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FLIGHT Deadline
The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be March 25, 2013. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your magazine and we encourage your contributions!

From the President

Another hunting season is over and I hope all of you were successful in your hunts. Now it is time to gear up for the upcoming tournament season. Many of you are, or have been, shooting indoors this winter in leagues or open shoots. If not, I urge you to give it a try. There are many indoor places to shoot and it is a great way to make new archery friends, work on your shooting form, and of course, get lots of free advice. Do not forget to attend the State Indoor Tournament this year. It is a sectional tournament held at several locations throughout the state, to reduce your travel expenses.

Speaking of state tournaments, I am again this year urging you to attend these shoots. The number of shooters was up at the beginning of last year but fell off by the State Closed. I want to remind you that the hosting clubs do a lot of work to both get ready for these shoots and to stage them. This year, let us all show our support by attending as many as possible. Also, this year, Singers Glen is hosting the State Open for the first time. They did an excellent job with the Spring 3D classic last year and have been working hard to put in their second 14 target range this past year. Since most of us have never shot this range, it should be both a great experience and a challenge for all.

While I am on the subject of attendance, the VBA Banquet is coming up in March. Clint Keller and the Bowhunting Committee have been doing a lot of work to ensure that this year's banquet will be the best banquet to date. We have a top notch speaker lined up and are working on a lot of door prizes and raffles. The food has been great in past years. Space is, however, limited and tickets must be paid for in advance, so I urge you to sign up early and join us for a great evening.

Now on to a more serious subject - the VBA again this past year lost money. This was not as bad as the previous year's loss and we are not in financial trouble at this time, but we should be concerned. We do not want or need to increase dues now, but we do need to increase income and reduce costs. The best way to increase our income is through increased membership and participation at shoots. Remember that one dollar goes to the VBA for each person's participation in all shoots on the schedule card except annuals. Most clubs are trying to increase membership. I believe that you, the individual member, can have the greatest role in helping to increase membership just by asking a friend to come with you to a shoot or club function, introducing him or her to organized archery, and urging your friend to join a club. This is not a difficult thing to do and it can have a huge impact on our organization.

One last note - I have often heard people say, "What does the VBA do for me?" There have been many articles written to address what the VBA stands for and has done in the past. However, I believe that the VBA only exists because of you, the individual archer. This is your organization, not someone else's. All the officers, delegates, and club officers donate their time to help run this organization. You will only get out of it what you and others are willing to put into it. Attend your local club meetings, voice your opinions, volunteer your time, come out to local and state shoots, attend a VBA quarterly meeting, and you will learn what the VBA is all about and that you, the individual archer, can make a huge difference.

Rob Pecora, President 

From the Executive Vice President

Well another year has come and gone and thanks goes to the main man above for letting me make it to 2013. There was a lot going on last year between work, family and archery. Most of the past year went so fast I don't remember it. That could have something to do with my age. The year in archery started out just so-so with the way I shot at the indoors, but at the VBA banquet in March I came away with a brand new PSE bow that I won. This year's banquet has all of the makings of a great time with TV hunting show host Hal Shaffer scheduled to make an appearance, great door prizes, and tournament achievement and big hunting awards to be given out. Hope to see you March 23 at the banquet this year at the Keezletown Ruritan Club just a few minutes from Harrisonburg.

Also, don't forget about the VBA State Indoor Sectionals being held at Belvoir/Kingsboro/Singers Glen/Sherwood archery clubs Feb 23&24. I hope to see a record number of shooters this year. The VBA 3-D Spring Classic is being held at Singers Glen Bowbenders again this year, and I hope to be there myself.

Note that the Virginia State House and Senate have several new hunting bills they are considering this winter, several of them regarding Sunday hunting in one form or another. Please go to the VGDIF website and read these bills and voice your opinion to your state Senator or Representative. If you don't tell them what you think about a proposed bill, all they have to go by are their own opinions. What you think can make a difference, so speak up.

Now, as the Flight Editor I need you to help me do my job. I need hunting photos and articles for the next issue of the *Flight* about your successes and failures during the past hunting season. Please send them to vbaflight@yahoo.com

Terry Ballowe Exec.VP 

From the Field Vice President

It is time to look at your schedule card and get your archery equipment out. Make plans to support your club along with the other VBA clubs. Every club in the state does a lot of work to make it possible for you to compete. We know it's hard and not getting easier, not only for the people but also for the clubs as a whole. Make sure you ask your officers if it's anything you can do. It takes everyone to make it possible.

We would like to see some pictures and stories of some unusual and freak shots. Don't forget to get your Perfect Animal, 500, and Robin Hood Awards. The Double and Triple Crown Awards have been tallied and are ready for the Awards Banquet on March 23rd.

I would like to thank Robert Bourdage of Cub Run for being my assistant for 2013 and 2014. You can contact Robert for information or questions on the State Championship Events at rjbourdage@comcast.net. I will also be available at blackwater_bowhunters@yahoo.com.

Have fun and be safe.

Aubrey T. Self 

From the Publicity Director

Another year is upon us and its moving fast! I know a lot of you are winding down from the past hunting season, cleaning your gear and vehicles, and now switching over and fine tuning your bow for the upcoming indoor shoots. Those of you who had the opportunity to get into the woods to harvest your first deer, bear and/or turkey, or were lucky enough to harvest more than one, congratulations to each of you! Please don't forget to get your application(s) in for the VBA Game Awards to Marie no later than March 1st. Also, Terry and I welcome your pictures and/or stories. Don't forget the upcoming Eighteenth Annual Awards Banquet on March 23rd. This is your banquet! Details have already been sent out, in *FLIGHT* and the website.

Many clubs have already started their indoor and 3-D shoots. The 2013 VBA State Indoor Sectional will be hosted by Belvoir Bowhunters, Kingsboro Bowmen, Singers Glen and Sherwood Archers. Please take advantage of using the newly re-designed VBA website to find information about our clubs, contacts, locations/maps and other details.

At the January VBA quarterly meeting (and in Rob's Fall article in the *FLIGHT*) we once again discussed ways on how we can reach out to the public to let them know about our organization and our clubs. The VBA has a display prop that is used when I attend various sportsmen shows. The Bowhunters of Rockingham also use this prop when they go to the annual Western Big Game show. Any club is welcome to use the prop, just let me know when you need it.

In conclusion, I'm only one, and there are many of you. Ideas and suggestions are helpful, so send them to us so we can put them to use!

Keep those arrows flying - Irene 

AGENDA ITEMS

- (5) Amend "Shooting Styles "Sect.7." "Traditional" style for adult women ,by adding and men. Effective Jan.2013. **Tied, Motion is lost.**
- (6) Shooting Styles, Pg. 11, Sect, #11, Change to read; Traditional style for women is to shoot 30 yds. maximum, in all hunter, field and animal VBA rounds. On all targets 30yds. and less, the adult stake will be used. Effective, Jan.2013. **Passed**
- (7) Shooting Styles, Pg. 11, Sect. 7, add #13 to read: Traditional style for men is to shoot 50 yds. maximum in all hunter, field and animal VBA rounds. All targets, 50 yds. and less, the adult stakes will be used. Effective Jan. 3. **Tabled**
- (8) Remove Art. 15, Sect.1, Para. J. Line 3, from By-laws, doing away with the unit rule. Effective, Jan. 2013. **Failed**
- (9) Change Art. 4, Sect. 1, of the Constitution, last sentence to read" each club would acquire votes based on their previous year membership as follows: 1-100 =1 vote, 101-200=2 votes, 201-300=votes, 301-400=4 votes,and 401-500=5 votes. Effective immediately. **Failed**
- Standing Rules Voted on at January Meeting:**
- (1) Amend Standing Rule #18, Pg. 14, to include, using the Virginia Scoring System. Effective, Jan. 13, 2013. **Passed by a show of hands.**
- (2) Standing Rule, Pg. 14, #18: Awards for big game awards is for game taken up to end of regular season. Game taken during urban season, if after regular season, will be awarded at following banquet. Effective Jan. 13, 2013. **Passed by a show of hands.**

From the NBEF/IBEP Director

This year starts my 4th year as the IBEP Coordinator for the VBA. Looking back, the program has certainly prospered and grown under the sponsorship of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. That having been said, there is lots to be done. While a bowhunter in the Northern Virginia area where I live certainly has an abundance of locations and dates for IBEP classes. The same can't be said for the entire Commonwealth. There are still areas where a bowhunter who needs the class before going on a hunt of a lifetime to an area where IBEP is required has to travel a long distance to take the course. I believe that is our biggest challenge - getting more IBEP instructors certified so that any bowhunter can find classes conveniently located anywhere in Virginia.

So how do we accomplish that? We solve it ourselves. As one of three Master IBEP instructors in Virginia, I'm certified to teach and certify IBEP instructors. I'm willing to travel to teach instructor's courses, but I need help. First - and most importantly - our VBA affiliate clubs have to help me find experienced, dedicated bowhunters who love the sport enough to give back to others who are just beginning. I have discussed what it takes to become an IBEP instructor in previous articles: 1) You need to be a dedicated bowhunter at least 21 years of age with five or more years of bowhunting experience; 2) You must have taken and passed the IBEP course - preferably within the last 5 years so you are familiar with the content and structure of the course; 3) You must qualify to be a VDGIF volunteer instructor. You must be at least eighteen years of age and of good character (references are required and will be checked) and you must consent to a background check. You must have passed the Virginia Basic Hunter Safety Instructor Course. Once we identify bowhunters who want to be Hunter Safety/IBEP instructors, I also need our VBA affiliated clubs to sponsor classes by allowing me to use their clubhouse and range for a day to hold the class.

A great example of a club who followed this path successfully is the Prince William County Archers. John Maher found a core team of dedicated bowhunters in his club, got club sponsorship, and asked me to hold an IBEP instructor's class there last March. Upon completion, John worked throughout the summer to get all of his instructors through the VDGIF Basic Hunter Safety Course. Until that happened, John and his team assisted me in teaching the IBEP classes at Fort Belvoir so they got platform time and gained experience. Today, John's dedication has grown into a model program that offers both Hunter Safety and IBEP classes to hunters/bowhunters in Prince William County and the surrounding area.

This is a topic I'll bring up with your club representatives at our January VBA meeting. I truly hope it will result in more IBEP instructors and classes being offered in your local club area.

Safe Hunting!

Bob 

Congratulations Lloyd Overfelt

**Lloyd has been nominated and accepted to
The Order Of The Golden Feather
This a great honor and shows his love of archery
and the VBA. We thank Lloyd for all of his hard
work and support of the VBA over the years.**

What Is Wrong With The National Forest Deer Herd?

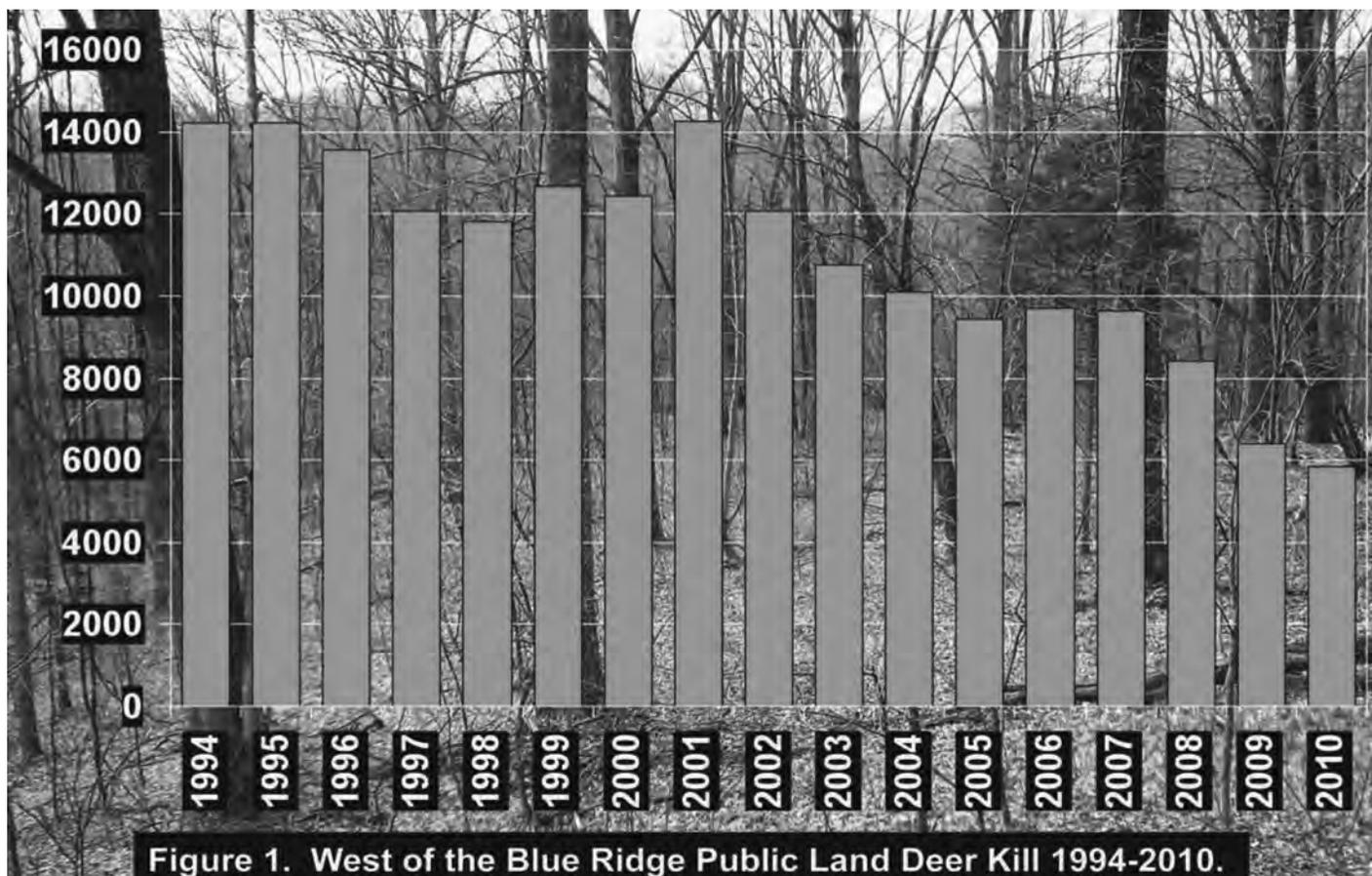


Figure 1. West of the Blue Ridge Public Land Deer Kill 1994-2010.

Part 1. Habitat?

The simple answer is, I do not know. It depends on whom you talk to. Some deer hunters swear that the Department has nearly eradicated deer from the National Forest, and yet other deer hunters talk of seeing plenty of deer in the National Forest. In defense of the first group, the Department's deer kill data has demonstrated a significant decline in National Forests. Since the mid 1990's, the Department has documented a 50-60% decline in the total deer kill on public lands west of the Blue Ridge (Figure 1). Fall 2009 and fall 2010, were the worst years yet, but almost half of the deer kill decline between 2008 and 2009/10 can be attributed to regulation changes that were designed (and worked)

to significantly reduce the female deer kill on National Forest lands.

Staff believes that there are a number of factors involved in this public land deer kill decline including, but not limited to: Declining deer habitat quality on National Forest lands, declining public land deer hunter numbers (and therefore pressure), predators, and liberal either-sex deer hunting day regulations enacted on adjacent private lands over the past decade. This article will address the habitat issue, while future articles will address the other possible National Forest deer management issues.

In the October 2, 2009, issue of the *Roanoke Times*, I was quoted as saying that the National Forest was terrible deer habitat. I have been interviewed and written about the National Forest deer man-

agement situation literally hundreds of times over the past 18 years. I have commonly used terms like suboptimal, marginal, or even poor, to generally describe deer habitat conditions in the National Forest. Because I do appreciate the many confounding issues associated with deer status on National Forest lands and the U. S. Forest Service's ability to implement timber management practices, "terrible" was too strong a word as this comment could be construed as a criticism of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). It was not, but I immediately wrote a letter apologizing to the USFS.

National Forest lands are generally poor deer habitat, and so are many of the heavily forested WMAs the Department owns and manages in western Virginia. It is not a deer management secret that large

contiguous blocks of mature hardwoods are not good deer habitat. However, they are beautiful.

I have told this story 1,000 times, but when I first came to Virginia, I took a day long driving tour of the National Forest lands in western Rockingham County with several local deer hunters. At the end of the day, my guides turned to me and announced, "See, Matt, there are no deer in the National Forest!" I nodded in agreement and asked, "Why should there be? There is not much deer habitat."

I set up a scenario for them: If I put you in the middle of the forest and give you a paper bag and a compass with a bearing to walk, how far would you have to walk to find two to four pounds of green food less than four or five feet from the ground that was not laurel or rhododendron? Keep in mind that, on average, a deer requires 2-4% of its body weight in forage daily. They didn't have to answer. We all knew the answer. They might have walked to West Virginia.

As I recall, we had driven about six hours in late winter and had not seen

many, if any, deer. For hours on end we had toured an endless expanse of mature forest that I will over generalize and call oak-hickory. During this tour, I was shown several old clear cuts that were five to 10 years old, which would now be about 25-30 years old.

I frequently get requests from disgruntled public land deer hunters to repeat this tour across many areas in western Virginia. I always decline. The only thing that has changed is that both the National Forest habitat and myself are now about 20 years older.

Deer habitat is pretty simple. By far the most important factor is the soil. Again, I over generalize, but good dirt equals good deer (think Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, etc.) and poor dirt means poor deer (think the lower coastal plain of Florida and Georgia). Virginia's western mountain soils along the ridges – where the public lands are found - are thin, rocky, and generally poor. Soils found in the private lands along the valleys are considerably better.

The next most important habitat fac-

tor is interspersed. Interspersed is just a fancy word for a mixture of different habitat types with lots of edge between. Think of a quilt or a checkerboard. The concept of interspersed is critical to understanding deer habitat and the National Forest habitat situation. I had a professor at Georgia, who taught me the best way to teach the concept of interspersed or edge. Imagine a rabbit. This rabbit requires two things to live: Clover to eat and briars to hide in from the fox and the owl. Now imagine all 40,000 square miles of Virginia is half clover and half briars, split exactly down the middle. Where will you find rabbits? Interspersed of habitat types is a key.

The same general relationship holds for deer. As a general rule, the more open land and forested habitats are interspersed, the better the deer habitat. In the mid 1990s, I was shown a satellite land cover map of Virginia that I fell in love with. I immediately got one for every biologist and region in the state. It was a deer habitat interspersed map. The map was a perfect tool!



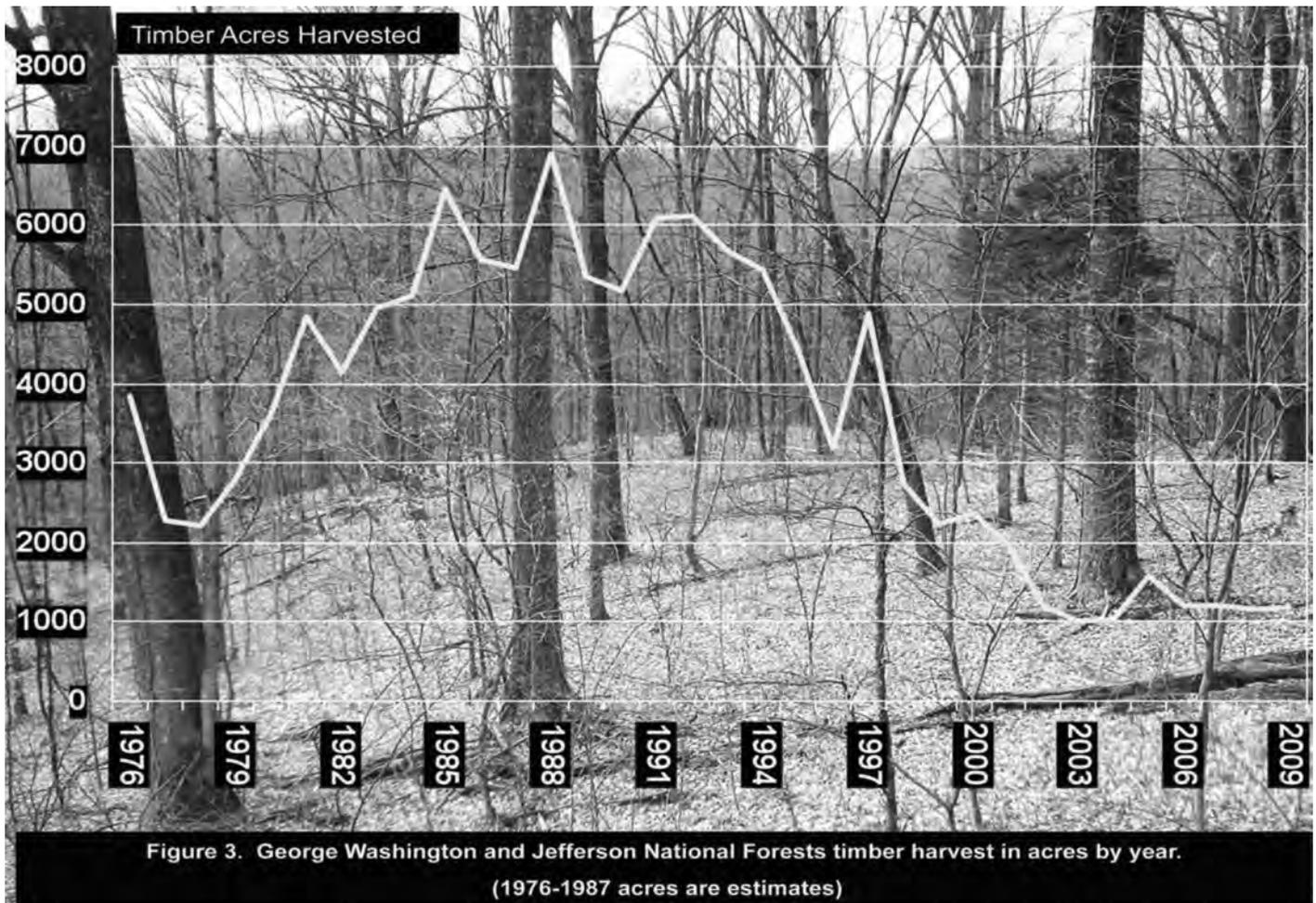


Figure 3. George Washington and Jefferson National Forests timber harvest in acres by year. (1976-1987 acres are estimates)

I have used the rabbit analogy and satellite habitat map in nearly every deer presentation I have ever given in Virginia, but now there is a better way. It is called Google Earth. It is one of the best deer habitat teaching tools I have ever seen.

Figure 2 is a photo from Google Earth of most of Rockingham County - the epicenter of the National Forest deer debate. Most people in the county, including deer hunters, will tell you that the valley has plenty of deer. Conversely, deer hunters on the National Forest will tell you that there are very few deer in the mountains. Can you see a deer habitat difference? It is black and white.

Hunters will often tell you that the acorns (mast) are what carry deer in the mountains, and there is surely some truth to this. In good mast years, the National Forest is covered in food that would carry a deer herd through the winter, but what about years of mast failure, especially when they're back-to-back. Virginia Department of Forestry mast data indicates that we had three consecutive years of poor mast crops in the Northern Mountain region in falls 2007, 2008, and

2009. What are deer supposed to eat in those years? The fact is, this mountainous public land deer habitat is lacking suitable forage for half of each year, regardless of the mast crop. Hence, the low deer populations.

Another factor that has resulted in less forage available for deer on National Forests is a significant decline in logging over the past 20 to 30 years. Contrary to those who constantly tell the press and the public that Virginia's National Forest is under attack from clear cutting by the forestry/timber industry, just the opposite is true. Timber cutting on Virginia's National Forest has declined dramatically over the past 10 to 20 years (see Figure 3). This change in management has surely had an effect on deer habitat and many other species that require young forest habitats or edge (e.g., grouse). Like me, the National Forest is getting older. In 1989, the average age of the forest was 60-80 years old. About 17 years later, it was 80-100. In twenty years, it should be about 100-120. You get the idea. I am no forest ecologist, but over time our current National Forest will eventually die and be

replaced. Trees, like people, do not live forever. It will, however, be very gradual. In fact, from a human perspective it will almost be imperceptible. I do not know what will replace it. My hypothesis is that it will eventually be more shade tolerant trees, such as maple, which are less desirable from a deer habitat perspective. It is possible that the next forest will be very different from the current forest. I will not be here to see that change, but I do predict that the deer will be able to watch it happen.

Part Two of this *What is Wrong With the National Forest Deer Herd?* series will address the decline in public land deer hunters and the possible effects of predators.

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The Sandy Buck

by Greg Singleton
Fort Belvoir

“Don’t believe everything you read.” We’ve all heard this catch phrase, and it’s a good one. There are many explanations of the causes of the whitetail deer rut, what triggers it, when it starts in a given year, and how long it will last. A very good deer hunting periodical has on its payroll a renowned deer biologist who colluded with another in his field to study the underlying triggers that set the whitetail rut in motion. I have learned a great deal about deer and deer hunting from this biologist and author, but I take exception to his annual predictions of the start and the timing of the whitetail deer rut. In my estimation, he makes the



Greg Singleton and his Sandy buck

same mistake so many of us do: he over-generalizes. The claim is that whitetail deer in North America north of Charlotte, NC in latitude start the rut at pretty much the same time, and the process is triggered by the “rutting” moon. Whether or not this is true, he goes on to conclude that in some years the rut is earlier, starting in late October, and some years it is very late, starting as late as 10 or 15 November. Well, in my 15 or so years of hunting deer in Northern Virginia, I have personally observed that the peak period of the rut, what is commonly referred to as the chasing phase, occurs at pretty much the same time every year in Northern Virginia: on or about the 20th of October (also putting to rest another theory of whitetail deer behavior known as the October lull) and lasts until approximately Veterans Day (or maybe ends just a little before). So, trying not to over-generalize, I believe the whitetail rut starts at different times in different locations, so my predictions above are only valid for the places in Northern Virginia where I hunt, but I suspect they are not radically different for the places you hunt.

Based on the above, I made a plan to take off work the entire week of 29 October to 2 November this year to put myself in the deer woods during what I believed would be the peak of the peak rut. Much maneuvering was done with the work calendar to allow for 5 consecutive days off work, and I was really looking forward to it. Every year, those of us who hunt look forward to that time of year when the woods explode with activity, and the big bucks have let down their guard, giving us a few fleeting opportunities to harvest the trophy of a lifetime. Not only was I mentally prepared for the rut this year, but my equipment was significantly upgraded immediately before the start of the season. A broken string on my old PSE Nova one-cam bow (1990s technology) necessitated my acquisition of new equipment. Rather than spend more than \$100 on a new string and tuning, I opted to go for a bow with current technology: parallel limbs and a drop-away rest. For the same draw weight, I am getting far flatter trajectory and more kinetic energy at the target than with my old PSE. I had been practicing and practicing, and I was confident that my new equipment would come through when the moment of truth arrived.

Much to all of our chagrin, we learned of a tropical storm that eventually came to be known as Hurricane Sandy that ultimately did untold damage to the New Jersey shore, Long Island, and New York, to which more than 100 deaths in the US and tens of billions of dollars in damage were attributed. Luckily, Northern Virginia managed to dodge the bullet this time, but we still felt the effects of the storm on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, October 28 – 30, precisely the week I had so painstakingly planned to take off work to hunt. As Robert Burns wrote in 1785, "...The best laid schemes of mice and men go often awry, and leave us nothing but grief and pain, for promised joy!" Told my boss I'd come to work on Monday and Tuesday but still wanted Wed through Friday off.

As luck would have it, on Tuesday, the rain that had been pounding our area for 48 hours began to taper off in the afternoon. Although it was still raining, the volume of precipitation would lend itself to be described more appropriately as a sprinkle, and I was itchin' to get in the woods. Work was slow on Tuesday afternoon, so I was able to slip out a little early. Question I had to ask myself was, "Where can I go so my bow won't get rain soaked and all the screws and bolts and other metal parts won't get rusty?" Only place I could think of was the property where there is an old, unused horse stable on one side of the primary field on the property. Many times, the deer make their way onto this field just before dark to feed, and there was a small chance that I might be able to get a shot from this covered portion of the stable. Well, even if I didn't get a shot, at least I would be in the woods, and I stood a lot better chance of seeing deer there in the rain than on my couch at home.

I was able to get to my spot underneath the tin roof of the stable just before 5:00 pm (remember, this was still Daylight Savings Time, and shooting light lasted until approximately 6:30 pm), a place from which I have never hunted in the 14 years I've had permission to hunt on this property. Brought myself a 5 gallon pickle bucket to sit on and had a burlap bag draped over it for added camouflage. Thought I might have to ease out into the rain for a shot, so I wore my hunting rain jacket, something I rarely do. In getting myself set up for the hunt, there happened to be a wall to my left, so it was difficult for me to see anything coming from that direction. Eventually I realized that the old barn boards were not exactly touching, and I was able to see through the cracks between the boards with one eye. Certainly no shooting opportunities to the left unless I walked out from the overhang and into the field. Not ideal, but at least I was hunting.

Not long after I got situated, I figured, "Nothing happening right now, so let me see what's going on at work." I pulled out the old Blackberry and started to open a message, when I looked up and saw a doe walking about 40 yards out in front of me. Where did she come from!? As I started looking around, I noticed that the deer were coming in from the left (that's the way it always happens, right? I mean left). Then the party began. A few more does moved in, and then some young bucks started chasing the does. One buck chased a doe all the way around the field as if running laps around the track. And the doe was running like her life was on the line, with the buck not exerting near the energy, lagging far behind. This went on for 30 minutes. At times, the does would wind up back in front of me, stopping to wade (or rest?) in the little pond about 50 – 60 yards in front of me. It was only knee deep for the deer, and the does would just stand in the pond until the bucks got back, and then the bucks would start to walk in the pond, and the does would take off again for another ride on the merry-go-round. All the bucks appeared to be yearlings, so I wasn't contemplating even grabbing my bow. I was quite content to just sit back and watch the show.

As the bucks and does continued to dance around the field, it got to be 6pm. "Not much longer, and I'll be packing my stuff," I thought to myself. As I glanced once more with one eye through the slits in the boards to my left, I noticed another buck walking toward the stable. With one eye, and at a distance of about 100 yards, and with the available light waning, and with the rain still sprinkling, it looked to be another yearling, or so I assumed. As the buck walked closer, I realized it wasn't one of the bucks I'd been watching. I thought to myself, "Just in case this turns out to be a shooter, I better get my bow," so I did.

Then it happened. He hit the trail of one of those does, and he broke into a run toward that pond. As he ran in front of me at 25 yards, I realized he was a shooter, but I really had no idea what his antlers looked like other than “big enough.” I grunted at him at 25, but he didn’t even think about stopping. As he approached the pond, he had a delayed reaction to my grunt; he realized he had just heard something, so he stopped to look back and see what it was. When he finally stopped, he was 40 yards exactly, and broadside. I had never shot at a deer that far, but with my new bow, I had a lot of confidence at that distance. I drew back and then realized I was too tall to shoot standing up under that tin roof, and to top it off, there was a big tree right in front of me, so I had to 1) move to my right, and then 2) drop to one knee. I put the 40 pin on his lungs and slowly released the string. I could tell I hit him, but not exactly sure where. Once hit, he took off in the direction from which he came, and as he did, I could see a blood coming from the exit wound on the other side of his lungs. Good shot! I thought, but then, I watched with amazement as he continued to run out of sight and into the woods. The good news was that he ran with his belly low to the ground, unable to bound as a frightened deer would normally do. I waited the requisite 30 minutes to look for him, but by then it was dark. Not wanting to take any chances and push him, after a very quick look at the edge of the woods with no sightings, I returned to my truck and went home to change and eat supper.

When I returned, it was about 9:30 pm. I thought I had given him plenty of time to expire. When I got to the woods where I last saw him, I did pick up his blood trail, but it was faint due to the rain, and I quickly lost it. I searched all over those woods for an hour in the direction I thought he went based on the last blood I saw, but no deer. I was on my way out of the woods with a very sad heart thinking that I would need to come back tomorrow in the daylight and look for him again when I caught a glimpse of that magnificent sight all of us love to see, the tell-tale white belly by a big blow down. Holy smokes! I had no idea his antlers were this nice! This was not your typical case of ground shrinkage but the opposite. He is a main frame 8 pointer with a kicker on his right G-2 making him a 9 pointer. Live weight was 160 lbs; field dressed at 125 lbs.

This turned out to be a great hunt, one I’ll never forget, despite the conditions. Conclusions I would draw for new hunters include 1) deer move right after a big rain, especially during the rut, 2) if you don’t have a bow with today’s technology, you need to get one, 3) don’t let a little rain keep you out of the deer woods during the rut, and 4) don’t believe everything you read. 🙌

WALLY’S DEER JERKY

3 pounds ground venison

2 tsp. season all salt

1/2 cup soy sauce

1/2 cup Worcestershire

2/3 tsp. garlic powder

2 tsp. accent

2 tsp. black pepper

2 tsp. onion powder

Mix all together and let stand 24 hours. Roll out to 1/4 inch thick.

Put in dehydrator 8-10 hours



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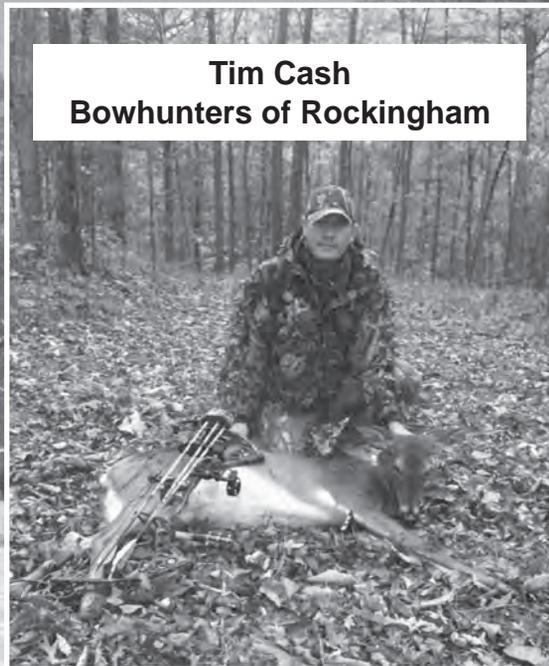
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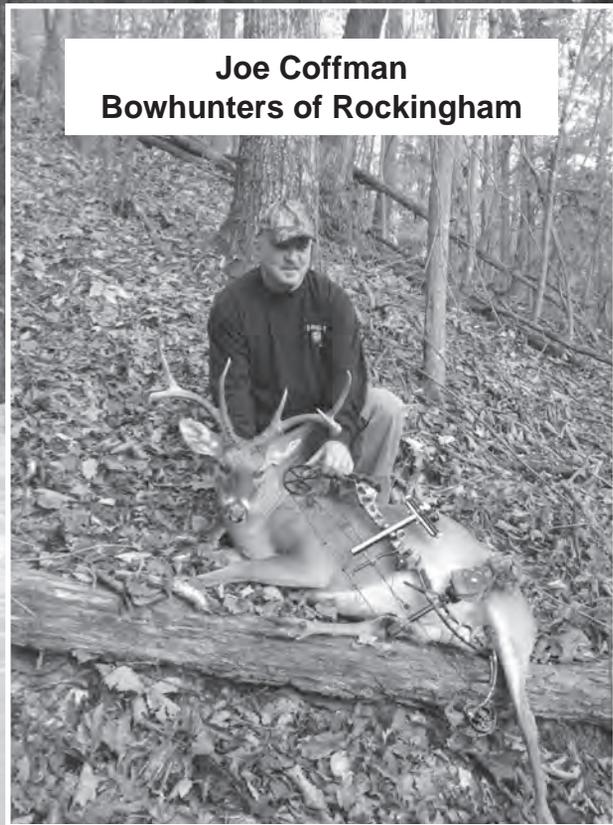
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Hunting, Fishing and Friendships

by
Randy Armentrout

It was the start of my two-week “RUT” vacation as I thought there would be no better way of starting my hunting than to visit with my cherished friend Terry Bowman. He’s the one who introduced me to the outdoors and hunting, but because of his failing health, he can no longer hunt or fish. After we talked hunting for a while, I asked him if anyone had checked on his hunting property lately. He said no and suggested that I go down and check out the property and hunt while I was there.

After saying our goodbyes, I went to my own hunting lease figuring I would check on his property later. When I got to my property, the wind direction was wrong for the stand I had planned on hunting from. With the bad wind direction, it was off to Terry’s property to see what was happening there.

Not having a tree stand in place on Terry’s property, I elected to build a blind and hunt from the ground. Things just seemed to fall in place, and I had my blind completed in about 15 minutes along the edge of an old field. I sat in the blind thinking about all the good times Terry and I have shared hunting and fishing together on the river. As I looked up, I caught sight of a big buck entering the field about 70 yards away, moving toward some Johnson grass in the middle of the field.

I quickly grabbed my grunt call and made some aggressive calls that he responded to, and within a few minutes he was at 25 yards looking right at me. He turned away long enough for me to draw my bow, come to anchor, and release the “Rage” tipped arrow, sending it on its way. The arrow entered right behind the buck’s shoulder and exited far back on the buck’s opposite side. The buck ran about 90 yards before going down in a thicket so tight it nearly tore my camos off getting him out. He was a nice 9-pointer, the biggest buck ever killed on this property.

Even with Terry’s failing health, he has continued to give me more outdoor opportunities than he will ever know, and more than I can ever repay. Thanks, my friend, for making my life better by introducing me to the outdoor experience. 🙏



Randy Armentrout (Bowhunters of Rockingham)
and his 9 point buck

A Bear Story

by Olin Bare

The Black Bear (*Ursus Americanus*) lives in Virginia and the population is on the rise. In 2011, Archery hunters in Virginia harvested 693 bears. In Oct. 2012, I was approaching one of my favorite deer hunting spots when I saw a bear cross in front of me about 100 yards away. Bears are omnivores, which means they eat plants



Olin Bare (Augusta Archers) and his Bear

and animals. You could be a food source for a bear, and that is an unpleasant thought when you are hunting with a stick and string (bow and arrow). I saw no deer that day. The next week I decided to try my luck again in that location. I was sitting on a ledge overlooking a deer trail near some oak trees. At 9:30 I stood up to stretch and looked to my right and spotted the back of a bear at about 25 yards. He was feeding in my direction. I crouched on one knee and when the bear was broadside at 15 yards I released an arrow. The bear did not see me. He went downhill and stopped by a log. He disappeared from sight. After about an hour of not moving I approached the log. I spotted him stretched out about 70 yards away. My first bear in over 50 years of hunting!

Archery, mans 3rd greatest invention, is a great family sport and can put food on the table. My idol, Fred Bear, founder of the Bear Archery Company would be pleased that the tradition of archery thrives.

Good luck,
Olin Bare 🏹

Thanks to Tim Seymore

The VBA would like to thank Tim Seymore for all of the hard work he has done on reworking the VBA website www.vbarchers.com , the main designs and ideas were his and if you have not checked the site lately you need to. We appreciate everything you have done .



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Winter = Th

essay by Matt Knox

After the chaos of the fall breeding season, one might think that winter in the whitetail's world would offer a welcome respite. It does not. It will be the deer's most trying season; a season of survival. For most of the year, nature typically provides a bountiful plenty for deer, but in winter her cupboard can be pretty bare. It is cold and it snows.

One of the whitetail's most amazing winter adaptations is its winter coat. The gray brown coat, which it acquired at the start of the fall rut, has tremendous insulative capabilities. Anywhere from one-quarter to one inch thick, it is composed of long, hollow, protective guard hairs with a very thick and dense under fur. The guard hairs provide protection, and the under fur traps air and insulates the deer. One of the best examples of this insulating ability is deer bedded down during a snowstorm. In spite of a normal body temperature exceeding 100°, the falling snow just piles up on them and does not melt. That's a good coat!

To conserve energy during bitterly cold days, deer drastically restrict their movements and activity. In northern states, deer migrate long distances to traditional winter yarding areas. Deer in Virginia do not migrate or yard, but they make use of thermal cover during cold spells. Thermal cover in Virginia is typically characterized by fairly dense stands of evergreens like pines or cedars. The ambient temperature in these habitats is not significantly different, but because these habitats almost completely block the wind, the energy savings related to convective heat loss (think wind chill) to a deer are very significant. Also, snow depths in these dense evergreen stands are commonly much less than in open woods and fields. To conserve energy, deer travel more during the day and sunny periods. They will often bed on open, east-southeast slopes to lie in the sun.

etail Biology

the Season of Survival



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If a good mast crop was available back in the fall, deer will come into winter in good to very good condition with globs of waxy white fat. If acorns are still available, they will continue to be used heavily during winter and deer can continue to lay down fat. Deer with adequate body fat will survive normal winters here. Grasses and evergreen browse like greenbrier, honeysuckle, and privet are also important winter foods. If available, deer will make significant use of high-quality crops like wheat, oats, rye, alfalfa, clovers, or standing corn. If such foods are not available, deer will eat almost anything. In some cases it costs the deer more in energy to find, eat, and digest low-quality food than they gain from doing so. Often in high-density herds, heavy browsing pressure during winter will cause a clear browse line to become apparent where deer have eaten all the vegetation below about five feet or more. One of the best examples of a browse line in Virginia can be seen in the Big

Meadows area of Shenandoah National Park. At some point during winter, because of the cold weather and snow, most deer will begin to burn more calories than they are taking in and start to operate at an energy deficit. They will begin burning their fat reserves. It is not unusual now for deer to lose a significant amount of their body weight; to minimize weight loss and save energy, a deer's metabolism actually slows down. However, if they come into winter in poor condition and the season is long and hard with deep snow, starvation from malnutrition is a very real possibility.

In this winter race for survival, fawns are at a distinct disadvantage. In the fall, when adults are building up their fat reserves, fawns are storing fat but are also still growing. First-year biology and Bergmann's rule may be their undoing. This rule says that since they are small, fawns have a higher surface to volume ratio and therefore have to spend more

energy staying warm than large-bodied adults. Because they have less fat to fall back upon and a higher winter energy bill, fawns will be the most likely to die first.

Winter starvation of deer in Virginia is fairly uncommon, but in 1993, following a near-total mast failure in fall 1992 and a very big winter storm in mid-March, it occurred in the Alleghany Highlands. During this starvation event, deer were literally eating the bark off trees. These very late winter storms are often hard on the animal because, as spring approaches, a deer's metabolism naturally begins to increase and fat reserves are depleted.

The winter of 2010 may also have resulted in some mortality. After a poor mast crop in fall 2009 and more than a decade of very little snowfall, early 2010 saw much of the state's western reaches covered in snow for up to two months—very unusual in Virginia. While snowfalls of just a couple of inches reduce deer movements, depths of a foot or more severely restrict movements. Traveling in such conditions is very expensive from a deer's energy conservation perspective, and during strong snowstorms deer have been reported to remain bedded for one to two days at a time. Also, snow makes deer more vulnerable to predation. Crusted snow allows small, light, soft-footed predators like coyotes to run across the top of the surface, while the heavier-bounding deer breaks through. This crusted snow condition that favors predators was fairly common in western Virginia during winter 2010.

Other changes brought by winter: Doe family groups that were temporarily broken up by the breeding season have regrouped and settled down to a routine of feeding, resting, and conserving energy. Even adult bucks become social again and readily accept the company of other males. They will typically begin dropping their antlers in late December, and antler casting will continue through February. By March, nearly all bucks will have lost their antlers (occasionally, into late March or April). As a general rule, older, more dominant bucks tend to cast their antlers first, probably due to the stress of the rut. Healthy deer typically hold their antlers longer.

As the days begin to warm, deer anticipate spring's awakening—a season of plenty.

Matt Knox is a deer project coordinator for the Department, serving south-central Virginia.

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VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION BOWHUNTING COMMITTEE

Coming to the 2013 VBA Awards

Banquet...Mr. Hal Shaffer

Host of Drop Zone TV on The Outdoor Channel

Check them out at www.dropzonehunting.com

The VBA and Bowhunting Committee have been working hard on this year's awards banquet since the day after last years. As you can see we have a great TV personality appearing as guest speaker this year in Mr. Hal Shaffer. If you have seen him you know you are looking forward to an energized night.

The banquet will be held on Saturday March 23rd, 2013 at the Keezletown Ruritan. This year we are going to be selling pre-sale tickets. Tickets will be \$25.00 13 and over; \$12.00 children 7-12 years and children 6 and under are free. The clubs can designate a person to collect and send the money along with the names of those attending and which category they fall into and your email address or the members can mail their check payable to the VBA directly to me with the above information and I will email you a receipt back when I receive your money.

We all regret doing this but the VBA took a big hit last year for no shows and this year we are spending money to get our speaker here. We are not sure the actual seating but depending on the displays we have the most seating would be around 110 to 120. We also have to have a count in by March 1 so the food can be purchased. There could be a chance we can take walk-in sales the day of the banquet but there is no guarantee about food or room, so don't gamble and get your reservations now!

I have been obtaining some door prizes but I am still looking for more. If you can check with local sports shops; retail stores; gift shops or any place you think would have a good door prize please help out by asking for a donation. I would like to some items geared toward the youth such as kids fishing poles; tackle boxes; sleeping bags; tents; outdoor games anything for youth to use in the outdoors. This is the same for adult prizes. We are still going to have a bow to give away; looking to have another hog hunt for a silent auction; looking to have a raffle for a hand-made longbow with the VBA emblem on it and many other nice prizes and items for bid. Please let me know what you can bring.

Please let your members know that I am looking for pictures of harvests they have taken this season. I would like to have them to share with everyone that night. If you have youths that harvested but with a gun instead of a bow still send those to me as I want more exposure for our youth. My email address is listed below.

Last year we had a great turn out for members that brought their mounts to share with us. They were not only interesting to look at and give ideas for future mounts to get (when I harvest that big one!) but made a heck of a back drop for pictures of our award winners! So if you'd like to share one of your mounts feel free to bring it along. I would like to have all the mounts in and set up by about 530 pm so that when everyone starts coming in we'll be set and you won't have to work through a crowd to get set up.

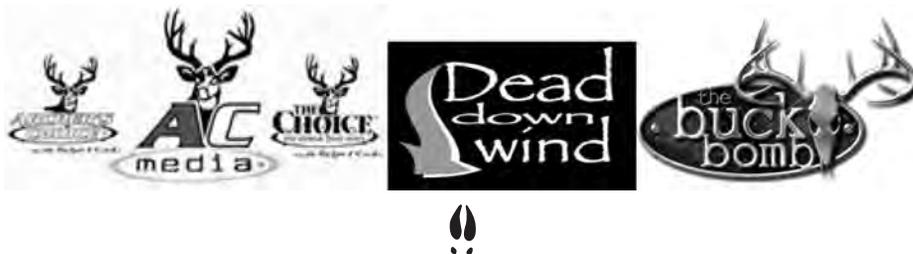
Please remind your members that the application for awards need to be in no later than March 1st to Marie so we can have them ready to present. Please encourage your members if they are getting awards to come to the banquet to receive them. We'd love to share their success with them and get their pictures to brag on them in our magazine and all future VBA banquets and events. If you wish to have your mount scored at the banquet please contact me so we can make appropriate plans.

There will be set ups but you will need to bring your own beer; wine or liquor. We look forward to seeing you at the VBA's 18th annual awards banquet. This is YOUR VBA; YOUR Bowhunting Committee and YOUR banquet so please come out and join in for a night of entertainment and fellowship and some of the best food in the valley!!

I'll see you on the range or in the woods,

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 Virginia Bowhunters Association
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Virginia Bowhunters Association
Announces its
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BANQUET**

Saturday March 23, 2013
Keezletown Ruritan Club
1118 Indian Trail Rd
Keezletown, Va 22832

Social Hour 6:00 – 7:00p.m. Dinner 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony 8:00 p.m.

\$25.00 per Adult- \$12.00 for ages 7 thru 12 and No charge for ages 6 and under

Meal features EXCELLENT buffet – BYOB

Hunting Awards

Biggest Buck -1st-2nd-3rd [Antlers – Virginia scoring system]

Biggest Buck [weight]

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2nd ROUND Sunday February 24th	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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REGISTRATION TIMES:
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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) POSTMARK BY 2/15/2013

NAME _____ Mail or email to Ed Bickham
ADDRESS _____ 6353 Godwin Blvd
CITY-ZIP _____ Suffolk, VA 23432

VBA # _____ CLUB _____ Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

One form per archer, circle or X what applies: Birthdate for YA, Youth, CUB _____
55+ 18 & Over 15-17 12-14 8-11 7 & Under

DIVISION: SENIOR ___ ADULT ___ YOUNG ADULT ___ YOUTH ___ CUB ___ PEE WEE ___

SEX: MALE ___ FEMALE ___ Sat Round # _____ Sunday determined by Scores

STYLE: FS __, FSL __, BB __, BHFS __, BHFSL __, TRAD __

Guest Class for Non-VBA members _____ (No awards)



VBA State Indoor Sectional Championship

Hosted by
The Belvoir Bowhunters



DIRECTIONS: Exit U.S. Route 1 (Richmond Highway) at traffic signal at Pohick Road. This intersection is the entrance to Fort Belvoir at Tulley Gate. Drive to the security control point and visitor center. Obtain a temporary vehicle pass at the visitor center adjacent to the control point by presenting driver's license and vehicle registration. Proceed south on Pohick Road to the first traffic light at Theote Road and turn right. Proceed approximately one-half mile to a stop sign at Warren Road and turn right. Proceed to Tompkins Basin, turning right at the intersection at the bottom of the hill. The Indoor Range is the long, white building (Bldg 778) on the right and set back from the road at the base of the hill. The Fort Belvoir Archery Center is located in the same building. Detailed map at:
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2nd	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.	11 p.m. - 2 p.m.
3rd	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

A 30 Minute practice period will be held prior to each round beginning at 8:30 AM Saturday and 7:30 AM Sunday

VBA Membership required to receive awards.

Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family
Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and only one person per form.

State Indoor Sectional Championship Registration

Name _____ Phone: _____
Address _____
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VBA # _____ Home Club _____

Circle those that apply:

Division: Pee Wee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior **Gender:** M F
Style: FS FS/F BHFS BHFS/F BH BB TRAD
Class: Archers will be classed after the first days score.
Round Preference Sat: 1st 2nd 3rd Sun: 1st 2nd 3rd

2013 VBA STATE INDOOR SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sherwood Archers
February 23rd & 24th



Registration Times:

Friday 6-8:00pm
Saturday 7-8:00 for a.m. rounds
until noon for round 3

Rounds: Sat.: 1st 9-12:00
2nd 12-3:00
3rd 3-6:00

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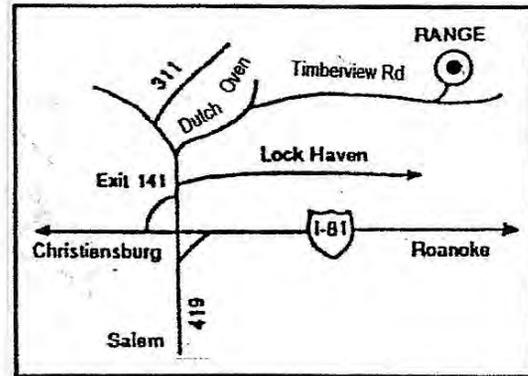
Shooting fee is \$20 per person and \$40 for family of 3 or more.

Must be a VBA member and shoot 2 rounds for awards.

www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com

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- Econo Lodge (6 miles) 540-389-0280 Exit 137
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Make checks to Sherwood Archers

c/o Auvray Shumate
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Salem, VA 24153

Phone: 540-389-3369

Club: 540-366-3701

Registration for VBA State Indoor Championship

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Name _____ VBA # _____

Phone _____ 2nd Phone _____

Your Home Club _____

Circle those that apply

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Master Sr. Guest

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

Round Preference: 1st 2nd 3rd **Do you want a different 2nd day round?** _____



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YA, YOUTH, CUB, PEE-WEE _____

SEX: MALE ___ FEMALE ___ SATROUND# _____ SUNDAY DETERMINED BY SAT SCORES

STYLE: FS ___ , FSL ___ , BB ___ , BHFS ___ , BHFSL ___ , TRAD ___

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2013 VBA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

Sherwood Archers

Aug. 31st & Sept. 1st



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Friday 6-8:00pm

Saturday 7-8:00am

Registration Fees:

\$20.00 per archer

\$40.00 per family

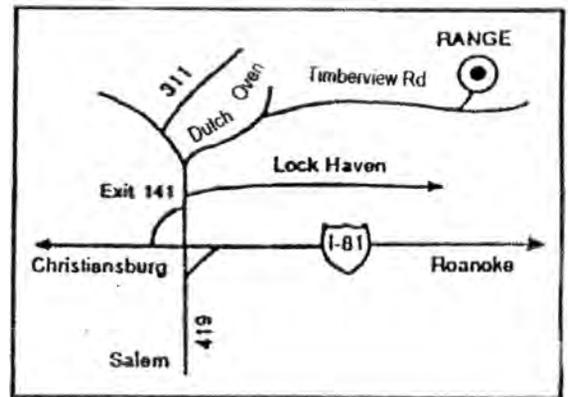
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Breakfast and lunch served each day.

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Registration for VBA State Closed Championship

Please print clearly

Name _____ VBA

Phone _____ 2nd Phone _____

Home _____

Club _____ Average _____

Circle those that apply

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Master Sr. Guest

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



APPLICATION FOR VBA INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Robin Hood Any VBA member that telescopes an arrow in the highest scoring area on the target. (3-D targets and Maple Leaf Animals, the arrow would only need to be in the kill area). The Robin Hood must be shot at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

500 Pin Any VBA member that scores 500 or better at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a field, hunter or field/hunter combination round. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the Executive State Secretary.

Perfect Animal Any VBA member that shoots a 20 or higher on each of the 14 unit animal targets for a total score of 280 or more. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a VBA approved range at a sanctioned VBA shoot. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

Name: _____ VBA Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ E-mail: _____

VBA Tournament: _____ Date: _____

Award Applying for: (please circle below)

Robin Hood Pin | 500 Pin | Perfect Animal Pin

Note: Please make your \$5.00 check payable to "VBA".

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



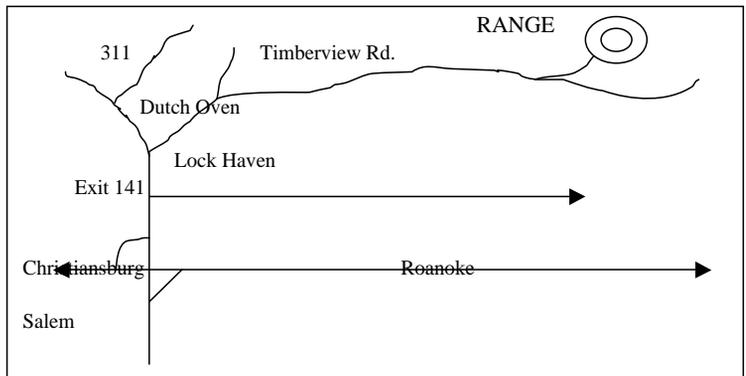
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APPLICATION FOR VBA GAME AWARDS VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Date: _____

I, _____, _____, _____
(Print name as it appears on VBA card) (VBA Number) (Street Address)

_____, _____, _____ hereby certify that I harvested a
(City and State) (Zip Code)

_____, (Buck) (Doe) (Bear) (Turkey) this year and that I am a member of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc., and in good standing at that time. I hereby submit an application for one or more of the following VBA awards:

- Bill Bennett Award (bear, deer, turkey from any state) If first B.B. Award, check here
- Largest VA Buck by Dressed Weight
- Largest VA Doe by Dressed Weight
- Best Rack Score (in the VA System)
- Largest VA Bear by Dressed Weight
- Largest VA Turkey by Live Weight
- Double Grand Slam for: VA. Bear, Deer, Turkey (circle 2) From Spring Turkey Season
- Triple Grand Slam for VA. Bear, Deer, and Turkey through Deer season, same year.

Pertinent information is provided below:

Signed: _____

VBA Club Affiliation: _____ State Game taken in _____

Date of Bow Harvest: _____ Big Game Tag Number: _____

Weight of Buck/Doe: _____ Weight of Bear/Turkey: _____

(Note: Provide copy of Check Station Transport form or other weight information)

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

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

Hunting method: Tree Stand _____ Ground Blind _____ Stalking _____ Other _____

Rack Score Using the Virginia System: _____

Name of Official Scorer (print): _____

(Note: Signed score sheet must accompany this application)

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

Print Name and Signature of Witness: _____

(Person who saw game after it was harvested)

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HARVEST (BUT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1ST AFTER THE SEASON) TO: VBA EXECUTIVE STATE SECRETARY, MARIE BELL, 1223 JEANETTE AVENUE, VINTON, VA 24179.

Note: If possible, please include a picture of yourself with the game giving the name and description of game on back for identification. First, second and third place awards are available for each size category. The first Bill Bennett award is a Plaque and following awards are cast arrows.

2012 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

March 23 [Banquet] -24 [Meeting]

June 8-9 [Meeting]

Sept 21 [scheduling session] - 22 [meeting]

Tournaments

Feb 23-24 State Indoor

Kingsboro, Sherwood, Belvoir, Singers Glen

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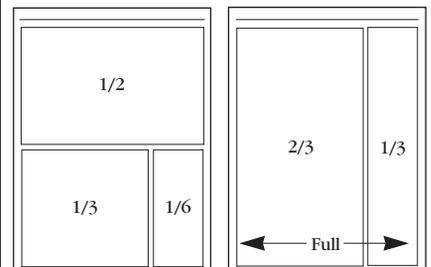
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