loseph Hendricks	AMFS/R	B	488	25	535	14	1023	39
1st	Dylan Bond	AMFS/R	C	385	11	420	0	805	11
INC	Paul Soucie	AMFS/R		515	37	0	0	515	37
SC	Brenda Bond	SFFS/R	AA	515	46	545	22	1060	68
SC	Robin Vogel	SFTRAD	AA	419	1	462	5	881	6
SC	Vance Cave	SMBHFS/R	AA	534	51	560	26	1094	77
2nd	Brian Baldrige	SMBHFS/R	AA	536	49	548	21	1084	70
SC	Tony Hall	SMFS/F	A	421	13	502	6	923	19
SC	Tom Lynch	SMFS/R	AA	553	67	556	26	1109	93
2nd	David Estep	SMFS/R	AA	542	50	537	20	1079	70
1st	Jeff Warf	SMFS/R	A	521	42	554	18	1075	60
2nd	Bruce Maxey	SMFS/R	A	514	37	550	17	1064	54
3rd	Scott Grumann	SMFS/R	A	512	24	545	19	1057	43
	Bobby Kenley	SMFS/R	A	511	32	540	20	1051	52

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	Terry Bellowe	SMTRAD	A	389	6	445	1	834	7
2nd	Michael Light	SMTRAD	A	356	6	411	1	767	7
SC	Paul Vogel	SSMBHFS/R	AA	552	37	545	19	1067	56
SC	Danny Alger	SSMFS/R	A	515	30	544	16	1064	46
2nd	Jarrett Frame	SSMFS/R	A	498	31	538	14	1036	45
SC	Denny Cline	MSMBB	A	444	6	481	4	925	10
INC	Howard Faris	MSMBB		437	14	0	0	437	14
INC	Bill Keen	MSMBB		385	0	0	0	385	0
SC	Harry Kibler	MSMBHFS/R	A	485	22	520	10	1005	32
INC	Marvin Huffman	MSMFS/R		486	25	0	0	486	25





## State Open Records 1977 to 2018

Records are posted with 28 Field, ½ Hunter & ½ Animal  
until format changes

(if no animal scores are posted, then Hunter is ½ Hunter & ½ Animal)

1996 = 5/3 targets at Open only

1976 & earlier = 5/3 targets 1999 to 2001 = 28F/28H/14A; didn't use for records

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
AMFS/R	Randy Patterson	2014	553/71	277/34	292	1122/105
AFFS/R	Ginger Hamlin	2007	531/56	556/24		1087/80
AMFS/F	Steve Overfelt	1994				1054
AFFS/F	Debi Barker	1990	510	254	278	1042
AMBB	Rick Stark	2009	489/17	531/13		1020/30
AFBB	Cay McManus	2007	476/16	524/12	280	1000/28
AMBH	Howard Faris	1997	482/20	526/8		1008
AFBH	Cay McManus	1982	438			888
AMBHFS/R	Tim Ewers	2007	555/72	565/33		1120/105
AFBHFS/R	Stacy Pruitt	2005	517/35	542/20		1059/55
AMBHFS/F	Jim Herin	2004	512/25	541/11		1053/36
AFBHFS/F	Irene Stocksdale	1995	446/9	226/3	268	940/12
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2005	468/12	471/9		939/21
AFTRAD	Jennifer Stoner	2016	460/13	248/17	270	978/30
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2009	559/98	571/47		1130/145
CFFS/R	Chelsa Neville	2016	536/47	265/22	283	1084/69
	Amy Withers	1989	538	546		1084
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	490/25	515/10		1005/35
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2006	458/0	445/6		903/6
CMBHFS/R	Forrest Belcher	1990	510	260	280	1050
CFBHFS/R	Sarah Ryan	2017	489/17	238/3	272	999/20
CMBHFS/F	Hunter Davis	2007	541/53	536/25		1077/78
CFBHFS/F	Denya Pecora	1992	452	233	276	961
CMBB	Keith Thompson	1977	469	474		943
CFBB	Hope Wymer	2006	293/0	315/3		608/3
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2010	320/2	359/1		688/3
PWFBHFS/R	Icie Stroop	2017	74/0	33/2	65	172/2
MEMBHFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2013	443/7	235/12	278	956/19*
MSMBHFS/R	Harry Kibbler	2013	497/21	254/18	276	1027/39*
MSMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2015	461/15	230/4	269	960/19
MSMFS/R	Lowell Hertzler	2017	539/52	263/21	283	1085/73
MSMBB	Danny Cline	2012	474/18	230/7	277	981/25
MSMTRAD	Mike Hand	2017	404/8	205/8	245	854/16
PWMTRAD	Benjamin Torres	2009	365/5	408/1		773/6
PWFTRAD	Alexis Cambell	2011	142	65/1	168	376
SMFS/R	Locksley Hutchens	2014	548/71	274/35	289	1111/106
SFFS/R	Brenda Bond	2018	515/46	281/22	264	1060/68

<b>Style</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Hunter - Animal</b>		<b>Aggre.</b>
SMFS/F	Richard Merkel	1997	507/28	517/8		1024
SFFS/F	Bev Hunter	1995				723
SMBB	Robert Walker	1994				1027
SMBH	Robert Baublitz	2009	404	433		837
SMBHFS/R	Vance Cave	2018	534/51	270/26	2290	1094/77
SFBHFS/R	Melinda Wilson	2016	456/13	225/7	269	950/20
SMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2009	474/17	525/13		999/30
SFBHFS/R	Jane Mabe	1992				910
SMTRAD	Michael Light	2014	418/8	199/2	254	871/10
SFTRAD	Robin Vogel	2018	419/1	224/5	238	881/6
SSFFS/R	Bertha Brugh	2014	464/5	238/9	282	984/14
SSMBHFS/R	Paul Vogel	2018	522/37	260/19	285	1067/56
SSMBHFS/F	David Dobbins	2017	285/1	151/0	224	660/1
SSMBB	John Mason	2017	466/11	229/5	278	973/16
SSMFS/R	C. D. Miller	2015	533/44	267/21	285	1085/65
SSMFS/F	Dennis Wallace	2016	515/35	246/13	280	1041/48
SSMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2016	415/8	217/5	248	880/13
YAMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2009	538/92	561/30		1099/122
YAFFS/R	April Chamberlain	1993	509	506		1015
YAMFS/F	Stacy Knighten	1989	473	509		982
YAFFS/F	Kellie Fisher	1992	242	143	238	623
YAMBHFS/R	Nathan Kline	2004	516/32	540		1056
YAMBHFS/F	Chris Willard	1992	432	233	272	937
YAFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2013	308/1	164/3	244	716/4*
YAMBB	Daran Eastridge	1983				825
YAMBH	Kendal Hall	1997	360/3	420/1		780
YAMTRAD	Kris Black	2009	149/1	224/1		373/2
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	550/59	564/21		1114/80
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1992	494	266	280	1040
YMFS/F	Keith Faris	1982				995
YFFS/F	Lori Dodson	1990	393	216	238	847
YMBB	Victor Riggelman, Jr	1987	364	466		830
YFBB	Sara Lavenhar	2005	368/2	433/5		801/7
YMBHFS/R	Chris King	2015	509/32	247/11	278	1034/43
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2012	415/5	217/5	253	885/10
YMBHFS/F	Nick Willard	1992	420	213	238	871
YMTRAD	Zach Stoner	2011	241/4	131/0	118	490/4
YFTRAD	Maggie Grimmett	2016	166/2	91	92	349/2

# AGENDA ITEMS

## September Agenda Items:

(1) VBA By-Laws:Art.1:Board of Directors

Sentence 1, Delete January. Sentence 2, Delete Quarterly. Effective , 2019.

Justification: To keep from raising dues.

(2) VBA By-Laws:Sect. 3.2. , Pg. 4: Flight Editor

Change last four lines to read: He shall cause this publication to be made available to at least one member of each household associate member and bowhunter member by email or access to download a copy on the VBA website. Effective, Jan. 1st, 2019.

Justification: Due to high cost of printing and mailing, this will save the VBA several thousand dollars per year and will save an increase in dues to cover the cost of this publication.

(3) VBA By-Laws:Art.18:Conservation

Scholarship Fund: Delete for forestry or wildlife conservation/law enforcement. Change wording to read: to be supporting Archery, in general, conservation and bowhunting.” Effective, when approved.

## VBA 2019 Dates & BIDS

The VBA State Shoot dates are:

Indoor: Feb 23 & 24      Host Clubs: Kingsboro, Sherwood, Belvoir, Rockingham

Spring 3-D: April 6 & 7      Bid Clubs: \_Sherwood, \_NORVA, \_Rockingham

Open: May 25 & 26      Bid Clubs: \_Sherwood, \_Rockingham

Fall 3-D: Aug 17 & 18      Host Club: New River

Closed: Aug 31 & Sept 1      Bid Clubs: \_Buggs Island, \_Massanutten, \_NORVA

The VBA meetings are:

Jan 19 & 20

March 30 & 31 (Banquet)

June 8 & 9

Sept 14 & 15

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## A TERRIFIC Day On The Water



Dave Burpee (second from left) and Bob Seltzer (second from right) join other DIA Rod & Gun Club members and First Mate Mark in displaying some of the fish caught during a magic day on the Chesapeake Bay.

You like being outdoors. You like hunting. You like archery tournaments. You enjoy shooting at the archery practice range. But, what can you do when it's after spring turkey season, it's the middle of the week and there are no archery tournaments, and you have been living on the practice range lately?

You go outdoors and fish, that's what!

So, that is precisely what fellow VBA member Bob Seltzer and I did recently. We had a great day and this story is being shared as we know many of you also enjoy the outdoors in ways other than being involved in archery.

Bob and I belong to the DIA Rod & Gun Club -- a Northern Virginia fishing and hunting club. They have various activities, one of which is to arrange fishing trips for striper in the Chesapeake Bay. Seven of us arrived at the dock at Olverson's Marina, Lewisetta, VA on a nice Monday. The weather promised to be perfect and we had been on the boat -- the Heritage -- before so we knew Captain Dave and First Mate Mark were terrific. Also, the fishing was certain to be great. The fishing is always great; it's the catching that is in doubt. This time the doubt was more than a little troubling because Dave said he had been out with a party of 12 the day prior and had only caught four keepers plus a catfish. He had tried several locations and various methods, but nothing seemed to appease the fish gods. We pulled away from the dock about 0630 hoping for better results.

We started fishing about 0800 and for the next 80 minutes life was crazy. At one point, we had four fish on at the same time and after much confusion all the fish were landed. Mark called "time out" so he could organize the fishing poles and count the fish in the cooler. (We wanted to have a good time, not exceed the boat legal catch limit!) We were authorized 18 fish for the boat. That number was reached at 0920 and we headed back to the marina. Thankfully the fishing gods had decided not to punish us as they had the group the previous day. In fact, they gave us a TERRIFIC day on the water.

You would not think that archery and fishing had much in common (except when bow fishing!), but in at least some ways they are exactly the same. Both activities give access to the great outdoors, allow for bonding among friends, and help renew that internal spirit we need to make life fully enjoyable.

If you can't do an archery activity, go fishing.

If interested in further information, try these Web sites: DIA Rod & Gun Club: [www.diarodandgunclub.com](http://www.diarodandgunclub.com) Heritage: [www.fishersbaycharters.com](http://www.fishersbaycharters.com)

# KORBINIS CONQUER CANADIAN BLACK BEARS

By: Tom & Danny Korbini



It's early June and the 2018 Spring Bear Hunt is well underway in Plaster Rock, New Brunswick Canada and Massanutten Archery Club's Korbini brothers are gearing up for what has become an annual trip for us to Long Lake Adventures (LLA) ([www.longlakeadventures.com](http://www.longlakeadventures.com)). Long Lake had already posted over 10 pictures of nice bear on their Facebook page. To prepare, we of course made our usual trip to Hoffman Archery ([www.hoffmanarchery.com](http://www.hoffmanarchery.com)) in Warrenton, Va. to have our bows checked out and ensure that we have all of the necessary archery supplies; broadheads, lighted nocks, arrows, etc. As always, Faron Moss had everything that we needed and took great care of us. The Korbini's exclusively shop at Hoffman Archery, and rely heavily on their expertise. Consider that our best endorsement for outstanding customer service, equipment selection, and archery knowledge in a family friendly environment.

We left on June 9th and drove to Bangor, Maine, stayed overnight, then finished the trip to Plaster Rock on June 10th. On the way up the road, Tom said to Danny, "Wouldn't it be cool if we were able to shoot two bears on the same night?" Both of us laughed and agreed that it would be an awesome experience. When we arrived, we were greeted by Clay Harrison, the owner of Long Lake Adventures, his family, and the guides. This was not our first trip to New Brunswick to hunt with LLA and we were excited to reunite with our Canadian family. The two of us & Jimmy Walsh were directed to our accommodations at the lodge by the lake. We stayed in that cabin two years prior on a previous spring bear trip, and we all enjoyed these accommodations. Over the years, we have stayed in just about every cabin LLA has. Jimmy is a great friend and like family to the Korbini's. Jimmy and Danny have been on numerous destination hunts together over the years and Tom has been brought into the circle. Jimmy is a gun hunter but we never hold that against him, and he does pull out his archery tackle on home-based hunts.

We got unpacked and headed to the main lodge for dinner. Clay's wife Tanya cooks for all the hunters and she is simply awesome at keeping us well fed throughout the week. Clay and Tanya's daughter Lexi was a huge help to Tanya in the kitchen, since she was wrapped up with school for the year (Lexi was also the first one to step up to lend a hand when a bear needed to be skinned). After a great spaghetti dinner, Clay welcomed all the hunters to Long Lake and conducted a great introduction to the hunters new to LLA, but also those of us who have had the pleasure to be with them on past hunts. There were six hunters total: Tom Korbini (VA), Danny Korbini (VA), Jimmy Walsh (MD), Gerald Keats from Nova Scotia (bow/crossbow), Rob Cullymore from Nova Scotia/Newfoundland (gun), and Marsha from PA (gun). Rob owns Moose Creek Lodge (<http://www.moosecreeklodgefld.com>) in Newfoundland and hosts hunting trips for moose, black bear, and woodland caribou. Rob

was with us for the Spring Bear Hunt two years ago, and it was great to see him again. We quickly became good friends with Gerald and Marsha, and we are sure we keep in touch. This was Gerald's first bear hunt, and he booked for the same week with us for 2019, so he was sure we could get together for another great adventure in Canada.

After dinner, Alan who was Tom's guide, showed him a few trail cam pictures of a big bear that was active at his stand. Tom was getting excited about Monday's hunt. Clay was Danny and Jimmy's guide and he showed Danny some trail cam pics of a big bear at his stand. We tend to book for this particular week later in the spring bear season at Long Lake Adventures as it seems to also always be the peak of mating season.

#### Monday June 11th

We woke up to a beautiful morning and headed to the main lodge for breakfast. After breakfast, we were all required to shoot our weapons to verify that equipment, scopes, and sights didn't get banged up during the trip. We respect Clay and his team for this practice. Ensuring a hunter's ability with their weapon, as well as the safety and accuracy of the equipment goes a long way to ensuring a successful safe hunt and an ethical kill. Long Lake Adventures respect these animals and the environment they are blessed enough to operate in.

After lunch or what our Canadian friends call "supper", it was time to get ready to go hunting. Alan told Tom his target bear was coming in at 8:30 PM, and he was really looking forward to that meeting. Tom was in his stand by 4:30 PM and was ready for some action. Well, the action turned out to be watching several squirrels and some birds play in the bait pile. Tom was entertained by watching a squirrel try to carry a whole slice of bread away from the "honey hole". That squirrel was determined! 8:30PM passed and Tom was stood up for his date with Mr. Big Bear. Tom got out of the stand around 10pm when he could no longer safely shoot and awaited pick up by his guide. Alan informed Tom on the drive back to camp that he pulled the trail cam pictures when he baited the site and that there was no activity for the last two days. UGH! When Tom arrived back at camp, he talked with Danny and he told him that he saw a nice bear but it wasn't the monster he was looking for (or the potential shooter bear Clay showed him on the trailcam viewer). It is only Monday and we have a week to harvest the bears that we want.

#### Tuesday June 12th

We woke up to a windy day, ate breakfast, shot some practice arrows, prayed the wind would die down for the afternoon hunt, ate supper, prayed more, then went into the woods for the evening hunt. The wind never let up. We were blown around in our tree stand for six hours. Tom watched the squirrel show again but no bear sightings. When Alan picked Tom up, he told him that he should have given him 3 tickets for that six hour carnival ride. Alan informed him that he had pulled the trail cam pictures and the big bear had changed patterns (now coming in after dark). UGH! Danny had no bear sightings but also reported strong winds at his location as well with several trees falling in his general area. It was a great day to be in the woods, but not such a great day for bear hunting.

#### Wednesday June 13th

The day started off like our previous two. The weather had improved and the wind died down. They were calling for rain overnight into Thursday. We were hoping that the rain would hold off for the evening hunt. At 4pm, it looked like we were going to have a nice evening to hunt. It didn't turn out that way.

Tom made the mistake of not wearing enough clothes and ended up shivering by 9pm. Most of the week it was in the 60's during the day with 40's in the evening. Tom quickly obtained first-hand knowledge that the Canadian weather can change drastically rather quickly (32 degrees). At 9:10pm, Tom saw his first bear. This bear was not the shooter that Alan told him about. Tom watched the bear, shivered, debated, shivered more, then decided to pass on this bear. He was excited to be seeing a bear while on stand, and later Alan told him that the big bear came in again after dark but was confident that Tom was in a good stand. With only two days left, Tom was getting frustrated.

When we got back to camp, we learned that both Jimmy and Gerald had opportunities at bears.

Jimmy shot right before dark, but when Clay arrived they attempted to track the bear but could not immediately find it and decided to back out waiting for daylight. Gerald shot his with a crossbow. It appeared to be a clean pass through and they tracked it for a while but could not locate the bear. A picture from Jimmy's trail cam later revealed that he made a great shot on that bear and Clay was confident that we would find it in the morning.

Danny continued to see bears but did not see the one he was looking for. Seeing raked sows during a spring hunt is a great sign. Getting to see bear behavior is a learning experience which only helps you to build the required confidence and engagement in the process to get in a mindset of awareness enabling you to execute when/if mother nature cooperates and all things come together for you. Having a plan and working with your guide is a process, getting bears to cooperate is another story altogether.

Thursday June 14th

We were off to a quick and rainy start on Thursday morning. We quickly ate some breakfast then we were off to look for Jimmy's Bear. From the trail cam video, we could see which way the solid hit bear was heading so we split up and searched that area for about an hour with no luck. Alan, the Lead Guide, recommended that we regroup and go in a different direction. We walked 30 feet into the woods and there she was. Jimmy put a great shot on his bear, but without a blood trail, rain, and darkness the night before it took a few more eyes on the ground to get it done. She apparently made a very hard left hand turn downhill when she hit the woods and doubled back behind the shooting lane. Jimmy was excited, relieved, and wet. After two hours in the rain, we were all pretty drenched.

Some of the others in the camp went to help Gerald look for his bear but they were not successful. Before we knew it, it was time for supper and we were getting ready to go back in the woods.

Tom was determined not to make the same mistake under dressing to the weather and he pulled out his heavy duck hunting jacket. Alan debated on moving Tom to a different stand where he would be hunting out of a ground blind. Both of them were torn as to whether or not that was a good idea since he was now seeing bear and the big boy was still in that zip code so they decided to try one more night in that stand. When Tom arrived, the rain started to lighten and after about 45 minutes then it stopped all together. It turned out to be a great night. Tom was quickly seeing bear moving through the woods but they were not coming into bow range. At about 8pm, the bear from the previous night started heading towards the honey hole. With only one day left to hunt, Tom was considering harvesting the animal. The bear had a different plan in mind. The Bear played a game of cat and mouse with Tom. The bear would come to the edge of the woods and sniff then run back into the woods. Tom knew he was supposed to remain still and let the bear come into the site but the bear was having none of it. He did this a couple of times then got a little braver. He was coming in and Tom went to move his bow to his knee and that warm jacket made a noise which spooked the bear again. As Tom was sitting there frustrated, he looked down one of the tree lines and saw a big bear. It was about 75 yards away but wouldn't come closer and never gave him a shot opportunity. Tom learned a lesson that although that jacket was perfect to keep him warm, it was too noisy when you are up close and personal with black bears.



Danny had at least five different bear sightings during Thursday's rainy sit and got to see the "big boy" shooter bear in that bunch. This boar was only interested in the female he was courting. The

big boy did not give him a clear shot, but his presence impacted the conduct of all things in the area. Danny had a great sit and got to watch some really amazing exchanges, groups, and solo bear activity. He was on cloud nine about his sit, and it made his week when he again (just like last year) had to sneak out of his stand with a few bears in his immediate area at dark. He really doesn't have words to convey the experience beyond "freaking awesome"!

Tom wanted so badly for the Korbini Brothers to tag team and kill two bears but it just wasn't happening and time was running out. On a good note, Gerald saw the bear that he shot at and it appeared to be getting around without issue. He must have just grazed it. We were all happy for Jimmy since he was the only guy in camp to harvest a bear... so far....

#### Friday June 15th

Friday's weather was beautiful. After breakfast, we were able to get out and shoot some practice arrows then enjoy a beautiful day on Long Lake before our "last hunt". Alan and Tom talked and they decided to try a different stand. The guides were reviewing trail cams and there appeared to be good activity at this other location and Alan thought it would be a good idea for Tom to make a change. After Thursday night, Tom was done with his primary stand and needed a change of scenery. Danny wasn't going anywhere. He liked his stand and saw bear(s) everyday but Tuesday (the day of the tree stand carnival rides). Jimmy was tagged out so he could just relax and enjoy his Friday. After a great grilled steak supper, it was time for the last hunt. The brothers both wished each other good luck and got in trucks with our guides to start out for our last hunting day.

Danny had a nice bear come in around 6:00 PM, and this bear was determined to go home with him. On this last day of the hunt the daylight was fantastic, the quartering away shot opportunities kept lining up, and something had to be done. Danny took aim and let loose. The bear went crashing down quickly with a couple of moans. He got a hold of Clay and crew on the radio, and they had that bear tagged, skinned out, cut up, and in the freezer in no time. Now we just have to wait for Tom to get his bear...

Alan told Tom that there was a nice bear coming in at approximately 9pm and he was hoping that would be the case. When he got to his stand, Tom had to make some adjustments since he was used to hunting out of a two-man stand. It wasn't long after Tom got himself situated that he saw a bear walking through the woods. The bear would not come into the bait but would walk all around it. He just sat still hoping it would come in. This lasted from approximately 5:30pm to 6pm. It was quiet from 6-9pm then out of nowhere, a nice bear was coming to the shooting lane directly in front of him, head first. Tom could not move since the bear was looking right at him. The bear settled into the bait and sat there and ate for twenty minutes. Tom was sitting there perfectly still with his bow resting on his knee with his release connected to the bow string. He was waiting for him to get up and turn so he could get a broadside shot. After twenty minutes, the bear stood up and walked backwards. He finally turned broadside for a brief second, and Tom took the opportunity to draw back. The bear started to turn to walk away in the opposite direction and he released the arrow. It was a clean pass through and Tom could see his lighted nock flashing in the dirt. Tom's heart was beating out of his chest. He knew he hit that bear but the shot placement was not exactly what he wanted. Tom got on the radio and one of the guides, Coleman, answered him. About ten minutes later, Coleman showed up at his stand with Clay's son Zach. They went and looked at the arrow, and there was good blood. They all started tracking the bear, and a significant blood trail. It was really easy to follow but they decided to back off and ensure they gave the bear a chance to expire. A few minutes later, Clay, Danny, and Jimmy showed up. This is when Tom found out that Danny had taken his bear earlier. We all followed Clay and Zach back into the woods. Zach had tied ribbons to the trees marking the blood trail and we picked up trail from there. After about 30 more yards, we found the bear. YES!!!! We got the bear back to the truck and it was time to celebrate. The Korbini Brothers killed two bears on the same day!!! This wonderful trip and memories will be with us forever, and we look forward to making and sharing many more.

What a great ending to a fantastic week at Long Lake Adventures. The long ride home didn't seem so long with 3 bears in the cooler. Clay and our Canadian Family did a great job hosting another Spring Bear Hunt. We can't say enough about all of the quality & experienced guides of Long Lake. Tanya and Lexi were awesome and kept us well fed. Lastly, we would also like to thank Clay & Tanya's boys, Zach and Dane, for all their help during the week. Much appreciation all around (in case we missed anyone).

And thank you for reading the Korbini Brothers' story, we hope you enjoyed it. See you on the range or in the field.



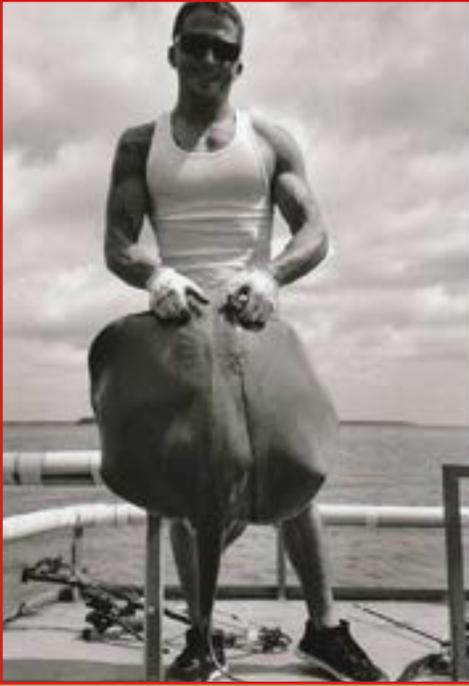
***Wally and Winnie made this recipe for Danny and Tom Korbini, who harvested bears this spring in Canada***

**Bear stew**

- 3 slices of bacon, cut up
- 4 medium onions , quartered
- 4 medium potatoes, quartered
- 1 package of frozen green beans
- 3 bay leaves
- 2lb bear, cubed
- 4 carrots, sliced
- 1 package frozen peas
- 1 (45 oz.) can tomato juice

Brown bacon in heavy kettle, Add bear and brown on all sides. Add onion and saute. Add all remaining ingredients and simmer 1 hour or until flavors are mixed and vegetables and meat are tender. Remove bay leaves.

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## The “Dave Proctor Bowhunter Award for the Virginia Bowhunters Association”

The “Dave Proctor Bowhunter Award” program has been created by the VBA in memory of and with great respect to David Proctor who served the VBA as Hunting VP and Executive VP for many years in a dedicated and exemplary manner, giving us all an example of a true Virginia sportsman and bowhunter.

The “Dave Proctor Award” is effective for the harvest of all big and small game beginning January 14, 2018. Game harvested shall be reported to the VBA Secretary each year on the form provided by the VBA. The reporting year shall coincide with the end of the regular Virginia archery season, the first Saturday in January of each year, through the end of the season the next year. The reporting form shall be mailed to the VBA secretary no later than 30 days after the end of the reporting year.

The “Dave Proctor Bowhunter Award” is available to current members of the VBA. Any game reported must have been taken while a member of the VBA, game harvested prior to becoming a member are not eligible. Each level achieved must be completed before a member can begin accumulating points for the next award level. All game taken must be harvested according to rules of “fair chase” and in compliance with all game

laws and regulations of the state or locality in which harvested. All game reported for this award must have been harvested by means of legal Virginia archery equipment. Game reported may be from Virginia or wherever the travels of the VBA member may take them, across the country or around the world. Any member known to report illegal kills or falsifying game reported will forfeit all accumulated points and will be disqualified from participating in the “Dave Proctor Award” program thereafter.

There shall be three (3) levels of achievement for the “David Proctor Bowhunter Award”. All award levels will be achieved according to the points system as listed below:

### FIRST AWARD – “Virginia Bowhunter”

A total of fifty (50) points are needed to achieve the “David Proctor Virginia Bowhunter” award level. At least four (4) different game species are required, one (1) of which must be a big game animal. Members achieving this award will be presented with a “VBA David Proctor Virginia Bowhunter” Certificate recognizing their achievement and will be acknowledged in the Flight newsletter.

### SECOND AWARD – “Southern Bowhunter”

A total of one hundred (100) points are needed to achieve the “David Proctor Southern Bowhunter Award”. At least four (4) game species are required, two (2) of which must be big game animals. Members achieving this award will be presented with a special edition “VBA David Proctor Southern Bowhunter” Sheath Knife recognizing their achievement and will be acknowledged in the Flight newsletter.

### THIRD AWARD – “Ultimate Virginia Bowhunter”

A total of one hundred fifty (150) points are needed to achieve the “David Proctor Ultimate Virginia Bowhunter Award”. At least four (4) game species are required, three (3) of which must be big game animals. Members achieving this award will be presented with a special edition VBA David Proctor Ultimate Bowhunter Custom Embroidered Hunting Jacket recognizing their achievement, will be honored as a special “Ultimate Bowhunter” guest of the VBA president at the next VBA banquet, and will be acknowledged in the Flight newsletter.

## POINTS SYSTEM

DEER Whitetail, Coues, Mule, Blacktail

Buck – 10 points

Doe – 5 points

Button Buck – 5 points

ELK Rocky Mountain, Roosevelt

Bull – 15 points

Cow – 10 points

CARIBOU Mountain, Barren Ground, Woodland

Bull – 15 points

Cow – 10 points

MOOSE Alaska – Yukon, Canadian, Wyoming (Shiras)

Bull – 15 points

Cow – 10 points

**ANTELOPE**

Buck – 10 points

Doe – 5 points

**BEAR Black**

Boar – 15 points

Sow – 10 points

Brown, Polar, Grizzly

Boar – 25 points

Sow – 25 points

**MOUNTAIN SHEEP & GOAT**

Male – 20 points

Female – 20 points

**MOUNTAIN LION**

Male – 20 points

Female – 20 points

Note: Any big game animal taken scoring the Pope & Young minimum score or higher will earn an extra 5 points.

Note: This Awards Program is based on an awards program that Dave Proctor developed in 1984 and managed for the Bowhunters Of Rockingham. The BOR award is called the "Southern Bowhunter Award". Many BOR members have worked to achieve these awards over the years.

Note: Snakes and other types of nongame animals do not qualify for this award. Protected species do not qualify for this award.

Note: Should a VBA member harvest and report a recognized game animal not listed here, the VBA Hunting VP shall assign a points value for that animal in keeping with the scale and difficulty as listed above.

Lowell Hertzler

for Shannon Nesselrodt, VBA Hunting Vice President

**WILD PIG Russian Boar, Javeline, Feral Hog**

Male – 10 points

Female – 10 points

**TURKEY 15 points****SMALL GAME**

Rabbit, Squirrel, Groundhog, Carp, Gar, Raccoon, Bobcat,

Fox (red or grey), Opossum, Skunk, Coyote

1 point – Maximum of 5 points per species each year

**SMALL GAME BIRDS**

Quail, Grouse, Pheasant, Dove, Crow, Water Fowl

2 points – Maximum of 6 points per species each year

## **SILVER ARROW AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE IN SEPTEMBER**

The VBA "Silver Arrow Award" was created to honor those persons who have performed at a superior level within the VBA. The Award focuses on persons who have made extraordinary contributions to their VBA Club, other Clubs in their VBA Region and/or Clubs outside their VBA Region. Their performance will not rise to qualification levels for the Order of the Golden Feather but is nonetheless extremely significant to the VBA, important to its continued success and worthy of special recognition.

To be qualified, a candidate must be a VBA member in good standing at the time of application, must have a minimum of eight successive years' membership in VBA prior to his/her application and must be sponsored by an affiliate Club of the VBA. Recipients must be free of any moral, legal or ethical issues that could bring embarrassment to themselves, their Club and/or the VBA.

Nominations for the Award must be submitted to the Board of Directors at the September meeting this year, must be in writing and must be signed by a Club officer on behalf of the Club.

Details can be found in Article 16 of the VBA By-Laws.

**VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION  
DAVID PROCTOR BOWHUNTER AWARD  
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**BIG GAME ANIMALS HARVESTED**

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  P & Y\*  Date of Kill \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  P & Y\*  Date of Kill \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  P & Y\*  Date of Kill \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  P & Y\*  Date of Kill \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  P & Y\*  Date of Kill \_\_\_\_\_

**SMALL GAME ANIMALS HARVESTED**

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Number Harvested \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Kill \_\_\_\_\_

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(To be completed and mailed to the VBA Secretary at any time or within 30 days after the end of the Virginia big game archery season each year.)

\* Note: Credit for Pope & Young points must be accompanied by a scoresheet from certified P&Y or B&C scorer.

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## 2018 VBA STATE CLOSED

Saturday, September 1, 2018 & Sunday, September 2, 2018

**Food and Drinks will be Available for Purchase**  
**Camping available on a first come, first serve basis.**

<p><b>Where?</b></p> <p>Izaak Walton Park          410 Conservation Lane          Amherst, VA 24521</p>	<p><b>Registration &amp; Times:</b></p> <p>Saturday – 6-8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION          Fees - \$20.00 per Archer OR          \$50.00 per Family          Start Times will be 9 a.m. on Saturday          8:30 a.m. on Sunday</p> <p><b>ALL ARCHERS MUST SHOOT BOTH DAYS          AND BE A VBA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING          TO QUALIFY FOR AWARDS!!!</b></p>		
<p><b>Directions:</b> : From Amherst, take 29 South Business. Turn left on North Coolwell Rd. Turn left on Izaak Walton Rd. Turn right at Izaak Walton Park sign. Follow signs to archery club.</p> <p>From Lynchburg, take 29 North Expressway through Madison Heights. Turn right on South Coolwell Rd. Turn right on Izaak Walton Rd. Turn right at Izaak Walton sign. Follow signs to archery club.</p>	<p><b>Hotel Accommodations:</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Sleep Inn 3620 Candler's Mtn Rd. Lynchburg, VA (434) 846-6900</td> <td>Holiday Inn Express 5600 Seminole Ave. Lynchburg, VA (434) 237-7771</td> </tr> </table>	Sleep Inn 3620 Candler's Mtn Rd. Lynchburg, VA (434) 846-6900	Holiday Inn Express 5600 Seminole Ave. Lynchburg, VA (434) 237-7771
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### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM 2018 VBA STATE CLOSED

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & ONE ARCHER PER FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VBA #: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION:** CIRCLE ONE MASTER SENIOR (70+), SILVER SENIOR (60-69), SENIOR (50-59), ADULT, YOUNG ADULT, YOUTH, CUB OR PEEWEE

SEX: M / F

STYLE: (MUST BE RECOGNIZED) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to Izaak Walton League of Lynchburg Archery Club

Send all forms and payments to: Lisa Wood, 201 Sunrise Drive, Forest, VA 24551



## APPLICATION FOR VBA INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**Robin Hood** Any VBA member that telescopes an arrow in the highest scoring area on the target. (3-D targets and Maple Leaf Animals, the arrow would only need to be in the kill area). The Robin Hood must be shot at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

**500 Pin** Any VBA member that scores 500 or better at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a field, hunter or field/hunter combination round. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses and sent to the Executive State Secretary.

**Perfect Animal** Any VBA member that shoots a 20 or higher on each of the 14 unit animal targets for a total score of 280 or more. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a VBA approved range at a sanctioned VBA shoot. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ VBA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

VBA Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Applying for:** (please circle below)

**Robin Hood Pin | 500 Pin | Perfect Animal Pin**

Mail the application along with your witnessed score card and \$5.00 to:  
Marie Bell, Executive State Secretary  
1223 Jeanette Avenue  
Vinton, VA. 24179

# Application for VBA Game Awards



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name as it appears on VBA Card) (VBA Number) (Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State) (Zip Code) (Phone No (Home or Cell))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Email Address I hereby certify that I have harvested a \_\_\_\_\_, (Buck) (Doe) (Bear) (Turkey) this year and that I am a member of the **Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc., (VBA)**, and in good standing at that time. All animals, Carp & Gar must have been taken between February 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and February 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year. I hereby submit an application for one or more of the following VBA awards:

- Bill Bennett Award (bear, deer, turkey from any state) If first BB Award check here.
- Largest VA Buck **by Virginia Scoring System**
- Largest VA Bear **by Virginia Scoring System** Largest Carp by length \_\_\_\_
- Largest VA Turkey (**Bearded**) **by Virginia Scoring System** Largest Gar by length \_\_\_\_
- Largest Doe by Pennsylvania (PA) Girth System
- Double Slam for VA Bear, Deer, Turkey (circle 2)
- Triple Slam for VA Bear, Deer and Turkey

Pertinent information is provided below:

VBA Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Bow Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_ State Game Taken In \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Day: \_\_\_\_\_ (a.m./p.m.) Distance of Shot: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of bow: Compound: \_\_\_\_\_ Recurve: \_\_\_\_\_ Longbow: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting method: Tree Stand: \_\_\_\_\_ Ground Blind: \_\_\_\_\_ Stalking: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Rack Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Bear Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Turkey Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Scorer (print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Must use the guidelines from the Virginia Scoring System. Please reference [www.VPSA.org](http://www.VPSA.org) or [www.vbarchers.com](http://www.vbarchers.com).**

**Signed score sheet must accompany this application and a copy of the DGIF game tag or confirmation number. All Turkey entries must have weight certification submitted with the entry.)**

*(If possible, include a picture with description of game harvested for publication in FLIGHT.)*

Print Name and Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Person who saw game after it was harvested)*

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HARVEST (CUT OFF DATE IS MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**MAIL TO: VBA EXECUTIVE STATE SECRETARY, MARIE BELL, 1223 JEANETTE AVENUE VINTON, VA. 24179**

**Note: First, second and third place awards for Buck, Doe by Weight, Turkey and/or Bear. The Carp and Gar winner(s) will receive first place award only. The first Bill Bennett award is a Plaque and following award are cast arrows.**

# 2018 VBA Calendar of Events

## VBA meetings

Scheduling meeting Sept 15  
Meeting Sept 16

## Tournaments 2018

Fall 3D Aug 18 & 19  
Closed Sept 1 & 2



## Conservation Scholarship

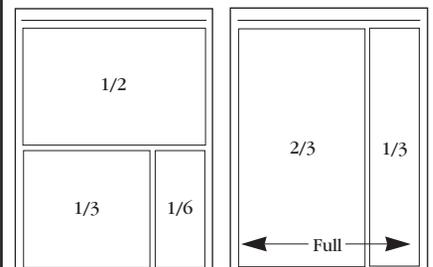
Just a reminder that the VBA has a \$500.00 Conservation Scholarship Available each year [providing funds are available]. Written request for the scholarship must be submitted to the VBA President by March 1st for approval by the directors. VBA members and their immediate family members are eligible. Scholarship can be used at any institute of higher learning for Forestry or Wildlife Conservation/Law Enforcement.



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Vinton, VA 24179

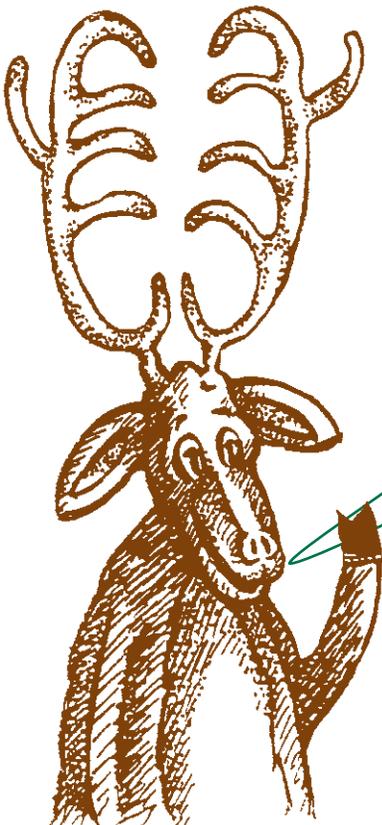
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## **ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER**

### **NOMINATIONS DUE IN MARCH**

The VBA Order of the Golden Feather was created to honor those persons who have given unselfishly of their time and talents toward the betterment of archery and archers. Recipients are persons who possess the virtues of sportsmanship, character, morals, integrity and friendship. As a reflection of the substance for membership, only 80 people have been elected to the Order in the past 71 years.

To be qualified, a candidate must be member in good standing of the VBA at the time of nomination, must have a minimum of ten successive years' membership in the VBA and must be sponsored by three VBA members of good standing or by a VBA Club.

This article is a reminder that candidates must be submitted to the Board of Directors at the March meeting for this year. Nominations must be in writing and be signed by sponsoring individuals or a Club officer. Successful nominees have always performed duties or had an impact outside their immediate club.

Details can be found in Article 16 of the VBA By-Laws.