



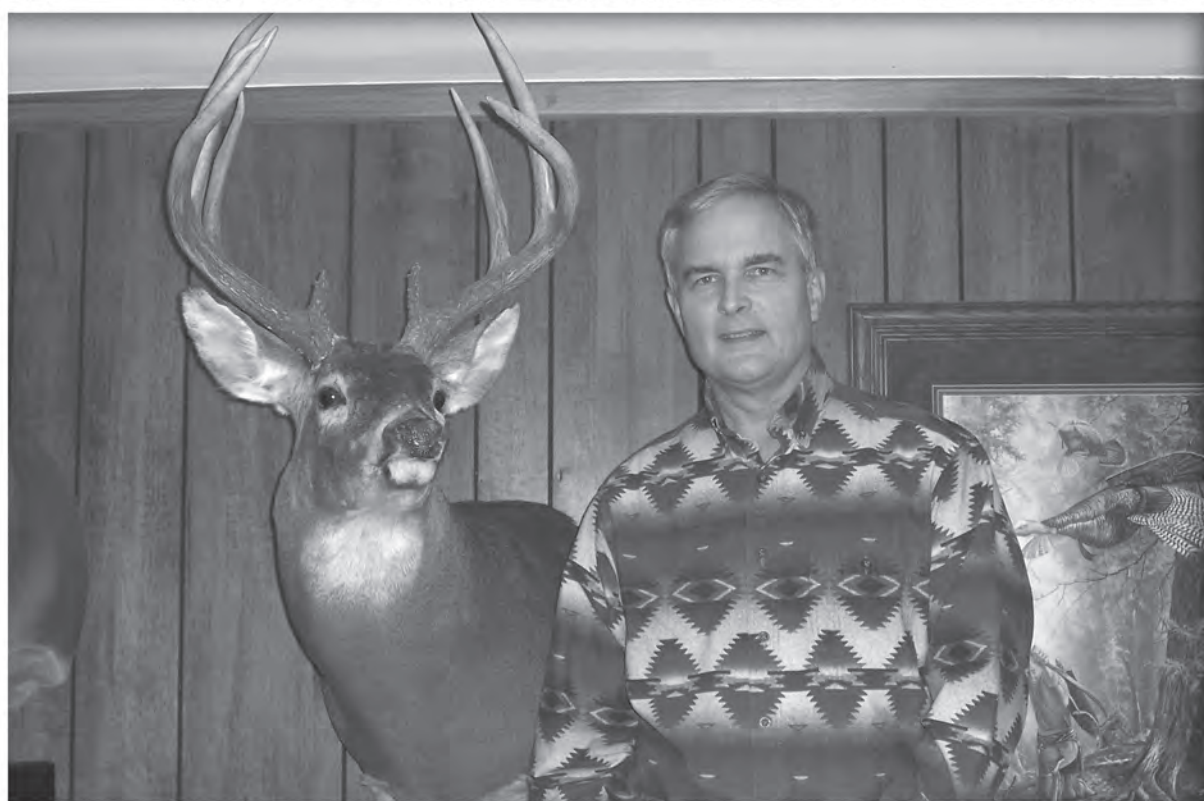
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### The VBA – 70 Years of Excellence 1941-2011



*John Peeler, Belvoir Bowhunters, enjoys a well-deserved moment with his winner of the Big Buck Contest. The deer was harvested in Fairfax County, using a Great Northern recurve, weighed 162 lbs field-dressed and had a VBA rack score of 165.6875*

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# From the President

The past two years have flown by and in a couple of months I will have finished my two-year stint as VBA President. Halleluia! (Just kidding.....)

It has been a pleasure to serve you and has not been as hard as I thought it would be because there was a great lineup of officers whose efforts and talents paved the way. I would like to thank them for their support and help.

Irene Stocksdales: for her dedication to the web page and effective efforts to publicize the VBA.

Bob Foster: for jumping in and taking control of the IBEP program. His efforts have paved the way to get the program back on track and provide a great service to all Virginia bowhunters.

Ed Bickam: for his professional representation of the VBA to the VDGIF and for his work in putting together and running the annual VBA banquet.

Joyce Cameron: for her excellent work in preparing the minutes of each meeting and for providing a calm voice of reason when difficult issues are being discussed.

Marie Bell: for keeping me in line (that is a full-time job in itself) and doing a superb job of the day-to-day work that is required for the VBA to function and provide service to its members.

Clinton Western: for his lifetime of dedication to the VBA and for helping a new guy like me understand how to properly run a meeting.

Dave Burpee: last, but not least. If it wasn't for his prodding and hounding I don't think I could have made it through the two years. He sent out e-mails for me and helped me send out my first e-mail (that's a super accomplishment right there!). Dave was my "go to" person. Anytime I needed help, he was there. If it wasn't for him, you wouldn't be reading this article for two reasons. First, he takes care of the best magazine the VBA has seen. Second, he has helped me compose and has edited my articles – a ghost writer if you will. If it wasn't for him you would not be able to read or understand what I wrote! Thanks, Dave.....

Last, hmmm, did I say Dave was last. No, I was wrong. I would also like to thank all the VBA Club Delegates for taking time out of their busy schedules to come to the quarterly VBA meetings. They represented the initiatives and desires of their members and were the only persons who voted on VBA issues because as you know the VBA officers have specific duties but they cannot vote on VBA issues. Truly, the Directors are responsible for any VBA accomplishments.

Most importantly, I would also like to thank all the VBA members. Without you there is no organization and without your support and volunteer efforts there would be no activity or life breathed into the VBA. You are the greatest.

My best wishes to the new slate of VBA leaders who will take office in June and write their first articles in the summer edition of *FLIGHT*. Also, my thanks in advance for your dedication in serving the VBA and its members – the best archery organization in the state. ☺



## From the Executive Vice President

Seventy years. That's a long time, and it's an even longer time if all the hours and days tick by without accomplishment or advancement.

Fortunately, that is not the case with the VBA. This year is our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and our history is replete with accomplishments in all aspects of the sport – hunting, competitive archery and conservation. Our successes have been discussed many times in *FLIGHT* and so they do not bear repeating now. However, I would like to encourage every Club to do as much as possible to celebrate and recognize our milestone.

Recognition does not have to involve an elaborate ceremony or social event (although that would be nice!) but instead can be as easy as infusing the anniversary into regular Club activities. For example, you might make a sign and hang it in the clubhouse, mention the anniversary in club meetings and in newsletters, present a special anniversary award to your volunteers, include the anniversary when you advertise events, put a sign on one or more of your ranges or on an individual target, etc., etc., etc. As you can see, the ways to recognize the VBA's successful longevity are limited only by your imagination.

The VBA is doing many things to mark the event, not the least of which is the production of a commemorative belt buckle. The buckle is 3.25" X 2.5", is made in 3-D fashion from a solid block of metal, has all the VBA colors in ceramic (the main color – just like our logo – is red), will be consecutively numbered on the back and will also have words about the VBA on the back. Representative samples were shown at the Indoor Championship and at press time we had orders for nearly 150 buckles at a cost of \$30 per buckle. If you are interested, contact one of your Club officers. A limited number will be produced and once they are gone that is it (until the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary when an innovative new design will be developed).



This is my last column as an officer for the VBA. I could not close my tenure serving you without saying THANK YOU for your support to the VBA and your assistance to me when I needed it. Sometimes we become focused on issues that threaten to overwhelm us on a day-to-day basis. That is true in life and it is true in the VBA. But, if in a calm moment, you can step back and look at the VBA you will quickly see its diversity, strength and promise for the future. We have it pretty good compared to others in our sport and we will only continue to build on that foundation.

I also want to say thank you to the many organizations and business entities throughout the state that support the VBA through donations that take many forms – time, advertising, raffle prizes, etc. Your contributions are recognized and appreciated. The list of organizations is long, but special recognition must go to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The VBA and VDGIF have had a special relationship for decades and that is not an accident. The VDGIF Board of Directors, senior leadership and staff have all been willing to work with us on key issues – and vice versa. Bob Duncan has been a special friend for more years than most of us can remember and to him a special nod.

Finally, I want to say a special “thank you” to all the VBA officers with whom I have served over the years. Bob Seltzer roped me into this adventure many years ago – he always extended a helping hand and for his leadership and friendship I will be eternally grateful. Clinton and Nancy Lee Western are gracious people and wonderful role models who have given their life's energy to the VBA. Dave Proctor is rock solid as a friend and organizer who can get anything done. I can't name everyone who deserves the recognition so let me just say that the current and past VBA Executive Boards with whom I have served have all demonstrated character, work ethic and love of the VBA that should earn for them the respect of every VBA member. I see what they do behind the scenes and it is considerable. Their dedication and accomplishments will continue to impact the sport for years to come.

I wish each of you happiness and health in the years ahead because without them nothing else matters. 🙏

## From the Hunting Vice President

As you may know, this is the year the VDGIF accepts and initiates proposals for changing hunting regulations. A regulation review happens every two years. The VDGIF wants your input!

Several items of interest are waiting on your input at the VDGIF website. The address is <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/> then click on the hyperlink for regulations. There are two with different dates!

I will summarize the main ones that I think it would be in your and other bowhunter interest to take the time to go to the above site and express your opinion.

The period for you to post your remarks for this first group began March 4 and closes 5PM on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Given the mail issues with *FLIGHT*, you might receive this too late but if you get it in time please respond. In the meantime, please be aware that we informed your club leadership about this review and hopefully they called it to your attention.

The number one item in my mind is a proposal to add a Bear Hunting license on top of our big game license. I feel this is mainly to raise funds and also restrict a bowhunter from taking a bear during the archery season. I would strongly be against this and urge your input to to the VDGIF. I would also appreciate a copy sent to me at [bick333@msn.com](mailto:bick333@msn.com).

The next item concerns expanding the urban archery season to a few cities that were excluded in 2002. I am for this as Suffolk, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach were the ones excluded. Another proposal is aimed to have a “model” ordinance to follow for all “Urban Archery seasons.” Many towns have asked for this and it is a good idea.

Another item of interest is to expand the “Youth” hunting day to include Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties. This would make the youth day open statewide!

The board is proposing to close the elk season in Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise counties and require any legally killed elk outside the restoration area be made available for collection of biological specimens for disease testing. This seems important to me to protect our great deer herd and get the elk herd established.

The areas of Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties may remove the daily limit and make it unlimited. This is an attempt to bring the herd under control. Also, there is a proposal to require that only one antlered buck taken in Rockingham county per license year may have less than four antler points one inch or longer on one side. Quality deer management!

As I mentioned in an earlier article, the unauthorized feeding of deer, bear and other wildlife is also prohibited in three proposed amendments. One of these is to make it illegal except in the month of July for the purpose of photographing deer.

Two other proposals have only until March 14<sup>th</sup> to post your comments. They concern fees. Check them out.....

4VAC15-20-65. Definitions and Miscellaneous: In general. Hunting, trapping and fishing license and permit fees.

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It is time for you, the bowhunter, to do your due diligence and spend an hour on the VDGIF site and post your opinion! It's free and if enough of us do so it will make a difference!

Enough for my soapbox... on to other news.

The banquet was great! The Keezletown Ruritans did a great job and the food was superb. Mr. Mark Damian Duda gave a very interesting presentation. The awards were very nice and everyone had a good time. Come see next year! 🍷

## From the Publicity Director

*Spring is Here!* As the year gets underway, it is time to prepare for another 12 months of exciting archery activities. It is also time to celebrate a significant VBA milestone. As you know, the VBA has now enjoyed 70 years of success since our founding in 1941 and has effectively represented the interests of bowhunters to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF).

As mentioned at the January meeting, clubs are urged to incorporate ideas on how to celebrate this historic event. Perhaps a review of some examples of VBA achievements will help trigger ideas for you to mention at meetings or discuss in newsletters. The VBA: has clubs throughout the state that offer a variety of ranges and programs open to all members; has worked with the VDGIF for decades to enhance archery hunting in the Commonwealth; is a partner with the VDGIF in the preparation and presentation of the International Bowhunter Education Program classes held throughout Virginia; is responsible for the After School Archery Program in the Commonwealth; provides instructor training and equipment; has a hunting awards program for members that includes plaques and pins; sponsors an annual Awards Banquet for hunters and tournament archers; produces a quality magazine four times a year that focuses on archery in Virginia; hosts five state tournaments each year as well as more than 100 sanctioned club shoots; sponsors a state-wide charity shoot each year (e.g. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Children's Miracle Network) and numerous club shoots for charity (e.g. Hunters4Hungry, March of Dimes); offers an annual Conservation Scholarship for an eligible VBA member or immediate family member; conducts a quarterly meeting of all clubs and VBA officers to plan events and ensure smooth operation of the VBA; hosts an evolving and dynamic web site to inform all residents about archery activities in Virginia; represents the VBA at various sportsmen shows throughout the year and much, much more!

As for what the VBA has done for YOU: in 1949 – North River area (16 square miles) in Rockingham County was the first area opened to bowhunting in Virginia; in 1953 – “Big Levels” in Augusta County was opened to bowhunting; in 1956 – A statewide bowhunting season was enacted; in 1985 – A separate archery license for bowhunters was established, allowing two additional deer to be harvested; in 1994 – An additional week of bow season was added when the opening date of archery season moved from the second Saturday in October to the first Saturday in October; in 1994 – It was made legal to harvest turkey with a bow during the early archery season; in 2003 – It was made legal to harvest a black bear during the early archery season statewide; in 2005 – The VBA opposed the effort to legalize the use of crossbows in the regular archery season and in the process many valuable messages about hunting safety and ethics were reinforced with all involved; in 2007 – New “Urban Archery” regulations expanded the archery season by months in many locations and included harvest incentives such as “earn a buck”; in 2009 - Resumed responsibility to coordinate the After School Archery Program (ASAP) in Virginia and in 2010 – Supported a successful VDGIF plan to reintroduce elk to Virginia; Sponsored state-wide charity shoots to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Revitalized the International Bowhunter Education Program in Virginia in conjunction with the VDGIF & National Bowhunter Education Foundation.

The items discussed in the two paragraphs above will hopefully trigger some thoughts on how you can celebrate the history – and future – of an organization that has worked hard and successfully on behalf of bowhunters and archers in the Commonwealth to preserve and expand the sport.

*VBA Sixteenth Annual Awards Banquet.* This year's banquet was again fantastic with a very nice turn-out. Of particular note was recognition of our Triple Crown winners: Ethan Mullins, PWMTRAD; Logan Weller, CMFS/F; Cory Mullins, YFBHFS/R; Lucas Kenley, YMFS/R; Mary Wenzel, SFFS/R and Jerry Wenzel, SMFS/F. The Double Crown winners were: Ethan Mullins, PWMTRAD; Caitlin Willard, PWFBHFS/F; Carolyn Willard, PWFBH/BH; Nichole Willard, CFBB; Cory Mullins, YFBHFS/R; Hunter Carper, YMBHFS/R; Chris Willard, AMBB; Randy Patterson, AMFS/R; Paul Vogel, AMTRAD; Dallas Hoover, SMBHFS/F and Danny Alger, SMFS/R.

The ‘Big Game’ winners were: Double Slam (Wade Colton, bear & deer); Big Rack (John Peeler, 9 points, 165+ total VA score); Big Buck by Weight (Dennis Scott, 175 lbs field dressed); Big Doe by Weight (Terry Dorman, 113 lbs field dressed); Largest Turkey by Weight (Cay McManus, 16.5 lbs); Largest Bear by Weight (Wade Colton, 145 lbs).

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## From the NBEF/IBEP Director

Progress continues to be made with Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) picking up sponsorship of IBEP classes across Virginia as part of their Hunter Education Program. One example is the significant changes to the IBEP classes held at Fort Belvoir.

While Fort Belvoir has always been a strong supporter of the IBEP, because the classes were sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation, there has always been a charge to students to cover the cost of training materials. This year, as part of their continuing expansion of IBEP instruction, VDGIF has picked up sponsorship of our IBEP classes there. That means VDGIF is providing the student materials, so there will be no charge for the class (instructors are all volunteers). This change has also allowed us to eliminate the need for pre-registration; bowhunters can just show up before 8:00 AM on the day of the course (However, enrollment is limited to 40 students per course and filled on a first come/first served basis.) These kinds of changes make it cheaper and more convenient for those seeking to take the IBEP course, and should certainly be welcomed by all of us!

Speaking of IBEP classes, probably the most frequently asked question I get asked is where to find an IBEP class. It really is simple - You can find the location of IBEP courses across Virginia online at: <http://www3.dgif.virginia.gov/ClassSchedule/ClassSearch.aspx>. All you have to do is enter your zip code and how many miles you are willing to drive, and it will show you the location, date and time of classes. This site lists both Hunter Education classes and IBEP classes, so you have to scroll through to find the IBEP offerings. If you have questions, a Point of Contact and contact information are provided. For those near Fairfax County, I have seven IBEP classes scheduled at Fort Belvoir this year. They are on the following dates: Sat., Mar 26; Sat., Jul 16; Sat., Aug 6; Sat., Aug 27; Sun., Sep 11; Sun., Oct 9; and Sun., Nov 13.

Good Hunting! 🏹

## From the Recording Secretary

My life in archery began with my husband Maxie, who was a member of Two Rivers Archery, NFAA and VBA. My thoughts were -- this is great! He goes to shoots on the weekends with his friends and I can catch up on housework and maybe get in some good reading.

Maxie would come home talking about 20's and dropping points, which was Greek to me. Then came THE DAY! He asked me to help at a Jamboree his club was holding. "All you have to do," he said, "is help in the kitchen." Oh, this will be fun I thought, not realizing this was the beginning of a new and exciting part of our lives.

The rest is history, including meeting such wonderful people as Dutch and Mertie Shultz and all the fellow archers they introduced to me. My Christmas present that year was, of course, a bow!

Several recollections stand out: shooting at other clubs most every weekend, working at Two Rivers Club, (which I have always sincerely enjoyed), going to our first Mid-Atlantics, the excitement of participating in the VBA State shoots and of course one of the most memorable recollections was having the honor of becoming a member of the Order of the Golden Feather. Our lives were changed because of all of this and I am still enjoying archery and the wonderful people associated with it.

I have the great opportunity of being your VBA Recording Secretary and am trying to follow in the large footsteps of someone I have admired and respected for several years -- Mr. Clinton Western. Meeting and joining with all the experienced and respected VBA officers continues to be very rewarding and I look forward to a bright future for the Association. 🏹



# Equipment Reviews

By Bob Foster

Belvoir Bowhunters

Spring means lots of things to all of us, but with the extended antlerless season finally winding down, it is a time to reflect back on which of my new product selections from last year were keepers and which were busts. Here are a few of the keepers I found.

As I mentioned in my article last edition, I spent most of my time hunting at Laurel Hill - a public park in Fairfax County. This used to be an old farm and some of the better places to hunt are thickets that don't have trees you can go up in with climbing or lock-on treestands. The trees just aren't big enough. Ground blinds could only be used selectively. That drove me to look for something portable that could get me off the ground in overgrown fields with trees that were 15 feet or under. What I found was a tripod from Big Game Treestands (<http://www.biggametrestands.com/>) called the Pursuit. Weighing in at only 60 pounds, I found I could carry it in and set it up by myself - a real plus. Seat height is only about 12 feet, but in the area I was hunting, that worked out just fine. I found it stable enough, and easy to shoot from. The only downside - I use a Cat Quiver because I don't like a quiver attached to my bow, and found there was no place to hang it like you can when you are in at tree. I have since purchased a leg quiver that I think will work quite nicely in the tripod next year to solve that problem. I actually took two deer from this tripod, including a 7-point buck (shown in the Winter 2010 edition of *FLIGHT*). Two other hunters used it to take deer as well. A competitive price is about \$150.00.

A second winner was a 13-foot ladder stand that actually breaks down into a small enough unit to be packed in on your back like a climbing treestand. Called the "Pack and Stack", it is sold by Rivers Edge (<http://www.huntriversedge.com/>). It easily fit in the back of my Explorer and didn't take any more room than a climbing treestand. Since it only weighed 33 pounds, I found I could easily carry it in and out of the woods, and the way it stacks for packing, it allowed me to carry my extra winter clothes and other items as well. It is a snap to assemble, and I had no problem doing so even in the dark. So, if you like the comfort of a ladder style stand but still want portability and ease of use, this is a real winner. At about \$80.00, this one is easy on the budget as well.

If you are like me, then you are prone to let bow maintenance slide during bow season. Something simple like waxing your bow string to keep it in tip top shape keeps getting put off. This year I decided to try a synthetic product called Winner's Choice Weather Tamer String Care Kit. It is advertised to clean, revitalize, protect and prevent wear and "fuzziness" while fully waterproofing the string against anything Mother Nature can dish out. I have to say it lived up to those claims. I applied it in August, and then didn't touch my string again until last week - and it was no worse for the wear despite a lot of days afield. This one is a keeper!

In the area of electronics, I became enamored with a product called the Plotwatcher (<http://www.day6outdoors.com/>). It differs from conventional trail cameras in a couple of key ways. First, Plotwatcher has no flash, so it only works during daylight hours. Second, rather than being "triggered" by motion, it can be set to take a picture at whatever interval you select, all the way down to one picture every 5 seconds (all day long). Where it really shines is when used to cover a large area like a field or food plot. When set to take a picture every 10 seconds or so, it can be used to tell not just when deer are coming and going, but where they are entering and leaving. Each picture is taken in a "jpg" format, and they are put together for you in the form of a movie (avi) so you can review several days of activity in just a few minutes. If you see something interesting, you can save individual pics. It runs off 4 AA batteries and storage is done on a thumb drive. How long they last is a function of how frequently you set the timer. At 10 seconds between pics, you only get about 2 days before needing to change them (do the math; that's a lot of pics). The other downside is that if you setup a spare thumb drive, it loses track of the date time unless immediately put into the unit. BTW - there is a camouflaged unit modified for hunters that runs about \$199.00, but the original unit is called Brinno's Garden Watch Cam (<http://www.brinno.com/>). It comes in fluorescent green but if you don't mind covering with camo tape you can pick one up for about \$125.00.

All of these items passed my personal field testing last year, so I'm very comfortable recommending all three.

Good Hunting! 

# VBA Banquet

The VBA banquet celebrated the Association's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and, like the VBA, was unique in many ways. It was our first time at the venue (Ruritan club in Keezletown), the first time our guest speaker (Mark Damian Duda, CEO of



Responsive Management) has given a presentation in the Harrisonburg area (his home) despite lecturing around the world for years, and it was the first time the primary audience for our speaker's remarks where the kids in attendance – all of whom were invited to sit right in front of the podium.



We also had lots of fun “happenings”: good conversation at the tables, lots of raffle tickets sold,



presentation of a dozen arrows by “Bink” Yager and Dave Proctor to Steve Hearne (winner of the Trail Camera Contest).

The evening concluded with Terry Ballowe's induction into the VBA Order of the Golden Feather (left in photo with Dave Burpee). 🏹





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# 2010 Virginia Archery Deer Kill Summary

By Matt Knox

Deer Project Coordinator, VDGIF

During the past deer season 219,797 deer were reported killed by hunters in Virginia. This total included 95,543 antlered bucks, 19,191 button bucks, and 105,063 does (47.8%). The fall 2010 deer kill total was 15% lower than the 259,147 deer reported killed last year. It is also 3% lower than the last 10 year average of 227,430.

Deer kill levels were down across all of Virginia and showed a significant declining trend from east to west. In Tidewater, the deer kill was down 3%. The Southern Piedmont and Northern Piedmont were down 14% and 19% respectively. The largest declines were seen West of the Blue Ridge where Southern Mountain and Northern Mountain deer kill totals were down 28% and 20% respectively. The combined West of the Blue Ridge deer kill total was down 24% and represents the lowest total deer kill in this area in over 20 years.

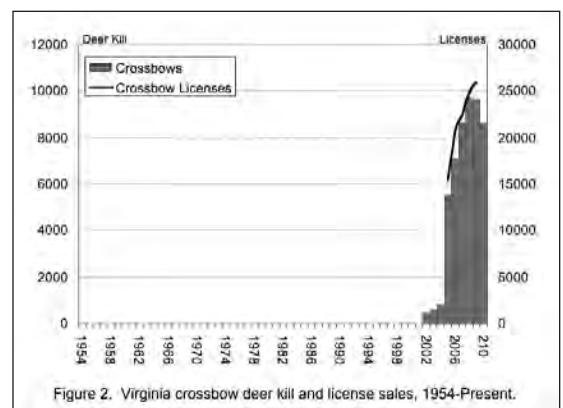
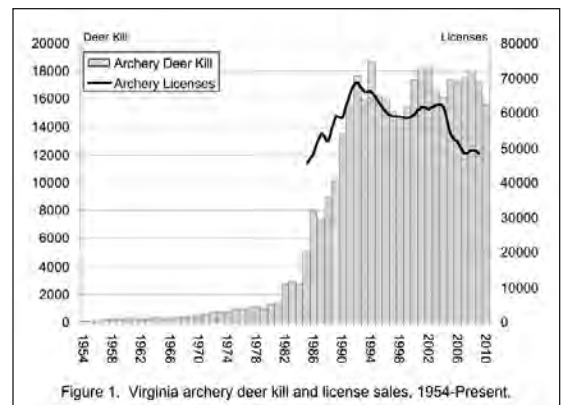
A decline in the total deer kill was predicted for fall 2010 based on two factors. First, the Department deer management efforts over the past five to ten years to increase the female deer kill over most of the state, especially on private lands, have been very successful. Nearly all of the increase in the deer kill over the past couple of years has been due to an increased kill of antlerless deer. These high and sustained female deer kill levels were intended to eventually lead to a decrease in the statewide deer herd and a decline in total deer kill numbers.

The second factor was the winter of 2010, which may also have resulted in some winter mortality. After a poor mast crop in fall 2009 and more than a decade of very little snow fall, winter of 2010 saw much of the western half of Virginia covered in snow for up to two months. Snow in Virginia is not unusual, but snow that stays up to one foot deep on the ground for nearly two consecutive months is very unusual.

Archers, not including crossbow hunters, killed 15,579 deer (Figure 1). The bow kill comprised 7% of the total deer kill. The 2010 archery deer kill was down 10% from 2009. Overall, the archery deer kill has been very stable between 14-18,000 deer for two decades (Figure 1). Since crossbows were legalized for all deer hunters in fall 2005, license data demonstrates that approximately 10,000 or 15% of archers have evidently put down their bow and picked up a crossbow (Figure 1). This migration from bows to crossbows was expected.

Crossbows resulted in a deer kill of 8,606 deer or 4% of the total deer kill (Figure 2). The 2010 crossbow deer kill was also down 10% from 2009. The crossbow deer kill and number of deer hunters using a crossbow has increased significantly since fall 2005. However, for the time being, the crossbow deer kill appears to have leveled off at about 10,000 deer; and crossbow participation appears to be stabilizing at about 26,000 hunters (Figure 2). Simply put this means there are about 15,000 more deer hunters in the woods each fall in Virginia during the archery deer seasons since crossbows were legalized for everyone.

The best news for Virginia archers is that they get an extra week of bow hunting this coming fall because of the way the calendar falls. No, the Department did not change the bow season. Archery season still runs from the first Saturday in October through the Friday prior to the third Monday in November. Last fall the bow season was six weeks. This year it is seven weeks--Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Of course, the last two weeks runs concurrently with the early muzzleloading deer season. Be safe and enjoy?



# 2011 VBA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted By  
**SHERWOOD ARCHERS**  
**MAY 28 & 29**



<u>Registration Time</u>	<u>Registration Fees</u>
Friday 6:00 – 8:00pm	\$20.00 per Archer
Saturday 7:00 – 8:00am	\$40.00 per Family

***Pre-registration is recommended to save time Sat. Morning***

**VBA membership is NOT required. VBA members, bring your cards to record scores.**

**All archers welcome to shoot. Must shoot both days.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day - 28 field**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day - 14 Hunter/14 Animal**

**Lunch served both days**

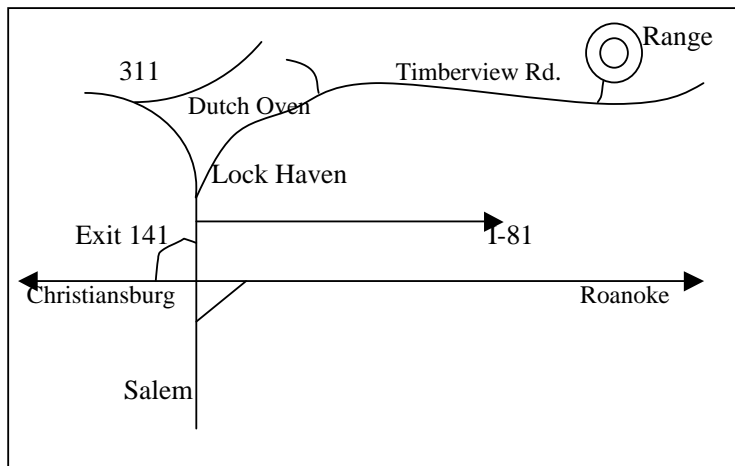
**[www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com](http://www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com)**

## PLACES TO STAY

La Quinta Inn (3 Miles) 540-562-2717 Exit 141  
 Quality Inn (3 Miles) 1-800-458-4949 Exit 141  
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Primitive Camping at Sherwood (restrooms & showers)

Call for more information



**Make checks payable to Sherwood Archers.**

Mail to: Sherwood Archers  
 P. O. Box 1272  
 Salem, Va. 24153

Contact Numbers:  
 Tournament Chairman  
 Dean Weikel (540) 520-8455  
 Club: (540) 366-3701

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## ***STATE OPEN REGISTRATION FORM***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

VBA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle those that apply

Division: Pee Wee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Guest Gender: M F

Style: FS/F FS/R BHFS/R BHFS/F BH BB Trad Class: AA A B C

Class AA A B C Must have 2 previous scores, otherwise, shoot AA. 2-4 scores = best score. 5 or 6 scores = avg. of best 2.

7 or more = avg. of highest 3 of last 7.



# VBA State Indoor 2011

## State Champions



State Champions at Augusta



State Champions at Belvoir

## Overall Winners



Belvoir



State Champion at Kingsboro



Augusta

# VBA State Indoor Championship

*Hosted by Augusta Archers, Belvoir Bowhunters, and Kingsboro Bowmen*

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Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Total		
			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O X
	Joseph Kolling	AMBHFS/R	294	33	2	287	30	5	581	63	7
	Wade Colton	AMBHFS/R	292	27	1	285	27	2	577	54	3
<b>Class C</b>											
1st	Kevin Brown	AMBHFS/R	288	22	1	293	30	2	581	52	3
2nd	Mark Towery	AMBHFS/R	288	28	1	293	24	1	581	52	2
3rd	Walt Mellott	AMBHFS/R	283	20	0	284	27	4	567	47	4
	Ken Tarman	AMBHFS/R	275	17	1	282	21	2	557	38	3
	Brian Marolda	AMBHFS/R	266	19	0	287	21	2	553	40	2
	Richard Danyiw	AMBHFS/R	273	12	2	274	16	0	547	28	2
	Phong Nguyen	AMBHFS/R	262	11	1	254	5	2	516	16	3
	Marc Dorfman	AMBHFS/R	289	29	3	0	0	0	289	29	3
<b>Class C</b>											
SC	JD Anderson	AMFS/F	241	12	0	261	0	1	502	12	1
<b>Class A</b>											
SC	Brad Baker	AMFS/R	300	56	7	300	59	7	600	115	14
2nd	Darryll Deihl	AMFS/R	300	57	7	300	55	8	600	112	15
3rd	Randy Patterson	AMFS/R	300	52	8	300	58	8	600	110	16
	Joel Lecker	AMFS/R	300	54	6	300	56	3	600	110	9
	William Ticho	AMFS/R	300	55	2	300	53	7	600	108	9
	Daniel Suter	AMFS/R	300	53	3	300	53	5	600	106	8
	Kurtis Russell	AMFS/R	300	44	4	300	58	7	600	102	11
	Jake Leonard	AMFS/R	300	49	6	300	51	4	600	100	10
	Hunter Wheelbarger	AMFS/R	300	45	3	299	52	8	599	97	11
	Charles Jenkins	AMFS/R	300	50	6	298	47	3	598	97	9
	Ronnie Ralston	AMFS/R	299	42	3	299	53	7	598	95	10
	Charles Wright	AMFS/R	298	49	4	300	41	4	598	90	8
	Robert Fitzgerald	AMFS/R	299	49	6	298	49	5	597	98	11
	Daniel Bednarski	AMFS/R	300	46	3	297	46	4	597	92	7
	Robert Haynes	AMFS/R	298	34	3	295	40	4	593	74	7
	Lewis Armstrong	AMFS/R	298	38	4	293	31	2	591	69	6
	William Arbogast	AMFS/R	299	46	3	291	42	2	590	88	5
	Allen Painter	AMFS/R	300	55	7	0	0	0	300	55	7
	Philip Painter	AMFS/R	300	54	7	0	0	0	300	54	7
<b>Class B</b>											
1st	Monte Jessee	AMFS/R	296	43	6	300	39	7	596	82	13
2nd	Colton Bednarski	AMFS/R	297	37	1	296	35	2	593	72	3
3rd	Terry Ballowe	AMFS/R	292	35	4	294	32	0	589	67	4
	Mike Heavner	AMFS/R	294	32	2	294	34	1	588	66	3
	John Campbell	AMFS/R	292	30	3	294	32	0	586	62	3
	Brian Zuber	AMFS/R	294	28	2	286	27	2	580	55	4
<b>Class C</b>											
1st	Stephen Weisbrod	AMFS/R	286	12	0	285	20	1	571	32	1
2nd	Jeffry Bell	AMFS/R	277	16	0	292	30	3	569	46	3
3rd	Woody Minnick	AMFS/R	280	18	0	289	19	2	569	37	2
	Seth Armstrong	AMFS/R	275	19	2	0	0	0	275	19	2
	Tony Reese	AMFS/R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Class B</b>											
SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	272	22	2	286	28	2	558	50	4



Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Total		
			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O X
2nd	Jimmy Blackmon	AMTRAD	264	12	0	270	6	0	534	18	0
3rd	Indela Obulareddy	AMTRAD	252	10	1	242	10	0	484	15	0
	Michael Light	AMTRAD	243	6	0	241	9	0	484	15	0
<b>Class C</b>											
1st	Brian Hatchl	AMTRAD	215	4	0	228	3	0	443	7	0
2nd	Eugene Slagle	AMTRAD	214	4	1	218	5	0	432	9	1
3rd	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	204	3	0	182	4	0	386	7	0
	Jeffery McManus	AMTRAD	204	2	0	160	2	0	364	4	0
	Troy Stoner	AMTRAD	179	2	0	159	1	0	338	3	0
	Adam Hatchl	AMTRAD	186	1	0	114	1	0	300	2	0
SC	Haleigh Altersitz	CFBB	186	1	0	114	1	0	300	2	0
SC	Joey Henry	CMBHFS/F	231	7	0	213	1	0	444	8	0
2nd	Luke Hatchl	CMBHFS/F	120	1	0	150	1	0	270	2	0
SC	Tyler Jessee	CMBHFS/R	294	24	2	294	35	3	588	59	5
2nd	Lucas Wimer	CMBHFS/R	284	15	1	287	23	2	571	38	3
3rd	Hunter Munsen	CMBHFS/R	276	19	1	293	26	3	569	45	4
	Austin Knicely	CMBHFS/R	283	16	3	285	26	2	563	42	5
	Nathan Towery	CMBHFS/R	278	16	3	285	26	2	563	42	5
SC	Logan Weller	CMFS/F	278	9	2	284	25	2	562	34	4*
SC	Ethan Mullins	CMTRAD	141	0	0	100	1	0	241	1	0
	Steve Pierce	GAMBHFS/R	298	37	3	291	38	3	589	75	6
	Chad Fox	GAMBHFS/R	296	33	3	282	21	1	578	54	4
	Christophe Hyers	GAMBHFS/R	289	23	5	287	25	1	576	48	6
	Walter Ward	GAMBHFS/R	288	25	1	286	22	3	574	47	4
	Wendel Watson	GAMBHFS/R	274	34	6	0	0	0	296	34	6
	Donnie Briggs	GAMBHFS/R	296	34	6	0	0	0	296	34	6
	Brian Tate	GAMSF/F	272	13	2	176	14	0	548	27	2
	Rodger Willet	GAMFS/R	300	60	7	300	56	9	600	116	16
	James Brannng	GAMFS/R	298	41	6	298	46	6	596	87	12
	James Shackelford	GAMFS/R	295	38	0	0	0	0	295	38	0
	Dane Warner	GCMBB	93	0	0	121	3	0	214	3	0
	Herb Hawse	GSMFS/R	299	51	6	300	49	6	599	100	12
	Jacob Ward	GYMBHFS/R	245	5	1	192	3	0	437	8	1
SC	Nulang Baker	SFBHFS/R	271	15	0	274	16	1	545	31	1*
SC	Mary Wenzel	SFFS/R	275	16	2	272	18	1	547	34	3
SC	Jim Little	SMBHFS/F	286	19	1	286	18	2	572	37	3*
2nd	Dallas Hoover	SMBHFS/F	281	12	2	289	14	5	570	26	7
SC	Bill Hurley	SMBHFS/R	300	43	2	300	50	4	600	93	6*
2nd	Patrick Hamp	SMBHFS/R	299	41	6	300	52	4	599	93	10
3rd	Web Babcock	SMBHFS/R	299	49	3	299	45	7	598	94	10
	Philip Lam	SMBHFS/R	297	36	5	299	43	5	596	79	10
	Ralph Santmeyer	SMBHFS/R	294	40	4	299	38	3	593	78	7
	Stephen Richardsw	SMBHFS/R	290	28	1	286	32	3	576	60	4
	Richard Atchison	SMBHFS/R	282	24	4	284	21	1	566	45	5
	Bruce Keiffer	SMBHFS/R	290	18	1	272	27	1	562	45	2
	Ellis Meilott	SMBHFS/R	260	8	0	245	11	4	505	19	4
SC	Jerry Wenzel	SMFS/F	269	12	2	260	10	0	529	22	2
SC	Danny Alger	SMFS/R	300	53	6	299	55	4	599	108	10

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Total		
			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O X
2nd	Stan Parmentier	SMFS/R	299	45	4	299	47	3	598	92	7
3rd	Ted Bradford	SMFS/R	298	41	3	299	40	6	597	81	9
	Ted Lytton	SMFS/R	297	42	3	299	40	4	596	82	7
	Roy Meditz	SMFS/R	298	50	5	295	44	3	593	94	8
	Jarrett Frame	SMFS/R	294	39	2	298	46	5	592	85	7
	James Baker	SMFS/R	294	40	3	290	36	1	584	76	4
	Rob Pecora	SMFS/R	288	17	1	282	20	2	570	37	3
	Ted Morris	SMFS/R	278	15	0	285	21	0	563	36	0
	Charlie Shupienus	SMFS/R	241	12	1	244	14	0	485	26	1
SC	Russel Hatchl	SMTRAD	244	7	0	239	7	1	483	14	1*
2nd	Kevin O'Shea	SMTRAD	209	3	1	213	4	0	422	7	1
3rd	Grant Patton	SMTRAD	192	1	0	198	3	0	390	4	0
	Olin Bare	SMTRAD	178	3	0	167	3	0	345	6	0
<b>Class B</b>											
SC	McKaela Lane	YAFBHFS/R	244	8	2	264	11	2	508	19	4
SC	Josh Anderson	YAMBHFS/R	260	14	1	272	16	1	532	30	2
<b>Class A</b>											
SC	Hunter Heavner	YAMFS/R	300	57	6	300	55	3	600	112	9
2nd	Billy Lane	YAMFS/R	300	50	6	300	56	7	599	95	10
3rd	Marcus Deihl	YAMFS/R	299	39	3	300	56	7	599	95	10
	Adam Bradford	YAMFS/R	300	47	5	290	33	5	590	80	10
<b>Class C</b>											
SC	Joelle Henry	YFBHFS/F	170	0	0	178	3	1	348	3	2
<b>Class A</b>											
SC	Cory Lynn Mullins	YFBHFS/R	245	9	1	249	8	0	494	17	1
<b>Class B</b>											
SC	Reagan Jessee	YBHFS/R	226	4	0	244	9	1	470	13	1
SC	Zach Stoner	YMBB	203	0	0	186	2	0	389	2	0
<b>Class A</b>											
SC	Hunter Carper	YMBHFS/R	290	22	2	293	29	1	583	51	3
2nd	Matthew Turney	YMBHFS/R	266	14	0	269	13	0	535	27	0
3rd	Dalton Jenkins	YMBHFS/R	271	8	0	259	7	0	530	15	0
	David Anderson	YMBHFS/R	260	134	3	258	13	2	518	26	5
	Michiel Danyliw	YMBHFS/R	253	14	1	260	15	1	513	29	2
<b>Class B</b>											
1st	Patrick Tarman	YMBHFS/R	193	2	0	121	2	0	314	4	0
<b>Class A</b>											
SC	Hunter Carper	YMFS/R	294	34	3	292	35	5	586	69	8
2nd	Kevin Clayton	YMFS/R	267	26	2	294	33	4	561	59	6

\*Denotes new state record



## VBA Indoor Records 1976 to 2011

There are no records for 2007 due to snow.

Only the 1<sup>st</sup> round was used.

The records reflect a two-day total.

### \* New Records

AMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr.	2009	300/59	300/60	600/119
	Buddy Braden	2004	300/59	300/60	600/119
AFFS/R	Valarie Hawes	2009	300/52	300/50	600/102
AMFS/F	Ronnie Lewis	1988	300	299	599
AFFS/F	Debra Barker	1990	297	295	592
AMBHFS/R	Tim Ewers	2009	300/58	300/57	600/115
AFBHFS/R	Stacy Pruitt	2006	298/39	300/49	598/88
AMBHFS/F	Richard Rhodes	1985			596
AFBHFS/F	Debi Baker	1988	283	288	571
AMBB	Rick Stark	1998			589
AFBB	Cay McManus	1992			585
AMBH	Howard Faris	1998			583
AFBH	Cay McManus	1978	270	269	539
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	1999	287	283	570
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2011	259/10	265/11	524/24 *
YAMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr	2005	300/58	300/59	600/17
YAFFS/R	Lindsay Lavenhar	2006	296/36	295/34	591/70
YAMFS/F	Patrick Vogel	2004	294/27	296/34	590/61
YAFFS/F	Tanya Heaster	1994	285	272	557
YAMBHFS/R	Joshua Lohr	2004	292/28	294/29	586/57
YAFBHFS/R	Heather Stevens	1997			578
YAMBHFS/F	Shane Ervin	1998			550
YAFBHFS/F	Kimberley Dobbins	2005	188/2	161/2	349/4
YAMBB	Darren Eastridge	1983			546
YAMBH	Nick Willard	1995	227	201	428
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	300/55	300/46	600/101
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1992			583
YMFS/F	Stacy Knighten	1987	270	265	535
YFFS/F	Sara Lavehhar	2006	244/4	235/15	479/19
YMBHFS/R	Jake Dean	2010	297/35	300/36	597/71
YFBHFS/R	Heather Stevens	1995	281	279	560
YMBHFS/F	Michael Bibee	1995	257	257	514
YFBHFS/F	Heather Stevens	1994	238	234	472
YMBB	Jimmy Hoyer	1985			551
YFBB	Torre Maxey	1976	233	240	473
YMTRAD	Kris Black	2009	143/1	146/5	289/6
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2009	300/57	300/58	600/115
CFFS/R	Sarah Delgado	1997			557
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2011	278/9	284/25	562/34 *
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2006	268/15	265/10	533/25
CMBHFS/R	Sammy Lane	1982			599
CFBHFS/R	Ashley Hochstrass	2000	267	285	552
CMBHFS/F	Michael Cerra	1982			593
CFBHFS/F	Brenna Boyd	2006	151/3	138	289/3
CMBB	Brian Roling	2006	265/17	270/14	535/31
CFBB	Sara Lavenhar	2004	277/17	282/19	559/36
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2009	185/3	210/3	395/6
SMFS/R	Barry Velarde	2004	300/56	300/58	600/114
SFFS/R	Betty Hamlin	2001	297	295	592
SMFS/F	Vic Matthews	1999	294	285	579
SFFS/F	Betty Gordon	1999	271	261	532
SMBHFS/R	Bill Hurley	2011	300/43	300/50	600/93 *
SFBHFS/R	Nuland Baker (Thoy)	2011	271/15	274/16	545/31 *
SMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2011	286/19	286/18	572/37 *
SFBHFS/F	Jane Mabe	1991			483
SMBB	Mike Brown	2009	286/23	286/24	572/47
SMBH	Bruce Kieffer	2006	281/25	286/30	567/55
SMTRAD	Russell Hatchl	2011	244/7	239/7	483/14 *



## Getting Started

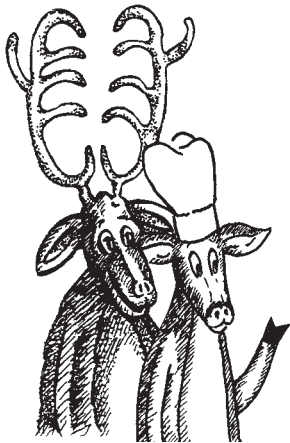
Aubrey Self gives an 18-month-old his first archery experience at a Trail Blazers event during the BASS Tournament on Smith Mountain Lake. This new archer may be too young to remember the day, but his family will never forget the first time he hit the target.



## Winnie and Wally would like you to try Black-Pepper Venison

Winnie and Wally got a super recipe from Gina Nadzam of Massanutten Archery Club and liked it so much they could not wait to share it with you. They say it is lip-smacking good. ENJOY!

2 lbs venison tenderloin. (You can use many different cuts of venison -- tenderloins, steaks, small roast -- they all work very well with this recipe)



Rub: In a bowl combine following ingredients.

1 ½ teaspoon garlic powder

¾ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon black pepper

2 teaspoons olive oil

In skillet, add 1 teaspoon of oil; sear 2 lbs venison tenderloin quickly on high heat.

Remove from pan and let cool slightly; smear Rub on all surfaces of meat and let marinate at least one hour.

In a preheated 500 degree oven, roast meat for 15-20 minutes or until rare to medium (time will depend on the cut and size of meat).

Let meat rest a few minutes and slice very thin. Pour pan dripping over sliced meat. Serve hot or cold with Mustard-Horseradish Sauce

### Mustard-Horseradish Sauce:

2 tablespoons Red-Wine Vinegar

2 tablespoons Yellow Mustard

2 tablespoons Horseradish

½ cup mayo

¼ sour cream (optional, use if too vinegary for your taste)

Salt and pepper to taste

Whisk together, serve with meat



# Virginia Bowhunters Association

## 2011 Spring 3D Classic

April 16th –17th

And

## AUGUSTA ARCHERS



**25 3D targets each day at marked distances VBA rules apply**

### Directions:

(north or south) Take I-81 to exit 222, then take Rt. 250 East towards Waynesboro, go to 2<sup>nd</sup> stoplight and take a right on Desper Hollow Road, go about 1 mile then take a right on Archery Lane and follow the road straight up to the clubhouse. (east or west) Take I-64 to I-81 North then follow directions above.

### Registration

By Mail: Must be received by Wed. April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday: 7pm – 9 pm  
Saturday: 7am- 8am  
Send Pre-Registration forms to:  
Augusta Archers  
P. O. Box 336  
Fishersville, VA 22939  
Make Checks Payable To: Augusta Archers  
com

### START TIMES

Saturday April 16th  
Shotgun start 9am and 1:30pm  
  
Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Shotgun start 9am and 1:30pm

### Contact Information

Dennis Wilfong (540) 849-8351 Or Email: augustaarchers@yahoo.

### Lodging

Comfort Inn (540)886-5000  
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Camping available limited space  
first come first serve \_\_\_\_\_  
Food and Refreshments will be  
available Sat. and Sun.

**Must shoot both days (open to all shooters)**

**Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family**

Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and only one person per form.

VBA Spring 3D Classic Registration

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:**( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VBA#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOME CLUB** \_\_\_\_\_

Circle those that apply:

**Division:** PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior **Guests** **Gender:** M F

**Style:** FS/R FS/F BHFS/R BHFS/F BH/BB TRAD

**Round Preference:** **Sat:** morning afternoon **Sun:** Will be determined after Sat's round.

This ad was also published in the last *FLIGHT*



# THE TROPHY



Donnie Hare, Dixie Bowmen, let a spike walk in Prince George County and was rewarded 30-minutes later when this super nine-point wandered by his stand. Donnie has been a VBA member for two years and if he keeps this up he may set some kind of record!



Hunter Heavner, Bowhunters of Rockingham, with his Carp that was 46" long, weighed 52 lbs





# VBA Y ROOM



Two VERY COLD members of the VBA display partial results of what we heard was a terrific ice fishing trip to Michigan. Bob Seltzer (Belvoir Bowhunters, top) and Jack Denbow (Bowhunter member) prove that not all game has to be harvested with a bow to be challenging, enjoyable and tasty.



Wade Colton, Massanutten Archery Club, took a nice nine-pointer in Oct. in Warren County that field dressed 135 lbs. Later, after a squirrel hunt, he decided to mess with his buddies and concocted a "two in one shot" as a camp prank. Although it was not the shot of a lifetime, he did take the squirrels with a bow and that fact alone deserves recognition – as well as a tip of the hat to a sense of humor.



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# Huntin' Hogs in Hemingway

by Dave Proctor

Bowhunters of Rockingham

January 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> was the kick-off date for my 2011 hunting season. Three of my hunting buddies (Randy Andes, David Burpee and Robert "Bink" Yager) and I headed for Hemingway, S.C. for an early wild pig hunt with Rick Grubbs, the owner/operator of Waccamaw Hunting Services. It's about an eight-hour drive from Harrisonburg to Hemmingway, which isn't that long of a trip until you factor in the down side, which is spending that amount of time in a confined space with Dave Burpee.

We arrived Monday afternoon, unpacked and readied our gear for the next day's hunt. The accommodations at Waccamaw are excellent. The lodge has two bedrooms and two baths and will sleep five comfortably. There is a living room with a TV, a dining room and a full kitchen. The lodge even has Wi-Fi Internet access for all you computer geeks who feel naked if you leave your laptop at home.

Our first evening hunt (Tuesday) had most of us seeing pigs but no shots. Wednesday looked cloudy and threatened rain all day long. Because it looked so much like rain on Wednesday, Randy decided to cross over to the dark side and took his rifle on stand with him. In true hunting fashion, it didn't start to rain until everyone was on stand.

I was passing the time watching six deer walk in and out of the swamp when suddenly the deer scattered, and here came the hogs. I watched the three hogs for about 15 minutes, trying to pick the largest before finally making the shot at 16 yards. I made the shot at 4:00 p.m., but by the time Rick picked me up it was after 6:00 p.m. and with the light but steady rain, there was no blood trail to follow. Because the temperature was in the mid-30s that night, we decided to look for the hog the next morning. Finding a black hog in dark swampy woods is almost impossible, but the next morning it was much easier, and we found my pig piled up 40 yards from where it was shot. Randy also killed a pig that night, and Bink had a shot and missed. Burpee must stink as he didn't see anything for the rest of the hunt.

When hunting with Rick at Waccamaw Services, it is truly a wild pig hunt. His hunting lease is an old 7,000 acre plantation, and there are no fenced animals. For the past three years Rick Grubbs has supported the VBA with a donated pig hunt that we have raffled at our annual banquet, and he has already committed to a hunt for 2012. If you're looking for a laid back fun hunt that can supply some very good table fare, give wild pig hunting a try. You may find how easy it is to get hooked on this kind of hunting.

(Editor's note: Almost everything in this article is true, especially the great hunting experience at Waccamaw. The stuff about me is false; don't know where he got any of those ideas.)



Dave Proctor with his 130 lb hog.



Rick Grubbs telling Dave Burpee where to go with Dave Proctor and Randy Andes watching.



Rick and Bink enjoying the shirttail cutting ritual.



# ODDBALL

By Randy Brookshire  
Sherwood Archers

I was hunting on top of a mountain in the National Forest when I shot an oddball the morning of Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I saw him coming past my stand at first light and he stopped about 10 yards away, with his nose on my drag rag with Lethal Weapon on it. That ridge is covered with real thick laurels and all I really saw was that he had what looked like heavy horns and was a good sized deer.

I drew my recurve back and sent a Snuffer into him at about 15 yards. He ran up the ridge about 60 yards, stopped and then slid back within 10 yards of my tree stand. I got down and walked over to look at him and was shocked to see that he was still in velvet. Although he was obviously interested in the scent rag, his neck wasn't swollen up in the least. My initial investigation on the mountain led me to believe that maybe he was just a real old deer that was on the down side of life and not into the whole rut thing anymore, but once I got him home and examined his teeth, they were not as worn down as I initially thought and I don't believe he is all that old. He hadn't rubbed his velvet at all and his antler bases and burls were very large.

I have been bow hunting for 40 years and this is the first buck I have ever shot that still had his velvet on his horns. 🙄



Randy Brookshire, Sherwood Archers, with his oddball deer and also a close look at the antlers in velvet in early Nov.

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## From the Publicity Director *Continued from page 5*

Clubs that had the largest membership increase in 2010 were also recognized with plaques. Among the large clubs, the winner was Belvoir Bowhunters with a 20 percent increase. The small club winner was Singers Glen with a 162 percent increase.

*Sportsman Expos.* In conjunction with the VDGIF and VBA, working hand-and-hand, I volunteered to help our VDGIF folks at the Richmond Fishing Expo in January, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Sportsman Expo and the NASP State Archery Tournament in February, and the Round Oak Baptist Church Wild Game Dinner in March.

*VDGIF.* Two of their regional coordinators, Bob Riggs and Phil Townley, retired on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Both will continue from time to time to be volunteer instructors. They are uncertain if and when these vacant positions will be filled. The Department has reorganized from five regions to four. The reduction (possibly temporary) in their staff will make it more difficult to finish the new curriculum and the on-line event manager system. The re-alignment of their Law Enforcement officers to four regions will be announced shortly.

*Thanks to you all.* Thanks to everyone for your continued dedication and efforts you put forth in making the VBA an organization we can be proud of!

Yours in Archery

# Hear Ye, Hear Ye

by Olin Bare

Augusta Archers

*Hear Ye, Hear Ye* all those who want to learn more about traditional archery.

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, as a public service, Augusta Archers and I will co-host a fun day of traditional archery classes and instruction. The goals of the event are to pass along traditional skills and to boost the family sport of archery. The scheduled events will also help the VBA membership by giving insights into the history of archery.

Archery is a fun and economical sport that can also tie families together. The cost can be minimal if you make your own bow string and arrows and, if you can hit your mark, you can put food on the table!

The day will combine target archery practice with instruction in Flemish string making, bow shooting and arrow building. I have been a VBA member for years and will organize the day thanks to the willingness of Augusta Archers to open their facility for this event.

Flemish string making will begin at 10 AM to start the day. Participants will make a two-color Dacron string for his/her long or recurve bow without the use of modern jigs. There is a fee of five dollars to cover the expense of materials. The class will last two hours.

At 12:30 PM, there will be bow shooting instruction and bow shooting with an emphasis on wooden arrow shafts, metal points and feather fletching. Archery equipment will be inspected for safety.

The final event begins at 2:30 PM when we will make traditional arrows without the use of modern jigs. We will taper a wooden shaft, apply a self or plastic nock, fletch with feathers that are wrapped on with thread, and end with the application of a metal point. Five dollars will cover expenses of shaft, feathers, nocks, points and glue. The class will last two hours.

Classes are open to all who wish to expand their knowledge and skills. Individuals can participate in all the classes or select the ones that interest them the most. Children six and up must be accompanied by a parent. There is no pre-registration. Just show up and prepare to have a good time!

(Editor's note: Olin Bare is a member of the VBA, IBO, and is an Archery Marshal for the Society for Creative Anachronism. The event he discusses is part of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Folk Life Master and Apprentice Program.)



Olin Bare helps a group of students make traditional arrows.

## Idea Corner

This is the place in the magazine where individuals and clubs pass along ideas, tips, and innovations that might be of use to other members or Clubs. Don't be bashful. Send the *FLIGHT* editor your ideas. They may seem pretty mundane to you, but if someone else had not thought of the concept it will be like a BFO – Blinding Flash of the Obvious – and a valuable new idea for a club or individual.

Here are some of the ideas already published: Southern Bowhunter Award, archery golf, discounted memberships as volunteer incentives, target sponsorship, special club awards, racks to hang bows/bow cases/coats, milk jug shoot, prize tag shoot, beat-your-score award, military and first responder discounts, free shoot for work party participants, and how to improve use of peep sights in low light conditions.

The most recent ideas center on recognition and providing a service.

The Blackwater Bowhunters reserve a spot on a bulletin board as a place for all members to list items they want to buy or sell. This is a great service to members that is easy to implement. You might need some rules about how long an item can be posted and someone will probably need to police the board occasionally to remove items that have been sold/bought, but the small amount of time invested should be worth the effort.

Augusta Archers has a board that recognizes the superior efforts of their members. In Augusta's case, the board recognizes each person who shoots a 300 round by recording the score and the number of X shots. A column down the left side of the board has the individuals name and columns across the top indicate the date/event (Yes, they have folks who shoot several 300s a year, but so do other clubs). This idea can be expanded to include recognizing people who participate in work parties, folks who win tournaments, etc. Your imagination is the only limit of ways to use a board to recognize accomplishments and contributions. ♫



## Massanutten Archery Club ANNUAL VBA SHOOT 16-17 JULY 2011

### Archery Events:

- 🎯 Field/Hunter Round
- 🎯 15-Targets 3D Course
- 🎯 "Tuff-Man" 3D Course
- 🎯 Coon Shoot
- 🎯 Iron Buck
- 🎯 Long Shot Competition
- 🎯 Novelty Shoots

### Other Activities:

Horseshoe Tournaments  
Cornhole Tournaments

### Directions:

Outdoor Range is located at 933 Stonewall Jackson Hwy., Bentonville, VA 22610. From Front Royal (intersection of US-55/US-340) take US-340 South approximately 11 miles. Range is on right, look for Massanutten Archery Club sign.

### Additional Info:

- Awards and Cash Pay Outs.
- Limited and primitive camping is available.
- Food will be available.

### Contact Info:

Email: [macarchery@yahoo.com](mailto:macarchery@yahoo.com)

Website:  
<http://macarchery.blogspot.com>

Phone: (540) 671-5521





## Saturday, June 18th & Sunday, June 19th

Hosted by: Augusta Archers, Staunton VA.

The R-100, by Rinehart Target's, is an incredible 2 day event with 100 different 3-D targets. Shoot 100 targets in 2 days or 50 targets in 1 day.

**Register on-line at [www.r100.org](http://www.r100.org)**

1-Day (50 Targets)		2 days (100 Targets)	
Adults	\$25.00		\$40.00
Couples	\$40.00		\$65.00
Young Adult (15-18)	\$10.00		\$15.00
Kids (14 & Under)	Free (with paying adult)		Free (with paying adult)
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>	
7:30 AM	Open Registration	7:30 AM	Open Registration
1:00 PM	Registration Closes	12:00 PM	Registration Closes
3:00 PM	Milk Jug Shoot	2:00 PM	Range Closes
4:00 PM	Darton Steel Challenge	2:15 PM	Last Chance to Claim Sat. Door Prizes
5:00 PM	Range Closes	2:30 PM	Scores Due In
		2:45 PM	GoldTip Iron Buck
		3:15 PM	Bow Giveaway & Award Presentation

### Competition Classes

Open Unlimited - Hunter Men's - Hunter Women's - Traditional Men's - Traditional Women's  
Youth 11-14 & Cub (10 & Under)

### Lodging

Comfort Inn - (540) 886-5000  
Econo Lodge - (540) 885-5158  
Sleep Inn - (540) 887-6500

### Directions

From I-81 North or South take Exit 222 and follow  
Rt. 250 East. Turn Right at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stop Light onto Rt. 638.  
Go to SPCA sign and turn Right onto Archery Lane and  
follow up to the club.

**Contact Jake Leonard at 540-292-2126 for more information or visit  
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(Unmarked Distance)

August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

- This is a two-day event and you must shoot both days
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- VBA rules apply
- 25 targets each day, unmarked distance
- Breakfast and lunch available both days

### Registration Times

Friday night: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

### For additional information

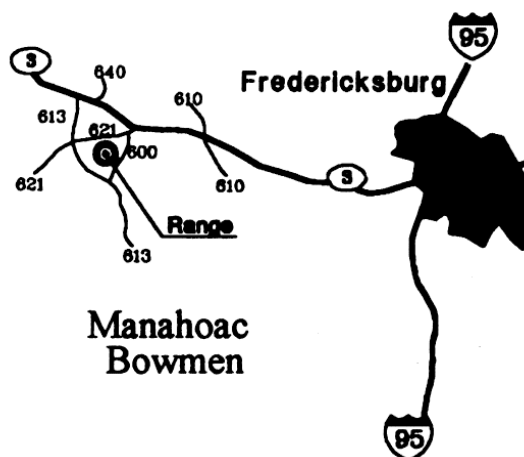
Jarrett Frame: (540) 373-2278

John Gamble: (540) 972-3379

### Places to Stay (Fredericksburg)

Best Western: (540) 371-5050

Quality Inn: (540) 371-0330



*Pre-registration form (must be received by Wednesday, August 10)*

### VBA 3-D Classic Registration

Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and only one person per form

All Archers Welcome.

Must shoot both days.

Fees: \$20 per person

\$40 max per family

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_

The Flight system will be used to determine classes.

Circle those that apply:

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Guest Gender: M F

Style: FS/R FS/F BHFS/R BHFS/F BH/BB TRAD

Round Preference: Sat: Morning Afternoon Sun: to be determined after Saturday's round

Mail to:

Jarrett Frame  
123 Ferry Road  
Fredericksburg, VA  
22405

# TRAC ANNUAL SHOOT

weekend of **June 25th -26th**

Buffet Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning. Food will be served during the competition.

## LOTS OF EVENTS ON SATURDAY

- A Special Dinner will be served on Saturday late afternoon.
- Novelty and/or Coon Shoot Saturday after Tournament.

## CONTACT FOR MORE INFO:

Rob Pecora 540.364.3936  
Maxie & Joyce Cameron 540.635.8128  
or may email  
[tworiversarchery@yahoo.com](mailto:tworiversarchery@yahoo.com)

Raffle prizes will be drawn on Sunday following awards ceremony.

## MOTELS

Hampton Inn 540.635.1882  
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Buffet Breakfast on Saturday and  
Sunday morning. Food will be served  
during the competition.

Raffle prizes will be drawn on Sunday  
following awards ceremony.

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Primitive Camping at Range



### LOTS OF EVENTS ON SATURDAY

- B-BQ Chicken Dinner served on Saturday
- Novelty and/or Coon Shoot  
Saturday after Tournament.

### CONTACT FOR MORE INFO:

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Maxie Cameron 540.635.8128  
or may email  
tworiversarchery@yahoo.com

### REGISTRATION FORM

VBA Membership is required to shoot for awards – Shoot starts both days at 9:00 AM

Must shoot both days to receive awards

Fees: \$20 per person/\$40 max per family

Targets are 28 Field the first day and 14 Hunter/14 Animal the second day

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

VBA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Pee Wee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Guest Gender: M F

Style: FS/F FS/R BHFS/R BHFS/F BH BB Trad Class: AA A B C

Must have 2 previous scores, otherwise, shoot AA 2-4 scores = best score. 5 or 6 scores = avg. of best 2.

7 or more = avg. of highest 3 of last 7.

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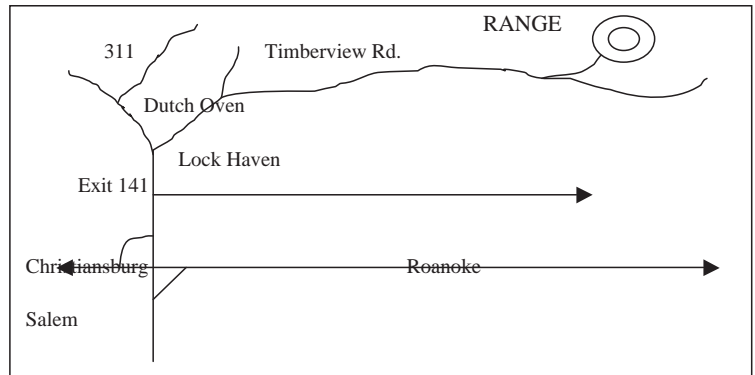
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## Augusta Archers

### 3-D Benefit Shoot

Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup> 8am – 2pm & Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm

\$10.00 to shoot

50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction.

Proceeds to benefit Sarah Fitchett. Sarah is 11 years old and has been diagnosed with leukemia. Her father Josh is a boat captain on the James River and was generous enough to donate a fishing trip for the 2010 St. Jude's Benefit shoot. Please come and support the Fitchett's. For more information or to donate please call Dane Hanger at 540-292-8068.

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# SURVIVOR CONCLUSION

By: Keith Martin

Sherwood Archers

(Editor's Note: Several issues ago Keith wrote a short piece about a hunter who was attacked by a bear and left severely injured. In subsequent issues, readers were encouraged to provide their versions of how the story ended. Some had the hunter making it out alive, others had him not so lucky. In this article, Keith closes the suspense by providing the final version. THANK YOU Keith for your support of *FLIGHT*.)

It's up to me, what do I do now? It would be easy to slip into the comforting darkness of unconsciousness. Just close my eyes and let it all go away. But I can't. Emily needs me, our child needs me. I have to fight—I must live. Sudden clarity brings my thoughts into focus.

Shock from my wounds could kill me. I need to move. To prove to my body that despite the blood loss, my mind hasn't given up. I have to move now!

Adrenaline helps my mind hold off the effects of shock, but it can do nothing for the thousands of *Clostridia bacilli* marching towards the exposed femoral artery. These flesh eating organisms cause gaseous gangrene. If they breach the artery before I reach help, it's game over.

With shaking hands, I open the first aid ointment and squirt the entire tube into my exposed leg wound. I grit my teeth and fold the ragged flesh back into place. Ointment oozes from the edges as the parachute cord binds it down. This will staunch the bleeding. They can worry about the advancing army of bacteria at the hospital if I make it.

Stuffing the rest of the items back into the pack, I sling one of the straps over my neck. Using my bow as a staff, I manage to get vertical. My head is swimming from the effort but I dare not stop. Both water bottle and hat are just a few yards away. I must have them. The bow makes a poor staff but is better than no staff at all. Balancing on my good leg I use the bow to snag my hat first, then the water bottle and rag. I'll leave the jacket, by the time I need it I'll already be dead.

Leaning against a tree I use the rag to clean the blood off of my face, and then put on my hat. One hand holds the scalp in place while the other works the knit fabric down bit by bit until it holds the scalp and slows the bleeding. I resist the inclination to drink the entire contents of my water bottle, instead allowing only a small sip. Too much at a time will only make me sick. A convenient tree branch makes a better staff than my bow so I drop it and hobble along, branch in hand, whistle in teeth. Each hop ending with a tweeting exhale. I can only maneuver downhill. To go uphill would require bending my injured leg. The hamstring is more than willing to bend the leg, but the torn quadricep is incapable of straightening it. Downhill is my only choice.

Tiny goals are set. That oak tree is first. The white rock is next. Each attained goal is small, but the cumulative effect is large. As I achieve each goal I'm allowed a few moments of rest. Just before moving again I blow the whistle hard three times. To my ears it sounds like a distress signal, to my mind the starting whistle.

An hour into this forced march and my ears are playing tricks on me. Diesel engines have a distinct sound and my ears think they have found one in this forest. Wait! No, I'm sure it's an engine. TWEET! TWEET! TWEET! The engine is getting louder. I blow the whistle with all my might. TWEEET! TWEEET! TWEEET! TWEEET! TWEEET!

The engine sound morphs into a green tractor. It's on a logging road just a few yards away, invisible till now.

Hey buddy, you all right? 🐾



# Agenda Items

## The following agenda item was voted on at the Jan. 2011 meeting:

ITEM: The Constitution, Art. 4, Sect. 1 as reads “Each Director shall be a direct representative of his/her club or group, and be entitled to one vote” should be changed to read “Each Director shall be a direct representative of his/her club or group, and club voting representation would be based on their club membership numbers. Each club would acquire votes based on their previous year membership as follows: 1-50 = 1 vote, 51-100 = 2 votes, 101-150 = 3 votes, 151-200 = 4 votes, 201-250 = 5 votes. EFFECTIVE: Immediately. RESULT: **Passed with required 2/3 majority.**

## The following agenda items were voted on at the Mar. 2011 meeting:

ITEM: Change Senior Division to 65+, recognizing all styles, but no classes. Age groups needs to be added to “terms” under VBA Shooting Rules. EFFECTIVE: Jan. 2012. RESULT: **Failed.**

ITEM: Change the Traditional style for all age groups, except Peewee’s, to shoot a maximum of 30 yards at any Field/Hunter/Animal rounds, using the Cub stakes. Peewee’s will continue to shoot Peewee distances. EFFECTIVE: Immediately. RESULT: **Failed.**

ITEM: Move Senior Class to shoot from the same yardage as Youth for Field/Hunter/Animal rounds. EFFECTIVE: Immediately. RESULT: **Failed.**

ITEM: Constitution, Art. 4, Sect. 3, lines 8 and 9, delete the words “via the association’s official publication, *FLIGHT*.” EFFECTIVE: Immediately. RESULT: **Passed.**

ITEM: Bylaws, Art.10, Sect.3, Para. C., Add: The VBA Executive Committee has the authority to waive this requirement if they determine there are extenuating circumstances and such waiver would be in the best interests of the VBA. This waiver would be for a maximum of two years and while in a waiver status, the club could participate in all VBA activities, but could not vote at VBA meetings. EFFECTIVE: Immediately. RESULT: **Passed.**

## The following agenda items will be voted on at the Jun. 2011 meeting:

ITEM: Bylaws, Art. 15, Sect. 1, Para. J, Sub paragraph 3, Add: At all VBA State Tournaments at which physical awards are presented, awards in the Adult, Senior and/or Master Senior divisions will be limited to the unit rule: one to three competitors, first place award; four to six competitors, first and second place awards; and seven or more competitors, first, second and third place awards. All place winners will be recognized and announced; however, physical awards will be presented according to the above unit rule. EFFECTIVE: Jan 2012. JUSTIFICATION: To reduce the number of awards for cost and logistics reasons. It is believed that most adult and senior competitors wish to be recognized for their participation and performance, but will accept the rationale that awards made in small competitive divisions should be limited. If this item is adopted, it is believed that more members will support shooting divisions favored by our active members, such as the Master Senior Division.

ITEM: Change state tournament results presented to *FLIGHT*, Field Vice President, Executive State Secretary/Treasurer, and Publicity Director from five days to two working days. EFFECTIVE: Jan.2012. JUSTIFICATION: When awards are presented at the state shoots, most of the hosts have results listed in computers.

ITEM: Change Constitution and Bylaws to allow Peeweess to get awards in their own VBA shooting styles for all state shoots. EFFECTIVE: Immediately. JUSTIFICATION: Historically, VBA has presented awards/records for Peeweess at all but Indoor state shoots. This will bring the VBA’s Constitution/Bylaws in line with what has been happening.

ITEM: Traditional style for women to shoot a maximum of 30 yards, as Cubs shoot, in Field/Hunter/Animal classes. EFFECTIVE: Jan. 2012. JUSTIFICATION: Due to women’s muscle strength on a recurve or long bow, there isn’t any compensation as with a compound bow.

ITEM: Bylaws Art. 15, Sect. 2, Para. D page 8: Add at end,” for Indoor, Field, Hunter, and paper animals.” EFFECTIVE: Immediately. JUSTIFICATION: Clarification allows the clubs flexibility with 3-D.

ITEM: Establish a 65 and older Master Seniors Class with no breakdown on classes, but a breakdown on styles. EFFECTIVE: Jan. 2012. JUSTIFICATION: The number of archers entering the Senior Class has increased over the past several years and archers 65+ are having trouble effectively competing and in some cases are leaving archery. By establishing the Master Seniors Class, they can look forward to peer competition that is really competitive and we may retain them as motivated archers.

## THE TRAIL CAMERA CONTEST RESULTS!

The trail camera entries have been received, judged and the winners are announced in this article. *FLIGHT* magazine and the contest sponsors extend a big THANK YOU to all who participated, including those who did not win. This contest was the idea of VBA members Dave Proctor and Robert (Bink) Yager, both of Bowhunters of Rockingham. It is initiatives like theirs that contribute greatly to the VBA and *FLIGHT* and it is your participation that insures success.

To recap the contest:

Any photos taken in 2010 were eligible (including trail photos from 2010's spring turkey and bear hunting), all entries were due Jan. 7, 2011 in .jpg or other format that could be used in Photoshop or other similar program, a person must have been a 2010 and 2011 VBA member to participate and there were no limits to the number of entries.

The winners are:



**First place:** Steve Hearne, Kingsboro Bowmen, wins a dozen Gold Tip Expedition Hunters arrows with Blazer vanes provided by Bink Yager, Misty Graphics.

**Second place:** Buck Cline, Bowhunters of Rockingham, wins ½ dozen Gold Tip Expedition Hunters arrows with Blazer vanes provided by Dave Proctor, The Quiver Shop



**Third place:** Buck Cline wins Wildlife Research Scent Killer provided by Dave Proctor, The Quiver Shop

# 2011 VBA Calendar of Events

## VBA Meetings

June 11 - 12

September 17 (Scheduling Session and 18 (Meeting)

## State Tournaments

Spring 3D Classic: April 16 – 17

Augusta Archers

State Open: May 28 – 29

Sherwood Archers

Fall 3D Classic: August 13 – 14

Manahoac Bowmen

State Closed: September 3 – 4

Two Rivers Archery Club

## VBA Charity Shoot

To Benefit Children's Miracle Network  
Co-Hosted by VBA at New River Archers  
July 30 - 31



## Harold Street

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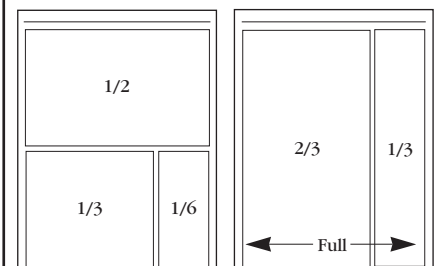
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