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From the President

As your new president, I would like to give you a little information about myself for those of you who do not know me. I have been a member of the VBA and Two Rivers Archery Club since the mid 1980's. After only a year in TRAC they made me president and sent me off to the quarterly VBA meetings. In the past, I have been the Chairman of the Bowhunting Committee, Treasurer, and Field Vice President for the VBA and attended many meetings where I have not hesitated to voice my opinions. I am an avid target shooter and have attended many state shoots and local shoots. I love to camp, socialize with fellow archers after the shoots, and will occasionally bring out my banjo for some entertainment. I was fortunate once to become a state champion. Although I do not hunt as much as in the past, I am a bowhunter and past instructor for the IBEP and NFAA.

That is enough about me. What I really want to discuss is an issue that has been bugging me for some time, which is - WHY DON'T MORE PEOPLE ATTEND STATE SHOOTS?

Over the years I have heard many excuses, none of which have made much sense to me. The worst one is "I'm not good enough to compete with those guys." Seriously, let's face it, only a hand full of archers are at the top in the state, and if only they showed up it would be a pitiful event. In Virginia, we have the class system where the individual archer is only competing against fellow archers at the same skill level. In reality though, we should all only be competing against ourselves - that is, trying to improve at each and every shoot. This is where state shoots can really help us all. There is always someone who is more than willing to help you out and give advice on all aspects of our sport. If you are having trouble with your equipment, shooting form, or just mental aspects, at a state shoot there is plenty of advice given out freely and earnestly. Many archers have gone through what you may be going through now and, although some advice may not be right for you, some definitely will be. Never be afraid to ask - the only stupid question is the one not asked.

There are some 1200 members in the VBA but only 50 to maybe 90 turn out for state shoots. Those who attend say they have a good time, and I always do even when I do not shoot particularly well. State shoots are not all about the shooting. For many, they are about getting together with friends and having good times. I, and many others, camp at the hosting range where we gather after the shoot and socialize. Those who stay elsewhere are always welcome and those who do not stay around miss a lot.

Another poor excuse I hear is "I only like shooting with my friends." It is true that at state shoots you will not always be shooting with your close friends. However, this is a golden opportunity to make new friends who have a similar interest - archery.

I have heard many other excuses and would like to hear some of yours. Let me know why members are not attending state shoots and if there is anything you think the VBA can do to reverse this trend. If you have never attended a state shoot I urge you to do so. Do not come with expectations of winning awards but rather with expectations of having a great time no matter how you shoot! Hope to see you on the range soon.

Rob Pecora - President





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Mr. Robert M. Pecora, President
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Dear Mr. Pecora:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write to you today to offer my sincere congratulations to the members and officers of the Virginia Bowhunter's Association (VBA) on the occasion of your 70th Anniversary! What a wonderful milestone and accomplishment for an outstanding hunting and conservation organization such as yours.

I understand that the Association was formed in 1941 by members of the Richmond Archers to promote the sport of bowhunting and to encourage the then "Game Commission" to allow archery hunting on some of the "Game Refuge Areas." Knowing how strong a club the Bowhunters of Rockingham have always been, it was not surprising that the first county opened to bowhunting in the Old Dominion was Rockingham County in 1949 followed by a statewide bowhunting season in 1956. It was not until years later, in 1985, that we were able, with the VBA full support and assistance of the VBA, to establish a separate archery license.

For decades, the VBA has aimed to promote excellence in hunting sports throughout the State of Virginia by educating individuals and enforcing ethical practices among members. VBA has continued to be active in its support of VDGIF initiatives centered on hunting and conservation, including membership on special commissions and study groups. The Association was also helpful in increasing funding for the Department and opening areas to urban archery.

Today the VBA has 21 clubs, more than 1,200 individuals and one pro shop in its membership. It is the preeminent organization of its type in Virginia and represents not only its members but tens of thousands of individuals who purchase an archery license. In addition, the VBA is a partner with the VDGIF and the National Bowhunter Education Foundation in the preparation and presentation of the International Bowhunter Education Program classes in Virginia, is responsible to coordinate the *After School Archery Program* in Virginia, hosts five state tournaments, sponsors more than 100 sanctioned club shoots, has numerous charity shoots, and sponsors an annual conservation scholarship.

On a personal note, I was introduced to bowhunting in the 1960's by relatives from Northern Virginia who were members of the NOVA Club and VBA as I recall. The area we usually hunted was none other than the North River area that was the first area opened to

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bowhunting. Since that time, it has been my distinct honor to come to know and value your organization and your members. Thank you for your commitment to the sport of bowhunting, for your outstanding conservation ethic and your longstanding support of our Department.

We at VDGIF wish you a joyous Anniversary year and continued success in the years to come. Wishing you good hunting!

Yours in Conservation,

Robert W. Duncan
Executive Director

RWD/ag

From the Executive Vice President

Dave Burpee stated in last summer's *FLIGHT* that he was going to step down from the Executive Vice President's job and concentrate on his retirement and enjoy himself. I would like to thank Dave for all of the work that he has done not only as the Vice President, but also as the former Hunting Vice President. In fact, I would like to thank all of the exiting officers: President - Paul Vogel, Field Vice President - Cay McManus as well as Dave Burpee for a job well done.

I would like to introduce myself to those of you in the VBA who don't know me and give you a little background about myself. As with most of you, when I first joined the VBA in 1989 I was just looking for a place to practice for hunting season. I had no intention of becoming active in the club or the VBA. After a couple of months at the range, a friend talked me into going to a field tournament, at which I probably had the worst score in the history of BHFS. I was hooked and couldn't get enough. Since then, I have gotten more involved not only at the club level but also at the state level. I have been Shenandoah County Archers club director at the VBA meeting for about 12 years and have served on several committees. Now, I take on a new challenge of Executive Vice President. With the help of Holly Wilfong as the *FLIGHT* editor, I hope you won't be screaming for the start of impeachment proceedings too quickly.

Terry Ballowe 

From the Field Vice President

I started shooting archery in 1972 at 3 years old. I was given a "toy" bow and arrow set. Dad didn't think I should be shooting arrows with stoppers. So he sharpened the wooden arrows. The whole family found out there is no such thing as a "toy" bow and arrow set as mom pulled the "toy" arrow from her leg. Ask A. L. Self who got in trouble.

I kept shooting every chance I had. When I became a teenager I lost touch with my archery family. After I married I decided to rejoin the family. The ones that knew me brought me back in like I had never left. The ones that didn't know me treated me like a long lost relative.

In 2003 I was volunteered into the Secretary and Treasurer positions for Blackwater Bowhunters. I welcomed the position with open arms, until I found out what was required of me. Now in 2011, I wouldn't give anything for the experience and the friends that I have made.

I was invited to think about the office of Field Vice President for the VBA. After I gave it some thought, I told the VBA to add me to the ballot. On June the 12th I was installed into office.

Some things may change as I get more comfortable with what I am doing. If you need me for anything, good or bad, I will be a phone call or email away. When you see me please introduce yourself (I am good with faces not names).

Aubrey T. Self 

From the Hunting Vice President

This column is written on behalf of Ed Bickham who has been spending his time these past few weeks on a family emergency. As many of you know, his son – Lon – was critically burned in early April by an explosion and fire while on his job as a welder. Three other friends/co-workers were also seriously burned, one of whom has unfortunately died. The VBA officers and membership will continue to keep Lon and his family and friends in our prayers for the difficult months ahead as they recover from their extensive second- and third-degree burns.

I attended several meetings these past couple of months on Ed's behalf. One of the most important meetings was as a member of the VDGIF citizens committee focused on the need for VDGIF to increase revenues and decrease costs. This is a critical topic because without proper management and an infusion of funds, the VDGIF faces severe financial challenges in 2015. About two dozen groups from around the state representing a wide variety of hunting and non-hunting interests were able to provide input and contribute to the process. I also attended two Board meetings at VDGIF headquarters where I was able to present VBA views on a variety of proposed hunting regulation changes.

I came away from the meetings and results with two impressions – one good and one bad.

First, the good. I am very pleased that the VBA is viewed by the VDGIF as an important constituent group. This is important to our relationship with them because we don't want it to ever become one-sided, and we certainly believe in the VDGIF and support its efforts on behalf of archers and all sportsmen whenever we can. Related to this is the fact that nearly all our suggestions were incorporated into the final items that the Board voted on and they were all approved. This represents a "win" for all sportsmen in Virginia and for the bowhunter. I won't go into all the items but they ranged from elk hunting to a model archery ordinance to youth hunting to new fee structures and other topics. Importantly, as a result of the changes the non-hunting public now also contributes more to the VDGIF. All the details are on the VDGIF website. I encourage you to visit that site and learn more.

Now, the bad. It was very disappointing to see the number of comments that were received from the public on each of the issues addressed. The proposed changes were posted to the web site for several weeks, there were numerous public meetings around the state and there were also opportunities to comment by mail. In total, only about 1,500 comments about the hunting regulations and about the same number for the fee structure were received. We had been pushing in the VBA for members to comment and if each member had taken just a couple of minutes to say "yes" or "no" on an e-mail or letter about any of the regulations we would have had an enormous influence on the outcome. Clearly, most citizens, bowhunters and VBA members decided not to participate in the process. Ed and I do represent our group's interests at meetings, but the individual number of responses also carries great weight. If you participated, thank you very much for helping to carry the water. If you did not, then don't complain about the results and do try to participate next time the VBA asks for your assistance. We don't ask often because many issues are routine but this time we asked for participation because of the number and range of issues important to archers (aka taxpayers) and bowhunters. Please consider jumping on the bandwagon next time.

Finally, I want to make you all aware that the VBA needs someone to be Chairperson of the Hunting Committee. Ed has served for two years as Hunting Vice President without the benefit of a Hunting Committee Chairperson and it is time to take that double burden off his shoulders. The chairperson attends the quarterly VBA meetings, has a committee meeting that same weekend, coordinates VBA positions on hunting issues in the state, initiates VBA recommendations to the VDGIF, assists the Hunting VP and also helps with the annual banquet. For someone out there it is time to give back to the organization that has done so much for you over the years. Please contact me (703-913-0508) for more details and at the appropriate time I'll pass your interest to Ed.

Be safe in the woods,

Dave Burpee for Ed Bickham 

From the Publicity Director

Time is flying, as we are half way through the year with our VBA tournaments. We would like to ‘thank’ everyone who participated at the 3-D Spring Classic hosted by Augusta Archers and the State Open hosted by Sherwood Archers. Don’t forget to make an effort to attend our last two State Tournaments. The 3-D Fall Classic hosted by Manahoac Bowmen and the State Closed hosted by Two Rivers Archery club.

As you can see from our State Tournament results published in *FLIGHT* and the website, that participation is not like it use to be over the years. We would like to see that change and get more folks participating at these tournaments. On the bright side, our club shoots and VBA membership has increased and that’s a plus for all of us.

As your Publicity Director, it has been my responsibility to develop an understanding and good fellowship between the VBA and its fellow archers in: conservation, education, sporting organizations, youth groups, the general public, and to promote the VBA and archery. Being a volunteer for the Complementary Work Force for the VDGIF, I’ve been busy attending various events, such as: the Fredericksburg Fish for Kids event, the Mason Neck Eagle Festival, meeting and talking to Vicky Monroe, the Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist, on how the VBA and our outlying counties can get more involved with their Deer Management program; the Occoquan Bay WLR Annual Youth Fishing event, the Rose Hill Wild Game Preserve event, with Hoffman Archery Pro shop getting kids involved in archery and meeting Col. Watts from the VDGIF; and the Motts Run Reservoir event. Upcoming events and exhibits are the Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show, the Pr. William County Fair, the State Fair at the Meadows, the Advance Training workshop at the Holiday Lake 4-H Center and wherever else that I’m needed.

Karen Holson, VDGIF Outdoor Education Supervisor, has started an Archery Academy that she will be hosting for Recreation Professionals. The Academy covers archery certification training as well as information for the community archery programs. Karen would like the VBA to become involved with the Virginia Parks that participate in this program and then do some after school programs.

Sgt. David L. Dodson, VDGIF Virginia Hunter Education Coordinator, announced their new Hunter Education Event Manager that will be going on-line on July 1st. The Event Manager has many tools to make it easier for instructors to manage their classes and for the students to view the Event Manager later. For more information regarding the VDGIF, go to their website at www.dgif.virginia.gov. Also, don’t forget to sign-up to receive your ‘free’ “Outdoor Report.”

Last year was the Hunters for the Hungry 20th Anniversary. They have provided over a ton more meat than in the previous year and over 18 million servings since they began. H4H would like to ‘thank’ the hunters who donated the deer in record numbers, all the people and groups who donated financially to cover the costs of processing, the processors, those that distributed the meat, and the folks who helped to spread the word of our efforts.

The H4H will be raffling off some fantastic prizes. The top prize in the electronics raffle is a 55” HD TV with a blue-ray home theater system. Additional prizes include a laptop computer with a wireless printer, an iPad and an iPod, a Play Station 3 and a digital camera, all on August 14th. The Outdoor Adventure raffle is a 10-day Alaskan Fishing Trip for two including meals, lodging and air fair from DC. The other prizes include a bowhunt for two in Texas, a 7-day Canadian bear hunt and a guided fall turkey hunt. Further details can be found on their website @ www.h4hungry.org.

In closing, I would like to ‘thank’ the outgoing VBA officers for their dedication and their devoted time while in office. The best of luck! To the new incoming VBA officers, ‘Welcome Aboard’ and we know that they will continue to uphold the VBA.

Irene Stocksdales 

From the NBEF/IBEP Director

Last year the National Bowhunter Education Foundation kicked off a new Tree Stand Safety program called “Project Stand” (Stop Tree Stand Accidents ‘n Deaths). This program is a massive communications effort designed to reduce treestand accidents. According to the NBEF, treestand mishaps are occurring on an all too regular basis. Studies report the accident rate being as high as 1 in 3 with the probability of a near miss (incident) being much higher. Unfortunately, this position is backed up by statistics on hunting accidents in Virginia maintained by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Although there is a long list of causes, treestand accidents always rank high on their list.

So let’s take a moment to talk treestand safety. Here are four rules to live by:

1) If you purchase a new treestand, always take the time to read the safety warning and watch the instructional CD that is provided. Treestand manufacturers have a vested interest in keeping you safe, and they spend a considerable amount of time and research on how to hunt safely using their products. Practice following their instructions until you can easily do it on a cold morning in the dark.

2) If you own an older model treestand, take time this summer to inspect it carefully for wear and tear. Look along all welds for cracks or signs of stress fracture. Make sure the safety rope that keeps the seat attached to the climber is still in good shape and securely fastened on both ends. Check the cables, climbing stirrups, and all straps. If they look worn, replace with original equipment from the manufacturer or a reputable replacement company.

3) Check your 4-point safety harness. They keep getting safer and more comfortable every year, so if you have an older one, consider upgrading to a newer model. If you’ve taken a fall in your arrest harness and pulled out the stitching that breaks your fall, replace the entire safety harness with a new one. If your carbineer isn’t a locking model, replace it with one that is. Under no circumstances should you continue to use a chest strap or older two point harness. (If you own one, be very glad that you never had to use it.)

Finally, 4) since most accidents happen as hunters climb into or out of their treestand, consider purchasing a 30-foot safety rope that extends from above your lock-on treestand all the way to the ground. These devices allow you to connect your four point safety harness to a safety line before you leave the ground until you return safely to the ground after your hunt. They only run about \$35 or so - dirt cheap when you consider the consequences of a fall.

Remember - every year bowhunters are seriously injured or killed from falls from treestands. Families are devastated and the image of hunting is tarnished. Don’t become a hunting accident statistic!

Good Hunting!

Bob 



The new VBA officers took their oath of service on June 12th. Clinton Western (left) read the oath ceremony with (from Clinton's left) Aubrey Self, Terry Ballowe and Rob Pecora.

An Eagle Project

By

Dean Weikel, Sherwood Archers

My son, Hunter Weikel, just completed his Eagle Scout project at Sherwood and it turned out so well that I thought I would share it with the other clubs.

For his project, Hunter coordinated the building of a closet to store donated archery equipment for youth groups (e.g. scouts, 4H clubs and church organizations) to use when they are at Sherwood. The picture shows Hunter in the completed room with the bows hanging on hooks.


Sherwood had talked for a room. They had several bows that but someone had to go to people's permanent solution was needed to expose more individuals to archery.

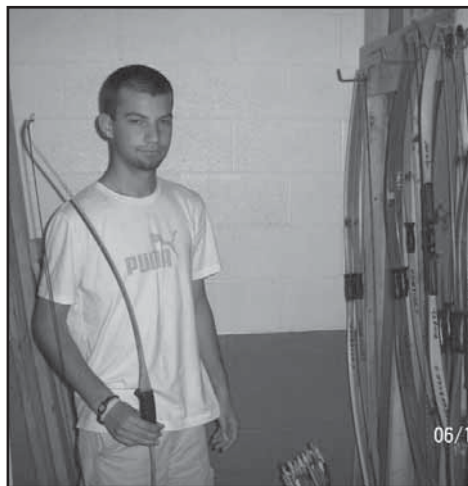
Hunter started the project last He provided a key ingredient that who could take the time to design the various steps required to leadership was a key ingredient, he throughout the project.

The design was crafted members. After that, a central work to get supplies, have them delivered and then schedule work. To save the club money, he was able to get donations of plywood, drywall, 2x4s and a door. Sherwood supplied the paint.

Hunter scheduled the work and was also a member of the work parties. Jobs included building the frame, hanging the drywall and door, mudding and sanding (yuk!), and painting.

This was Hunter's final project enroute to becoming an Eagle Scout. He must become an Eagle before turning 18 and his 18th birthday is August of this year. Now that he has completed his final project and turned in the paperwork, all that is left is to appear before a board of review.

There are probably a lot of scout troops – boy and girl – in your area and contacting them could provide your club a way to get some projects completed at your clubhouse and/or range and also would give the scouts a way to qualify for badges. Sounds like a win-win to me! 



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Equipment Reviews

By Bob Foster

Belvoir Bowhunters and VBA NBEF/IBEP Director

In my article last year, I reflected back on which of my new product selections were keepers and which were busts. This time let's talk about what's new, innovative, or just plain neat in the world of bowhunting.

First, you can't open an archery magazine without seeing an awesome offering of new bows from virtually every manufacturer. What's new about them? Mostly speed. Numerous manufacturers have bows offering 345 FPS (using the AMO standard). Now don't think for one minute that you are going to get the same speed - unless you shoot a setup that conforms to the AMO standard. But the point is that this year's bows are certainly faster, on average, than anything offered to date. Of notable mention is the Carbon Element by Hoyt. As the name implies, it is made from carbon, and advertises lower weight and durability as advantages. It will be interesting to see if other manufacturers follow suite, or this idea fades into oblivion.

Next, a very interesting offering this year is the Vendetta Rangefinder offered by Leupold. Designed to fit on the bow next to your bowsight, you simply push and hold a trigger pad located on your bow grip and the Vendetta allows you to continuously range a moving animal while at full draw. The downside is that it may introduce movement in your bowhand, and that's one of my biggest issues in maintaining accuracy. The Vendetta sells for around \$250 - \$300, so it is a bit pricey, but it represents thinking out of the box by a company known for quality and dependable products.


Another interesting innovation is the Black Out trail camera by Primos. This camera features a Black flash that will extend out to 50 feet and reportedly does not show any trace of flash, even in a totally dark room. It offers up to a 7 MP resolution during daytime and 5 MP at night, but can be programmed to less. Trigger speed is advertised at just under 1 second out of sleep mode. The cost is just under \$300. Certainly an innovation to look at if you are among those that believe a flash can cause game animals to change their patterns.

If you hunt public areas like I do, then knowing your treestands will still be there when you show up to hunt is an issue. Ladder treestands present a unique problem - you can cable the seat, but what about the ladder itself. A product called SecurStand anti-theft system was designed to address this need. It consists of a 6-foot cable that secures the seat to trees up to 6' in circumference, as well as a 20-foot cable that is weaved in and out of the ladder rungs all the way to the base. The result is one lock that secures up to a 20-foot ladder stand. The 6-foot cable can also be used by itself to secure lock on stands.

Finally, innovation can also be found in smaller products that solve big problems. I've used a fall-away rest since they first came out and love them, but setting one up hasn't been for the faint of heart. I put my bow in a press, separate the downward traveling cable, run the connecting string, and tie it off. With all that, getting them set up to fall at just the right moment has always been a pain. This year Trophy Taker - one of the original manufacturers of fall-away rests - came out with a product they call the Buss Stop Cable Clamp. It attaches to your lower cable then lets you slide the connecting string through, and clamps it tight. Adjustments are quick and simple. I've added this to my set up and will be putting it through the paces this year to see if it is a keeper.

These are just a few of the many new products that are offered this year. There are certainly many others! Hunting season will be on us in just a few short months, so if one caught your eye, now is the time to put it on your bow and give it a try, so you can decide whether to add it to your hunting set up next season.

Good Hunting!

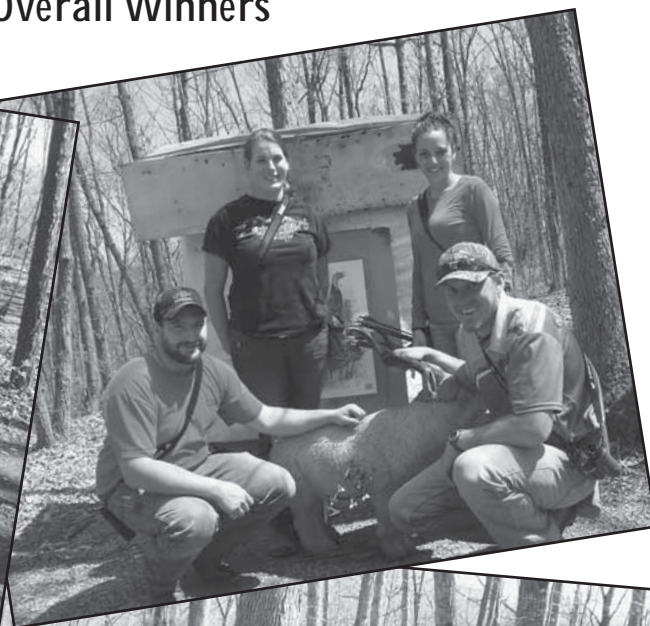
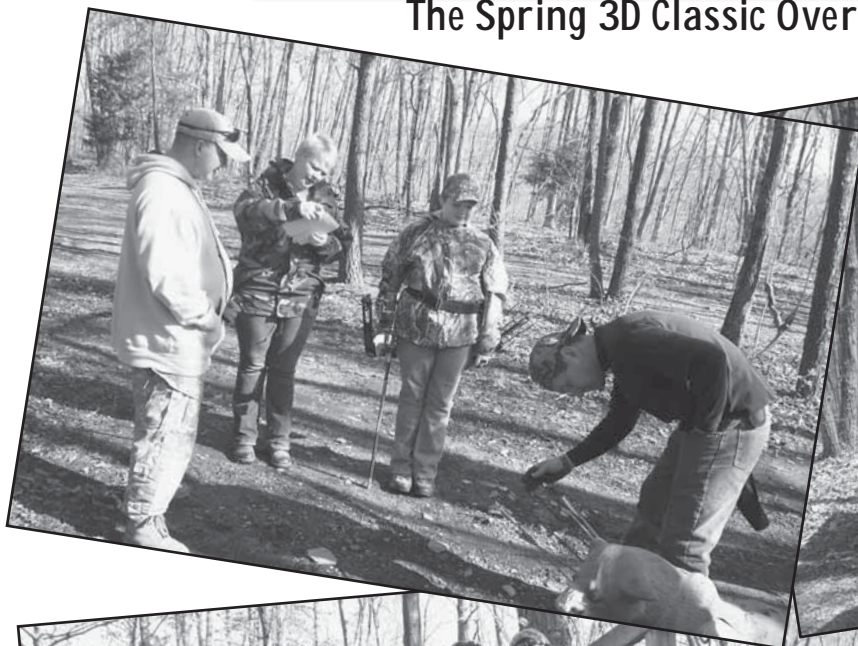
Bob 

VBA Spring 3D Classic

hosted by Augusta Archers



The Spring 3D Classic Overall Winners



VBA Spring 3D Classic 2011

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
SC	Reginia Stroop	AFBHFS	0	0	230	7	230	7
2nd	Devyn Kiser	AFBHFS	0	0	198	3	198	3
3rd	Tami Willard	AFBHFS	0	0	155	1	155	1
SC	Karin Eppard	AFFS	0	0	284	17	284	17
2nd	Mindy Rexrode	AFFS	0	0	265	13	265	13
3rd	Tammy Ralston	AFFS	0	0	247	9	247	9
SC	Jennifer Stoner	AFTRAD	0	0	199	0	199	0
2nd	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD	0	0	198	3	198	3
3rd	Cay McManus	AFTRAD	0	0	174	0	174	0
	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	0	0	164	4	164	4
	Theresa Dowling	AFTRAD	0	68	68	0	68	0
SC	Chris Willard	AMBH/BB	0	0	250	7	250	7
SC	Vance Cave	AMBHFS	0	0	266	11	266	11
2nd	Dustin Emore	AMBHFS	0	0	263	13	263	13
3rd	Chris Batten	AMBHFS	0	0	260	9	260	9
	Davy Alger	AMBHFS	0	0	255	6	255	6
	Patrick Eppard	AMBHFS	0	0	249	9	249	9
	Steve Stroop	AMBHFS	0	0	247	6	247	6
	Joey Alger	AMBHFS	0	0	242	7	242	7
	Corey Spiker	AMBHFS	0	0	241	7	241	7
	Dennis Wilfong	AMBHFS	0	0	235	5	235	5
	Buck Higgins	AMBHFS	0	0	231	8	231	8
	Arthur Summers	AMBHFS	0	0	230	6	230	6
	Kirby Arbogast	AMBHFS	0	0	228	3	228	3
	Matt Kline	AMBHFS	0	0	227	2	227	2
	Roy Meditz	AMBHFS	0	0	222	4	222	4
	Chris Carper	AMBHFS	0	0	219	3	219	3
Second Flight								
1st	Greg Early	AMBHFS	0	0	212	2	212	2
2nd	Don Hickerson	AMBHFS	0	0	202	1	202	1
SC	Jake Leonard	AMFS	0	0	276	14	276	14
2nd	Mike Spring	AMFS	0	0	270	11	270	11
3rd	Ronnie Ralston	AMFS	0	0	267	14	267	14
	Charles Wright	AMFS	0	0	264	12	264	23
	Allen Painter	AMFS	0	0	264	11	264	22
	Tim Branham	AMFS	0	0	262	10	262	10
	Billy Ticho	AMFS	0	0	262	9	262	9
	Joel Lecker	AMFS	0	0	261	11	261	11
	Randy Patterson	AMFS	0	0	256	7	256	7
	Terry Rose	AMFS	0	0	255	11	255	11

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
	Scott Branson	AMFS	0	0	248	7	248	7
	William Arbogast	AMFS	0	0	236	7	236	7
	Randy Hall	AMFS	0	0	236	4	236	4
	Seth Armstrong	AMFS	0	0	218	2	218	2\
	J D Anderson	AMFS	0	0	159	12	159	12
SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	0	0	252	7	252	7
2nd	Michael Light	AMTRAD	0	0	217	6	217	6
3rd	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	0	0	216	4	216	4
	James Ruley	AMTRAD	0	0	216	2	216	2
	Sam Leonard	AMTRAD	0	0	204	5	204	5
	Eric Higgins	AMTRAD	0	0	197	2	197	2
	Joe McManus	AMTRAD	0	0	180	2	180	2
	Troy Stoner	AMTRAD	0	0	155	1	155	1
SC	Nichole Willard	CFBHFS/F	0	0	55	0	55	0
SC	Haleigh Altersitz	CFFS/F	0	0	191	5	191	5
SC	Joshua Eppard	CMBHFS	0	0	244	7	244	7
2nd	Lucas Wimer	CMBHFS	0	0	230	6	230	6
3rd	Zaron Mongolv	CMBHFS	0	0	204	5	204	5
SC	Ethan Mullins	CMTRAD	0	0	78	1	78	1
SC	Carolyn Willard	PWFBH/BB	0	0	115	0	115	0
SC	Catlin Willard	PWFBHFS/F	0	0	150	1	150	1
SC	Michael Kline	SMBHFS	0	0	194	3	194	3
SC	Roy Meditz	SMFS	0	0	268	14	268	14
2nd	Danny Alger	SMFS	0	0	260	8	260	8
3rd	Hank Megee	SMFS	0	0	194	2	194	2
SC	Olin Bare	SMTRAD	0	0	205	1	205	1
2nd	Terry Richard	SMTRAD	0	0	165	2	165	2
SC	Zach Stoner	YAMBHFS/F	0	0	98	0	98	0
SC	Cory Lynn Mullins	YFBHFS	0	0	212	3	212	3
SC	Donald Hickerson, Jr	YMBHFS	0	0	252	6	252	6
2nd	David Anderson	YMBHFS	0	0	230	3	230	3
SC	Hunter Carper	YMFS	0	0	250	6	250	5

VBA State Spring 3-D Classic Records

1995 to 2011

Style	Name	Year	1st Day	2nd Day	Aggregate
AMFS/R	Allen Painter	2009	280	288	568
AFFS/R	Karen Eppard	2005	282	282	564
AMFS/F	Bruce Biscoe	1996	259	248	507
AFFS/F	Darlene Frye	1995			384
AMBHFS/R	Ronald Layman	2007	276	274	550
AFBHFS/R	Kay Core	2007	245	249	494
AMBHFS/F	John Hull	1996	247	252	499
AFBHFS/F	Laura Burris	1997	221	198	419
AMBB/BH	Chris Willard	2005	264	250	514
AFBB/BH	Katy Carlson	2004	159	150	315
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2008	241	266	507
AFTRAD	Robin Vogel	2003	209	238	447
YAMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2009	276	282	558
YAFFS/R	Lindsay Lavenhar	2004	260	258	518
YAMFS/F	Patrick Vogel	2003	201	191	392
YAMBHFS/R	Josh Lohr	2005	266	266	532
YAMBHFS/F	Nathan Keller	1996	224	289	413
YAFBHFS/F	Kimberly Dobbins	2004	139	121	260
YMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2008	272	280	552
YFFS/R	Lauren Norris	2001	174	140	314
YMFS/F	Brent Stone	2002	135	143	278
YFFS/F	Sarah Lavenhar	2006	100	144	244
YMBHFS/R	Jesse Settle	2006	224	238	462
YFBHFS/R	Allison Sowers	2004	177	194	371
YMBHFS/F	Stephen Koch, Jr.	2001	231	220	451
YMBHFS/R	Michael Humphries	2008	252	253	505
YMBB/BH	Joshua Snow	2003	205	224	427
YFBB/BH	Charlotte Ernst	2003	129	128	257
YMTRAD	Patrick Vogel	2001	105	119	224
YFTRAD	Charlotte Ernst	2005	129	110	239
CMFS/R	Mark Gallimore	2003	276	250	526
CFFS/R	Brianna Branson	2007	256	246	502
CMFS/F	Justin Ernst	2003	216	241	457
CFFS/F	Jessica Nicole Cash	2005	185	174	359
CMBHFS/R	Landon Nester	2005	225	213	438
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	192	207	399
CMBHFS/F	Hunter Davis	2007	255	258	513
CMBB/BH	Alex Ernst	2003	126	175	301
CFBB/BH	Megan Musser	2008	95	43	138
CMTRAD	Justin Ernst	1999	161	156	317
PWMFS/F	Cody Moore	2000			257
PWMBHFS/R	Ethan Mullins	2009	222	237	459
PWMBHFS/F	Zachary Hurt	2009	147	149	296
PWFBHFS/F	Caitlin Willard	2010	60	123	183
PWMBB/BH	Steven Carlson	2003	207	212	419
PWFBB/BH	Nichole Willard	2008	105	101	206
PWMTRAD	Joe Blackwell	2006	131	124	255
	Ethan Mullins	2010	102	153	255 Tied
SMFS/R	Danny Alger	2010	255	237	492
SMBHFS/R	Billy Burkholder	2009	222	241	463
SMBHFS/F	Dallas Hoover	2010	211	205	416
SMTRAD	Terry Coghill	2010	194	187	381

No records in 2011

The vba State Open

Hosted by sherwood archers



The VBA State Open Overall Winners



VBA State Open 2011

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	John Mason	AMBB	AA	479	15	503	4	982	19
2nd	Chris Willard	AMBB	AA	468	16	506	10	974	28
3rd	Denny Cline	AMBB	AA	467	16	491	4	958	20
	Jimmy Blackmon	AMBB	AA	419	3	471	5	890	8
SC	Howard Faris	AMBH	AA	440	0	495	0	935	0
2nd	John Boyd	AMBH	AA	432	0	493	0	925	0
1st	Jeff McManus	AMBH	B	289	0	339	0	628	0
SC	Jeremy Dean	AMBHFS/R	AA	544	57	552	21	1096	78
2nd	Brad Baker	AMBHFS/R	AA	527	49	545	18	1072	67
3rd	Dean Carroll	AMBHFS/R	AA	525	33	546	18	1071	51
	Michael Hodges	AMBHFS/R	AA	489	27	530	12	1019	39
1st	Shawn Murphy	AMBHFS/R	A	497	27	540	16	1037	43
2nd	John Campbell	AMBHFS/R	A	502	27	532	12	1034	39
3rd	Harry Kibler	AMBHFS/R	A	497	24	522	13	1019	37
	Lloyd Overfelt	AMBHFS/R	A	0	0	527	10	527	10
1st	Ellis Mellott	AMBHFS/R	B	454	16	480	5	934	21
SC	Brad Baker, Jr.	AMFS/R	AA	555	72	565	29	1120	101*
2nd	Robert Fitzgerald	AMFS/R	AA	533	47	544	15	1077	62
3rd	David Greer	AMFS/R	AA	524	38	550	23	1074	61
	Bill McGuire	AMFS/R	AA	517	30	544	16	1061	46
1st	Craig Torres	AMFS/R	B	456	16	494	1	950	17
2nd	Roy Forehand	AMFS/R	B	453	8	472	2	925	10
SC	Michael Light	AMTRAD	AA	388	1	435	0	823	1
2nd	Allen Spangler	AMTRAD	AA	339	3	420	2	759	5
3rd	Troy Stoner	AMTRAD	AA	285	6	290	5	575	11
	Joe McManus	AMTRAD	AA	72	0	242	0	314	0
1st	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	B	296	5	321	3	617	8
2nd	Jeff Bell	AMTRAD	B	279	2	305	0	584	2
3rd	Jerry Jordan	AMTRAD	B	222	1	261	0	483	1
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	AA	463	0	490	0	953	0
SC	Jessica Tamlin	AFFS/R	AA	492	25	530	13	1022	38

Field Round Rank	Name	Style	Class	Animal/Hunter Round				Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
1st	Bertha Brugh	AFFS/R	A	461	11	525	10	986	21
SC	Jessica Stoner	AFTRAD	AA	306	7	398	3	704	10*
SC	Sebastian Torres	CMTRAD	A	277	4	374	2	651	6
2nd	Ben Torres	CMTRAD	A	84	0	204	0	288	0
1st	Ethan Mullins	CMTRAD	C	137	0	154	1	291	1
SC	Alexis Campbell	PWFTRAD		142	0	233	0	375	0*
SC	Danny Alger	SMFS/R		531	55	557	20	1088	75
2nd	Webb Babcock	SMFS/R		535	47	547	18	1082	65
3rd	Thomas N. Gallaher	SMFS/R		528	50	551	30	1079	80
	Jarrett Frame	SMFS/R		514	25	548	22	1062	47
	Larry Hill	SMFS/R		503	28	539	14	1042	42
	Jimmy Brugh	SMFS/R		476	17	522	7	998	24
	Fred Switzer	SMFS/R		477	18	516	16	993	34
	Hank McGee	SMFS/R		474	17	514	7	988	24
	Tom Wilhelm	SMFS/R		435	13	502	5	937	18
SC	Daryl Payne	SMTRAD		164	0	194	0	358	0
SC	Cory Mullins	YFBHFSR	B	382	5	447	3	829	8*
SC	Matthew Murphy	YMBHFS/R	A	472	12	514	11	986	23*
2nd	Nico Torres	YMBHFS/R	A	343	4	370	1	713	5
SC	Zach Stoner	YMTRAD	AA	241	4	249	0	490	4*

* New State Record



State Open Records 1976 to 2011

1996 = 5/3 targets at Open only

1976 & earlier = 5/3 targets

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)

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
AMFS/R	Brad Baker, Jr.	2011	555/72	277/29	288	1120/101
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
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 Stocksdales	1995				940
AMBB	Bradley Marshall	1992	495	245	278	1018
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
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2005	468/12	471/9		939/21
AFTRAD	Jennifer Stoner	2011	306/7	172/3	226	704/10
YAMFS/R	Jacob Hinkle	2003	531	267	280	1078
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
YAFBHFS/R	n/a					
YAMBHFS/F	Chris Willard	1992	432	233	272	937
YAFBHFS/F	n/a					
YAMBB	Daran Eastridge	1983				825
YAFBB	n/a					
YAMBH	Kendal Hall	1997	360/3	420/1		780
YAFBH	n/a					
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
YMBHFS/R	Matthew Murphy	2011	472/12	236/11	278	986/23
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2011	382/5	212/3	235	829/8
YMBHFS/F	Nick Willard	1992	420	213	238	871
YFBHFS/F	n/a					
YMBB	Victor Riggelman, Jr	1987	364	466		830
YFBB	Sara Lavenhar	2005	368/2	433/5		801/7

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
YMTRAD	Zach Stoner	2011	241/4	131/0	118	490/4
YFTRAD	n/a					
CMFS/R	Steven Lowe, Jr	1994				1103
CFFS/R	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	Cory Mullins	2008	473/16	480/3		953/19
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
CMBH	n/a					
CFBH	n/a					
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2010	320/2	359/1		688/3
CFTRAD	n/a					
PWMTRAD	Benjamin Torres	2009	365/5	408/1		773/6
PWFTRAD	Alexis Cambell	2011	142	65	168	376
SMFS/R	Barry Velarde	2002	547/51	555		1102
SFFS/R	Jan Lockwood	1992				1050
SMFS/F	Richard Merkel	1997	507/28	517/8		1024
SFFS/F	Bev Hunter	1995				723
SMBHFS/R	Bill Hurley	2010	527/31	549/18		1076/49
SFBHFS/R	n/s					
SMBHFS/F	Richard Merkel	1995				981
SFBHFS/R	Jane Mabe	1992				910
SMBB	Robert Walker	1994				1027
SFBBn/a						
SMTRAD	Richard Merkel	1998	366/0	379/2		745



Winnie and Wally would like you to try Glazed Venison Meatloaf

Winnie found this recipe in Native Indian Cookbook: Wild Game, Fish & Wild Edibles from the Lovesick Lake Native Women's Association. It is one of Wally's favorites and a great crowd pleaser!

2 lbs. ground venison

2 eggs

1 cup sour cream

¼ cup grated onion

1 cup dry Italian bread crumbs

1 tbsp. parsley

2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

½ tsp. salt

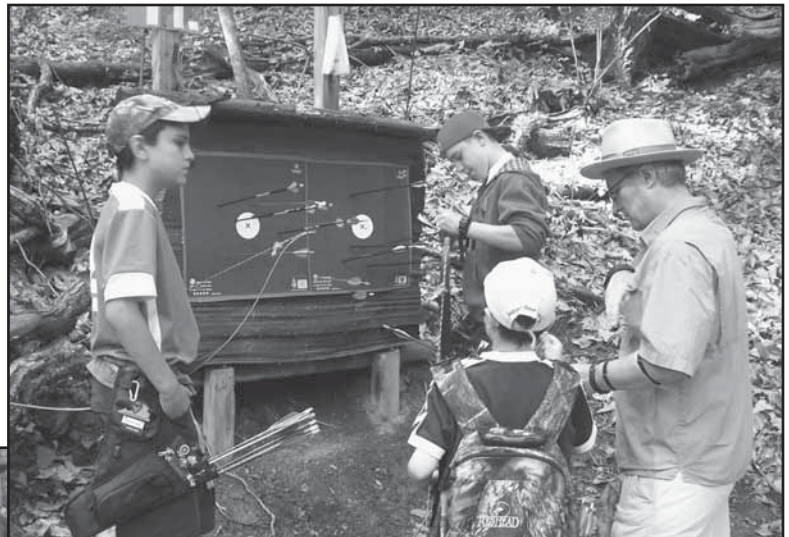
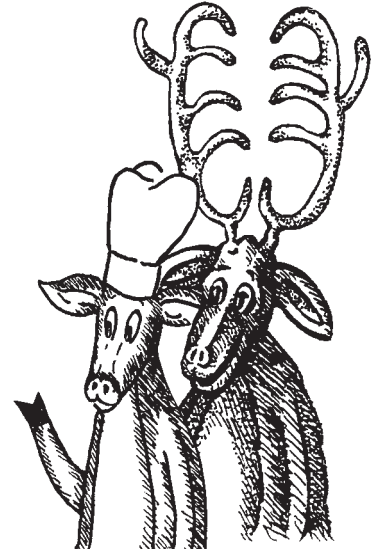
¼ tsp. pepper

½ cup tomato sauce

1 ½ tsp. corn syrup

1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce (for glaze)

Mix together first 7 ingredients and season with salt and pepper. Shape into a greased loaf pan and place in 350 degree oven for 50-55 minutes. Make sure the pan is a bit larger than your meatloaf. Mix together tomato sauce, syrup, and Worcestershire sauce and pour over loaf. Bake an addition 15 minutes.



FATE OR DESTINY

By

Clint Keller

Two Rivers Archery Club

I was contacted by Holly Wilfong, new Editor of *FLIGHT*, and asked to write an article for the next issue. Anyone who knows me more than a few minutes knows that request would not be difficult as I have many stories. The problem I had was what to write about. I decided to wait a few days and give it some thought, feeling the topic would come to me and the words would flow. It did not take long before I had my topic.

I have been asked several times this week what brought me to the archery club. I have been a member of Two Rivers Archery Club for just over a year. I have the normal story in short version that I give of how I came to join T.R.A.C. The, I have been a bow hunter and living in town I cannot practice, I saw the sign and called the number and here I am story. But my story started way before any of these events.

I have been told that my passion for the outdoors; hunting, fishing, boating, hiking, camping and anything outdoors, started the day I was brought home from the hospital and my Dad held me up to see a whitetail mount he had taken a few years before my birth. Dad had me fishing and hunting as soon as I could sit beside him and hold a fishing pole. Dad was my mentor to hunting and fishing. My Mom was a regular with us on our fishing trips and has always been supportive of my adventures.

I joined the scouts and went through Cubs to Boy Scouts earning my Eagle with my family support. I learned a lot about the outdoors and more respect for the resources it gives us. During this period I got a patch from one of our leaders I thought was really cool, a red, round patch, with a bow and arrow and two rivers. I probably still have it stashed away with memories past. I don't recall the circumstances of getting it, but I remember the patch.

Through the Boy Scouts I introduced my parents to members of a local conservation club, The Warren County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, where we had camped out one weekend. My parents joined the club and were active for years. During this period we met a couple who were involved in archery, Dutch and Mertie Shultz. I recall telling my Mom and Dad I would like to try bow hunting, having had the chance to try it in Boy Scout Camp at about age 12 or 13. Well it was not long before I was with my Mom at Dutch Shultz's house being measured for my first bow.

I remember how excited I was, like a kid on Christmas morning. My first bow? A York Trophy II compound bow, which still hangs on my garage wall. I practiced every chance I had with a bail of straw in the back yard. I had no sights, no string silencers, no release, nothing, just a finger tab. The homemade camo paint job on it was done with the help of my then girlfriend and now wife of 25 years. This is a piece of hunting equipment I will probably never carry to the woods again, but will always hold many memories of years past. Appropriately, I took my first archery deer with that bow at the Izaak Walton League Park in Warren County where all these roads had led me. My first archery deer? It was a doe, but it could have been a 180 P&Y and I would not have been more excited! As any bow hunter will tell you, anything with bow and arrow is a trophy.

Due to time constraints, injuries and other directions my life had taken me, I sat my bow down for several years. After a black bear hunt in Maine, I decided I wanted to take my hunting to the next level, I wanted an archery bear. Upon my return, my wife and I discussed it and I soon had a new bow which the following season took down my first archery bear in Maine.

My trouble of finding a suitable place to practice was very challenging. After years my wife and I finally took a ride about ten minutes from our house to a place I had been seeing archery targets set up. The bar across the drive was closed but a phone number was displayed on the barrier. After a phone call and an application I became a member of Two Rivers Archery Club. I joined the club to have a place to practice for the hunting season, like most bow hunters.

At a meeting the members were discussing State shoots, Annuals, coon shoots, field hunter, spots, terms I had no clue about. One thing that jumped out at me was that they discussed the upcoming Dutch and Mertie Shoot. That drew my attention and I think my first comment during a meeting. I asked if this was Dutch and Mertie Shultz and that started the stories of times when the club first was started. I had no idea how honored I should have been to know the real history of the man who led me, a young boy, into his living room filled with bows, arrows and archery paraphernalia and fitted me for my "first" bow!

I was introduced to the world of club archery by Maxie and Joyce Cameron, Rob Pecora, and Terry Ballowe, who spent a lot of time telling me the stories of the VBA shoots, the history of T.R.A.C. and the fun that you have with the people you meet. One statement they said that will stick with me forever, "Archery is the only sport that the person you are competing against will do their best to help you beat them".

After my first walk along I shot the last weekend shoot for T.R.A.C. in 2010, a 3-D shoot on Saturday and an Field/Hunter on Sunday. I was hooked! No longer did I just want to shoot my bow to be a better bowhunter, I wanted to become an archer, the best I could be at my sport. I hope one day to reach that goal and maybe have someone refer to me as not just a bowhunter, but an archer.

I shot this past winter season indoors with my fellow T.R.A.C. members at Massanutten Archery Club. I think this was my first real lesson in becoming an archer. I soon became an associate member of that club and have progressed in my continued shooting. I have learned a lot since becoming an archery club member, but have barely scratched the surface from transforming from a bowhunter to an archer.

Today, I sat at the table of a local favorite restaurant treating my wife and Mom to Mother's Day dinner and was talking about a shoot I was involved in the day prior. Our eldest daughter who has grown up, graduated college and is out on her own, now knows

the real world joys of working Sunday's and holidays was unable to be there, but our youngest daughter, who is 19 and home from her second year of college was with us. My daughter started asking questions about archery and our shoots and is planning to attend our next shoot along with my wife to see what it is all about.

Like me, maybe you are never too old to try new things. We may have a new member to archery after next weekend, maybe a future State or National Champion, or just another person who enjoys the art of archery, we'll have to see.

Now I guess you can see why I have a short story on how I became a member of an archery club. In short, looking at how I started out, the support system I have had, the contacts I made and how it came full circle back to Two Rivers Archery, I just wonder myself, what took so long?

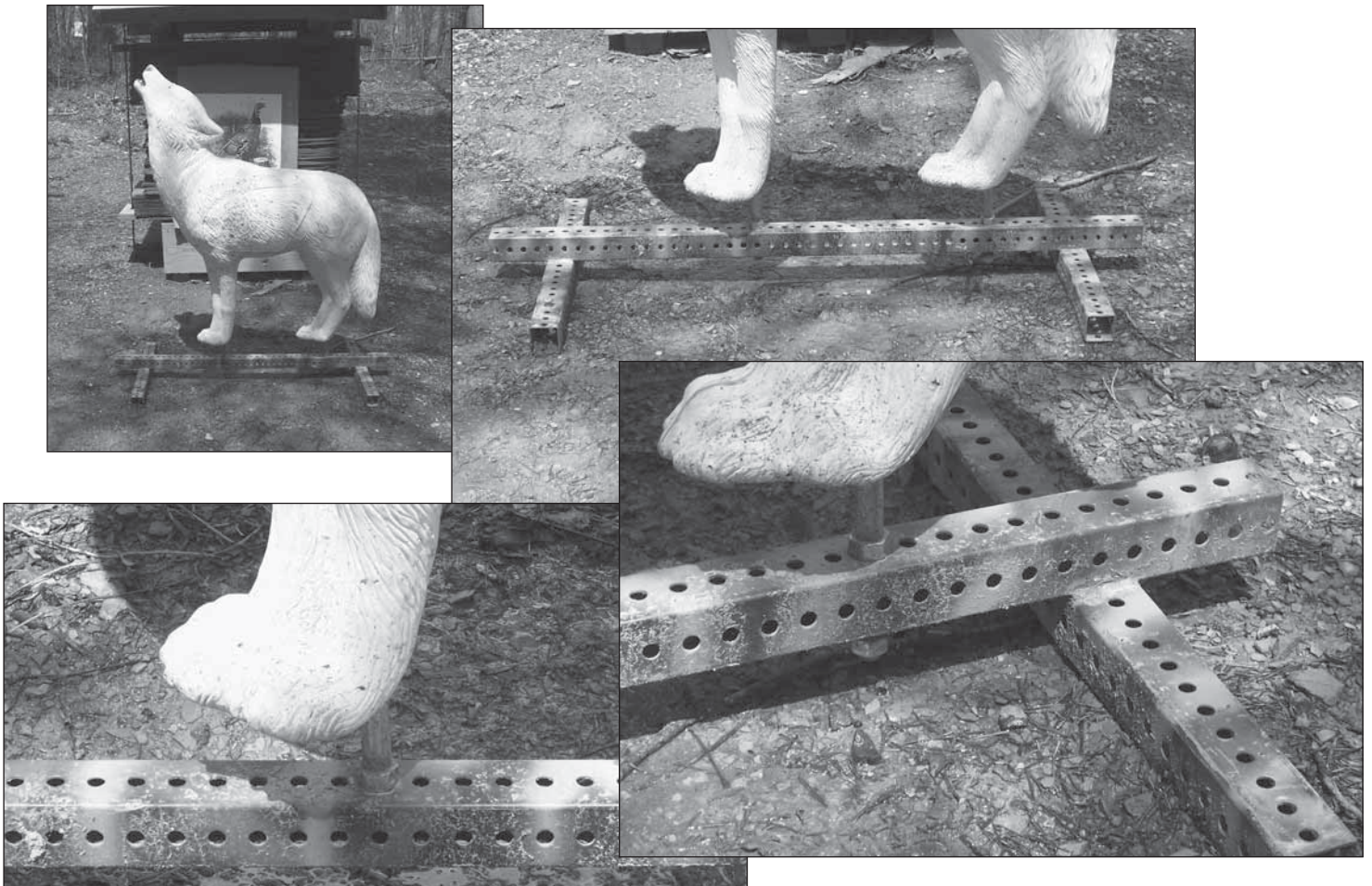
So if you ask me what my story is on how I came to be a club member and I just say it was fate or destiny, I hope you will understand. 🐾

Idea Corner

FLIGHT is always looking for useful ideas. Please send yours (with photos if applicable!) to the *FLIGHT* editor so they can shared with the other clubs. After all, imitation is the most sincere form of flattery.....

Sherwood Archers has an interesting way to entice volunteers. They have a procedure that each time an individual completes 8 hours of work (can be spread over several days) his/her name is put in a pot and at the end of the year one name is drawn from the pot for \$50. Money might be a problem for smaller clubs, so an award might be free shoots, a reserved parking slot under the largest shade tree, etc....

Tired of banging metal rods into hard ground so they can hold your 3D targets? Equally tired of trying to get the darn rods back out of the ground? If so, all you need is a patch of level ground and a target mounting system like the one used for the 2011 Spring 3-D at Augusta Archers. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so on this page are four thousand words of what the system looks like and how to assemble it. 🐾



Sarah Fetchitt Benefit

We as archers know the depth of generosity that runs through the archery community. On May 14th and 15th this was again exemplified at the Sarah Fetchitt Benefit Shoot, held at Augusta Archers. Sarah was diagnosed at the end of 2010 with leukemia, she is 11 years old. A few months before her diagnosis the VBA held the St. Jude's benefit shoot at both Augusta and Sherwood. Sarah's dad Josh was one of the many people who donated their services to be auctioned off at the event. He is a boat captain on the James River and donated a 4-person trip. Josh is an amazing captain and a great guy that many of the members of Augusta Archers have fished with, including Dane Hanger. Dane secured the donation from Josh for the St. Jude shoot.



In light of Sarah's diagnosis, Dane and Augusta Archers decided to hold a benefit shoot for her and her family. It was an easy decision to give back to someone who had given so much. Dane coordinated the shoot and began securing donations almost immediately. Augusta Archer's members worked on getting donations for a tag board, raffle prizes and a silent auction. Member Ray Miller cooked brisket and BBQ for the event. Deck Miller from shootarchery.com also was instrumental in getting the word out about the benefit shoot and Sarah.

On May 14th & 15th Augusta Archers hosted over 150 shooters from Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and as far away as

Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Over 30 businesses and individuals donated items including: house wares, coupons, original artwork, archery accessories and bows. The out pouring of support and generosity was overwhelming. Sarah even made the trip on Sunday to visit the event, after receiving chemotherapy on Friday. Her smile lit up the room. She is a beautiful girl with an amazing spirit. While she was there, Dane even taught her how to shoot a bow. In the end, Augusta Archers and the archery community raised over \$7,000. for Sarah and her family.

We at Augusta Archers would like to thank everyone who donated, attended, and made this shoot such a success. Thank you to the VBA members and clubs who supported and sent donations for Sarah. Thank you to our members who worked the event, collected and gave donations, and supported Sarah. A special thanks to Dane Hanger who coordinated the event, Ray Miller who cooked, and to Marci and Rob from The Huntin' Shack. Marci was there the entire weekend and donated her professional photography skills and they supplied us with a huge amount of raffle and auction items.

From Sarah, her family, and Augusta Archers: THANK YOU to everyone for their generosity, support, and prayers. Please keep Sarah in your hearts and prayers. 🙏



2011 VBA State Closed Championship

September 3 & 4, 2011



will be hosted by

TWO RIVERS ARCHERY CLUB

FRONT ROYAL, VA



Registration Friday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
and Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

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

LOTS OF EVENTS ON SATURDAY

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

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO:

Rob Pecora 540.364.3936
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or may email
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Raffle prizes will be drawn on Sunday
following awards ceremony.

MOTELS

Hampton Inn 540.635.1882
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Primitive Camping at Range



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/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.

Mail Registration to: Joyce Cameron, 3313 Harmony Hollow Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630

A Spring Bear Hunt

By Ted Schnurr

VBA - Belvoir Bowhunters Member



If you have never tried it, you really should give Spring bear hunting a try. I, along with three deer hunting buddies from IL went bow hunting for black bear in Northern Alberta, Canada during the second week of May. Later in the week, 3 rifle hunters from Texas joined our camp. We passed up numerous bears because we were inexperienced at field judging these bruins. After we took several videos and still pictures, our guides gave us the green light to start shooting! The 4 of us using archery gear harvested 4 bear over the next 2 days, (3 black colored, black bear and one 'chocolate' color phase, black bear). The 7 hunters harvested 10 bear during the week. My chocolate bear was the only color phase taken by our group, it squared a little over 5 1/2 feet, it was not weighed. With our first year under our belts, we learned a lot and plan on returning next spring.

The biggest lesson we learned is: spring bear hunting is probably the best way to introduce new hunters (archery or gun) to our sport. The weather conditions are for the most part mild, the shots are relatively short and bear can be very forgiving on movement from a hunter. For this reason, my group of 4 'experienced' archers will be joined next year by one's girlfriend, another one's wife (both first time bow hunters), plus a 72 year 'young' grandmother that will try her luck with a rifle. In my opinion, the odds for these beginner archers are much better pursuing bear than deer or turkey for their first hunt. With hard work and a little luck maybe I'll be fortunate enough to present a follow up success story in the VBA *FLIGHT* next year!! God Bless and best afield. 🙏



This is Tyler Miller in his FIRST archery shoot. He is Jerry and Debbie Jordan's grandson and is just awesome in his natural instinct shooting.

He shoots recurve and his hunting bow. In this picture we were shooting 3-D so he had to use his hunting bow (LOL). But when he shoots recurve (A bow Paul Vogel set him up with) he is accurate and takes archery very serious. Shooting his bow is our after school pastime. Ty is 7-years-old in the 2nd grade and a honor roll student. Archery has been a passion of his since he was 4-years-old. Thank goodness it wasn't a phase. Our kids are our future and we have had the honor of adding two more kids to our archers. The Rice Family.

Jerry and Debbie
Buggs Island Archers 

AGENDA ITEMS

The following agenda items were 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. RESULT: Passed.

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. RESULT: Passed.

ITEM: Change Constitution and Bylaws to allow Peewees to get awards in their own VBA shooting styles for all state shoots. EFFECTIVE: Immediately. RESULT: Passed.

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. RESULT: Passed.

ITEM: Bylaws Art. 15, Sect. 2, Para. D, page 8: Add at end," for Indoor, Field, Hunter, and paper animals." EFFECTIVE: Immediately. RESULT: Passed.

ITEM: Establish a 65 and older Master Seniors Class with no breakdown on classes, but a breakdown on styles. EFFECTIVE: Jan. 2012. RESULT: Passed.

The following agenda item will be voted on at the Sep. 2011 meeting:

ITEM: The VBA should increase the fees for a regular Field/Hunter shoot to \$10.00 per round.

JUSTIFICATION: The fee has not been increased for a long time and the cost for the target butt materials has increased many times. If you have to replace many in one year, it exceeds the income for the shoots. This does not include the cost of the targets and the other expenses of a range. If not increased, it may force more clubs to cut their ranges to 14 targets, instead of 28. EFFECTIVE: Jan. 2012.

OGF News

By
Dave Burpee

Good news. All Order of the Golden Feather members now receive *FLIGHT* magazine, either through membership with a club or direct from the VBA. This development allows the VBA to reach OGF members four times a year with news and items of interest to the group. If someone knows an OGF member who is not receiving *FLIGHT*, please let me know using the contact information below.

Heading the list of news is that the VBA has a new stock of OGF pins. We finally exhausted the original order and now have on hand a gold feather that features a new design. We tried to replicate the old design but the original manufacturer is no longer in business and the percent of gold in the original made an exact reproduction price prohibitive. The new design was approved by a group of OGF members and is made so that it can be used as a lapel pin or tie tack. OGF members who would like one of the new pins should contact me at 703-913-0508 or at 7433 Spring Tree Drive, Springfield, VA 22153 to make arrangements. Cost is \$10 plus shipping.

The next meeting of the OGF is Sept. 18 at the Holiday Inn Hotel located at Exit 247A off I-81 in Harrisonburg. We will meet immediately after the VBA meeting and will vote on persons nominated by VBA to be OGF members. The short meeting will be followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Another item of interest is that there is an initiative to update a photo album of OGF members. We have photos for a majority of the members, but there are several active and deceased members who do not have photos in the album. The photos can be as large as 4" high by 6" wide. Other people can be in the photo as long as a note accompanies pointing out the OGF member. Please check your files and/or talk with others to help us obtain photos for the following individuals: (Active Members) W.R. Dillow Jr, Mark Lohr, (Deceased Members) Harry Bunting, Robert Monteith, Norman Ashburn, Blonnie Bailey, James Caldwell, Ralph Stevens, Stewart Bradford, Virginia Dillow, Walter Dillow Sr., Robert Day.

In addition, the OGF is updating the membership roster to include the club a member belonged to at the time he/she was inducted. This list will be printed in *FLIGHT* when completed.



Augusta Archers

Annual All Deer Shoot

Sat. Sept 17th 8am – 2pm & Sun. Sept 18th 9am – 2pm

\$10.00 to shoot

Big Game Dinner Saturday, Sept 17th starting at 5:30 pm

Dinner to benefit Roger Zirkle who is a long time Augusta Archers member. Please bring a dish to share and a donation. Roger has been an active member of Augusta Archers for over 25 years. He has done and still does so much for our club and for his community. Roger always has a smile and a kind word. He has always supported Augusta Archers and we want to support him. Please come and join us in recognizing an amazing man and archer.

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Gun season runs September 1st to
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our season to January 4th to March
15th due to the hunting being more
productive during this time.



NEW RIVER BOWHUNTERS

FRIES, VIRGINIA

19TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK 3-D TOURNAMENT



**Virginia Bowhunters Association
Galax Elks Lodge
Wal Mart Of Galax**

JULY 30TH & 31ST

**Cost: Adults \$15.00 per day or \$25.00 for both days, Cubs \$5.00, Under 7 Free
Family rates**

Money classes \$25.00 per day 60% payback.

30 McKenzie targets

**Sign ups: Saturday 8 till 2, Sunday 8 till 1
Shoot both days and use best score.**

Camping on the river – Dinner Saturday night 6:30

Auction Sunday afternoon – Novelty shoots both days

Coon shoot Saturday night at dark.

Elks Lodge members are encouraged to attend.

Food served on the range

**Proceeds from this event will be distributed to the Children's Miracle Network and the
Galax Elks Lodge Youth Program**

***At this time the Carrico bridge is being replaced and anyone coming to this event will need
to go through Fries, Independence, or Fort Chiswell to get to the club.***

Contacts:

Lloyd Overfelt 276 236 3639, 276 233 3829, Larry Bouchard: 276 233 0641

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- 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

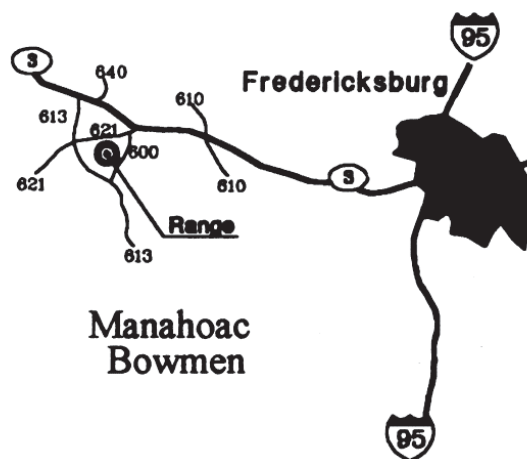
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Pre-registration form (must be received by Wednesday, August 10)

VBA 3-D Classic Registration

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\$40 max per family

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

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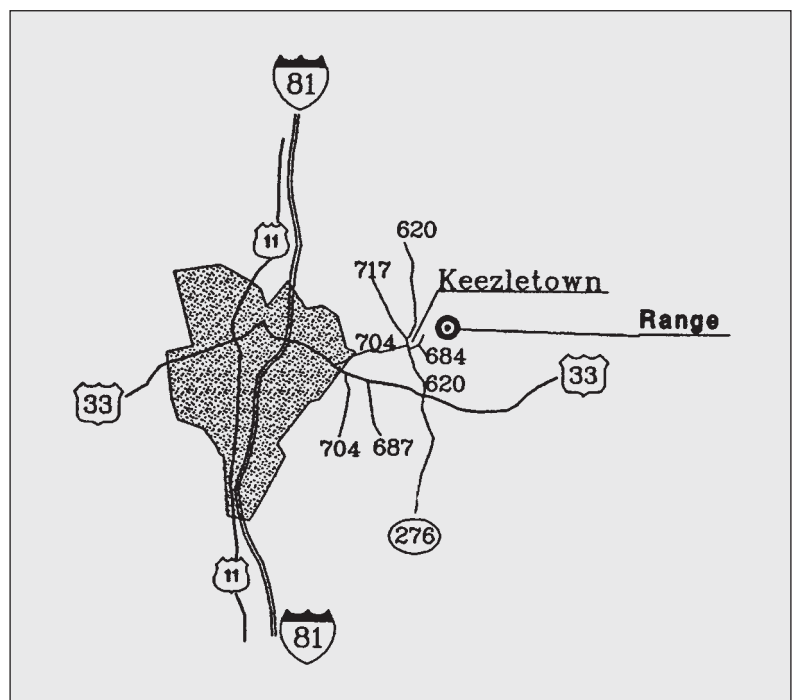
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2011 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

September 17 (Scheduling Session and 18 (Meeting)

State Tournaments

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

2012 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

January 7 – 8

March 17 (Banquet) and 18 (Meeting)

June 9 – 10 (Meeting)

September 15 (Scheduling Session) and 16 (Meeting)

State Tournaments

State Indoor Sectional: February 25 – 26

Spring 3D Classic: April 14 – 15

State Open: May 26 – 27

Fall 3D Classic: August 11 – 12

State Closed: September 1 – 2



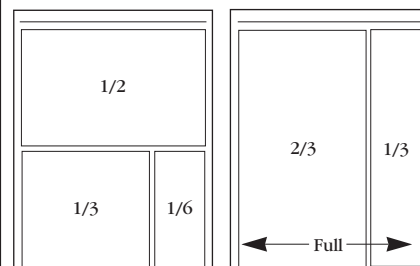
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