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The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be June 10, 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

If you missed the March VBA Banquet, you missed a good one. We had a very good turn out and despite a no show by our featured speaker, everyone seemed to have a great time. There were lots of door prizes, awards, and silent auction items. The food was quite good and the service was excellent. Many thanks to Clint Keller for all his hard work in staging this event and to all of those who helped out. Please see Clint's article and support the many businesses that donated so many prizes.

Another outdoor tournament season is upon us. I again urge all members to come out and attend both club and state shoots to support your organizations. I also urge you to attend your clubs' work parties to help maintain your clubs. Please do not let a few dedicated individuals do all the work. Everything goes a much smoother with a lot of help.

Finally, I have been asked by several members about donating money to help out the VBA. I assure all that any donations are greatly appreciated. The VBA is a non-profit organization so donations should be tax exempt. We will be looking into making sure that all necessary forms are filed with the federal government. However, if you are concerned, you can make donations to the VBA through the United Way. We have received funds this way in the past. Just make sure you state that your donation is to go to the Virginia Bowhunters Association and list our address. See Marie's listing in the front of *Flight* to find this or you can just send it to Marie and she can send you back a letter of receipt. Thank you in advance for any donations that you may make, and I hope to see you out on the range soon.

VBA President Rob Pecora 

Kenneth E. Sorrels

The Order of the Golden Feather is sad to inform you that OGF member Kenneth E. Sorrels has passed away. Among his many accomplishments in archery, he will be best remembered for his contributions to the International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP). His legacy is the thousands of bowhunters who benefited from his IBEP classes and the many IBEP instructors he taught and certified – all of which combined to help build the program to its status today as one of the best in the United States. He was also a surveyor and was instrumental in the VBA purchasing a surveyor's chain in the early days so distances to the target would be correct. The OGF members extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Cover background picture is of turkeys in Terry Ballowe's backyard.

From the Executive Vice President

Another winter has come and gone, I hope, and we have had a hectic beginning to the spring season with the VBA State Indoors in the history books and the VBA awards banquet in the rear view mirror.

The VBA State Indoors had a little excitement with the power going out at Sherwood on Sunday and forcing them to not finish their shooting until the following week and then causing the awards for the shoot not to be handed out until after they had completed their rounds. We again had a terrific turnout for the shoot being hosted at four locations spread out over the state and I would like to thank Belvoir Bowhunters, Kingsboro Bowhunters, Singers Glen Bowbenders and Sherwood Archers for hosting the shoot. There was some impressive shooting at all of the locations.

The VBA awards banquet was one of the best we have had with so many door prizes to be handed out that it took well over an hour to draw the numbers. There were several game mounts and two new bows that were given away: a PSE bow which was won by Marie Bell and a custom made VBA logoed long bow that was raffled off (I was the lucky winner of that bow). There were also 3-D and Field tournament awards and the big game awards presented to the lucky hunters and the skilled hunters alike. Clint Keller and Ed Bickham deserve a big thank you for putting together the banquet. I know for a fact that they are working on next years' banquet as you read this.

As a member of the Order of The Golden Feather, I would like to welcome Lloyd Overfelt from New River Archers near Galax into The Order. Lloyd has worked to promote archery for many years, not only at his club but across the state. If you see Lloyd on the range congratulate him because it is well deserved.

With many clubs already hosting outdoor shoots, the summer looks to be just as busy as the winter has been. The Spring 3-D classic and the State Open will be hosted by Singers Glen Bowbenders, the Fall 3-D classic will be hosted by Northern VA Archers, and the State Closed will be hosted by Sherwood Archers. With all of the regional shoots and the VBA State shoots you should have multiple chances to show what you can do with a stick and a string. Have fun and most importantly be safe.

Terry Ballowe Executive Vice President



AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM VOTED ON AT MARCH MEETING;

(1) Shooting Styles, Sect. 7, Traditional, Pg.11, Add to #11: Men to shoot a maximum of 50 yds., using youth stakes in Field/Hunter and Animal Rounds. Effective, Mar. 24, 2013. **Passed by a show of hands.**

Justification; Youth shoot the same as adults up to 50 yds. 55 yds. shoot from 40-41, 60 yds. shoot from 45 yds., 65 yds. shoot from 50 yds. and 80 yds. shoot from 50 yds.

AGENDA ITEM FOR JUNE MEETING:

(1) VBA Rounds, Indoor Shooting Rules, Pg. 5, Add #14: Sectional Indoor to be a 2 day shoot. Competitors have option of shooting 1 or 2 times, highest round to count for score. Count last ends 6 inside out x's. Effective immediately.

Justification: To give competitors a choice of shooting 1 or 2 days. 6 inside out x's should cover any ties.

From the Publicity Director

Spring is finally here, and some folks have already started shooting outdoors. If you haven't, now it's time to do so. Don't forget to invite someone that has never heard about archery or the VBA.

On Saturday, March 16th, I and some 40 VDGIF volunteers helped with the NASP 5th VA State Tournament. They had over 2,100 visitors (530 students, coaches, parents, grandparents, and friends) attend the event. Cory Mullins, our Triple Crown awardee, participated in this tournament. There are many schools in your local area that are involved with the NASP program. To help the VBA, I would like you to contact the schools and see if you can talk to their coaches. The schools that are involved with NASP in your area go to www.dgif.virginia.gov/events/virginia-nasp-tournament/virginia-schools-with-nasp.pdf.

The VBA would like to 'thank' the Singers Glen Bowbenders, Belvoir Bowhunters, Kingsboro Bowmen and Sherwood Archers who hosted the State Indoor Championship. We had 154 archers that participated, eight new records and two tie breakers. The results and state records are posted on the VBA website and in this issue of FLIGHT.

Our 18th Annual Awards Banquet had a great turn-out with 83 folks from 14 clubs. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the buffet, the bow raffles, silent auctions and the awards that were presented. Ed Bickham and Clint Keller did a fantastic job along with others who helped make this a success. We would like to thank Clint and all his sponsors, the clubs and individuals who donated raffle prizes. Marie Bell won the PSE bow from Dave Proctor and Terry Ballowe won the Longbow made by Brian Dimond. Much 'thanks' to everyone who participated in this raffle to raise money for our upcoming VBA 75th Anniversary in 2016. A special 'thanks' to Ed & Paul who worked hard to make this a success.

The presentation of the 2012 awards went to the following individuals:

Our Double Crown winners were: Ethan Mullins, CMBB/BH; Matthew Hickerson, CMBHFS/R; Cory Mullins, YFBHFS/R; Don Hickerson, Jr., YAMBHFS/R. Our Triple Crown winners were: Jenifer Stoner, AFTRAD; Cory Mullins, FYBHFS/R and Ethan Mullins, CMBB.

Big Game-Bill Bennett awardees were: Bobby Nichols, Blackwater (1 Buck); Clint Keller, Two Rivers (1Doe); First Plaque, Bryce Phillips, BOR Youth (1 Doe); Double Slam, Tony Hall, New River (1 Doe & 1 Bear); Donnie Hare, Dixie (1 Buck); Robert Dillon, Blackwater (1 Buck & 2 Does); Cay McManus, Sherwood (1 Buck); Joe Coffman, BOR (1 Buck); First Plaque - Bill Rule, BOR (2Bucks); Hunter Heavner, BOR Youth (1 Buck); Double Slam, Joseph Heavner, BOR (1 Buck & 1 Turkey); First Plaque, Robbie Rice, Lake Country (1 Buck); Double Slam, Wade Colton, Massanutten (1 Buck & 1 Bear); Dennis Scott, Dixie (1 Doe); Terry Dorman, BOR (5 Does); First Plaque, Shawn Murphy, Sherwood (1 Buck); Darrel Turner, Singers Glen (1 Doe); Lynwood Pannell, BOR (1 Buck); Double Slam, Randy Armentrout, BOR (1 Buck, 3 Does & 1 Bear); Erthan Armentrout, BOR (2 Does); Double Slam, Olin Bare, Augusta (1 Buck & 1 Bear); First Plaque, Steven Moore, Pr. William (1 Buck); and First Plaque, James DuBuke, Augusta (1 Buck).

Largest Buck by Weight: Tied for 1st – Bobby Nichols & James DuBurk, 175#

3rd Largest Buck by Weight: Steven Moore, 172#

Largest Doe by Weight, Robert Dillon, 110#

2nd Largest Doe by Weight, Tony Hall, 109#

3rd Largest Doe by Weight, Randy Armentrout, 107#

Largest Bear by Weight, Randy Armentrout, 175#

2nd Largest Bear by Weight, Wade Colton, 170#

3rd Largest Bear by Weight, Tony Hall, 150#

Largest Rack Score, Steven Moore, 157-7/8"

2nd Largest Rack Score, James DuBuke, 152-3/8"

3rd Largest Rack Score, Olin Bare, 126-3/8".

The Silent Auction winners with the highest bid: Turtles and Mallards photography by Clint Keller won by John Roberson; Creek and Covered Bridge photography by Clint Keller won by Gina Nadzam; Sommers End

Originals Skull painting was donated by Michelle Sommers; NWTF Cap & Pack of hand-made Turkey calls by Cliff & Mary Presley won by Jay Sealock; a print "Autumn Breeze" donated by the Artist Bruce Lynn Dellinger won by Jay Sealock; a print "Old Bow Stand" by Artist Bruce Dellinger donated by Sherwood Archers win by Carolyn Keller; Motor Mouth with NWTF Sound Chip won by Jimmy DuBuke; Lock on Treestand donated by Bryan Staley of the Front Royal Police & Dick's Sporting Goods used as a display model only won by Jarrett Frame; hand-made quiver won by Olin Bare and the Hog Hunt donated by Waccamaw Hunting Services, Hemingway, S.C. won by Dave Proctor.

Clubs with an increase in membership:

Smallest clubs: New River with 91% and 2nd place to Kingsboro with 87%; Medium club: Cub Run with 8%; Largest clubs: BBH with 31% and 2nd place to BOR with 8%; and a special mention to NORVA with 513%.

A special award, the "President's Award" was presented by Rob to Tim Seymour. Tim is an outstanding individual who has devoted much time and effort in re-designing the VBA website and the new templates that are now used at the VBA State Tournament. The feedback from the clubs on the website and templates is overwhelming!

I personally would like to thank Tim. He has taught me a lot and there is still more to learn and enhancements to be made. Tim is a fantastic individual to work with! His knowledge, skills, patience and professional style with today's technology is more than anyone knows. The VBA is very fortunate to have someone like Tim. We have gone a long way in just a short period of time when the website was launched on Memorial Day. We should all be thankful and proud of our website.

We have two VBA State Tournaments coming up, the 3-D Spring Classic (marked) that will be hosted by Singers Glen Bowbenders on April 20th – 21st and they will also be hosting the State Open on May 25th – 26th. Check the website Calendar for upcoming events, contact and directions to our clubs and for other information.

Lastly, I continue to work with the VDGIF and the CWF volunteers at sporting shows, Fish for Kids events and attending Advanced Training Workshops. I encourage and would love to see more of you get involved in these activities that the VDGIF offers.

Yours in Archery ~ Irene Stocksdales 



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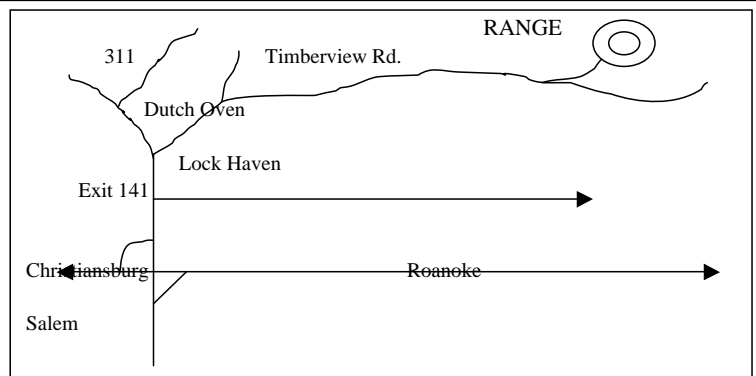
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From the NBEF/IBEP Director

One of the best things about spring – besides turkey season – is that's when all the new archery products come out. Several new products that offer improved safety for bowhunting caught my eye this year.

First, when it comes to wearing a fall arrest full body harness, I've heard just about every excuse in the book for not wearing them. They are too heavy; too bulky; too confining; and it goes on and on. Hopefully some of the new products will put those excuses to rest once and for all. Take a look at the new Elite Vest offered by Hunter Safety System (<http://www.huntersafetysystem.com/elite-vest/>). It is very lightweight (3 lbs), weather resistant and comfortable to wear even when the temperature drops. It has lots of pockets for carrying all the "stuff" we all have with us, as well as removable accessory straps to keep binoculars and rangefinders just where you need them.


A second innovative option is the SpiderWeb line of safety products introduced by Robinson Outdoors. SpiderWeb (<http://www.robinsonoutdoors.com/publish/posts/105/robinson-outdoor-products-announces-spiderweb.html>) fuses ScentBlocker apparel with a Tree Spider safety system to put safety right into a scent control hunting garment; in this case a pair of bibs. By engineering safety right into the hunting garment itself, there really is no excuse not to go into the tree stand without safety. SpiderWeb comes with a removable bungee tether to provide shock absorption, control, flexibility, and security while in the tree stand. The length of this bungee tether is optimized for each garment size.

Every bowhunter should know that ticks carry lyme disease, which is a season ending disease. Since deer and ticks go together during early season before the cold weather hits, they are a very real threat to your safety. Gamehide's ElimiTick (<http://www.gamehide.com/>) line of clothing utilizes Insect Shield Repellent Technology to bond a man-made version of a natural repellent to fabric fibers. The active ingredient is so tightly bonded that repellency effectiveness is retained effectiveness through 70 washings. The repellent in an ElimiTick garment is bonded to the fabric fibers and is odorless and invisible.

One of the more dangerous activities is putting up a tall, heavy ladder tree stand. The only way to do it safely is with a minimum of three people (I recommend four when putting up the heavier, two person ladder stands). A third innovative product that can make this job even safer is a product called Tree Stand Up (<https://www.treestandup.com/>). This product consists of two spikes that fit into the bottom legs of the stand, and are then pushed into the ground like tent pegs. They have a rotating head, so when you raise the stand up, they keep the legs firmly planted onto the ground so the stand is much more controllable and the legs don't kick out. Once the stand is up, you can simply rise the ladder and remove, to use at the next ladder stand site. At less than \$20, I think you will agree this product is worth every penny the first time you use it.

Finally, elsewhere in this issue of *FLIGHT* you will see an article on the passing of Ken Sorrels. For those that did not know Ken, he was an IBEP instructor from the earliest days in Virginia, dating back to the early 80's when the program was first introduced in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He stayed involved and continued to teach and support bowhunting and bowhunting education all of his life. His legacy is the thousands of bowhunters who benefited from his IBEP classes, or the many IBEP instructors he taught and certified to keep our program alive and growing to where it is today. To say that Ken was an icon of the IBEP program is truly an understatement. He was a mentor, a friend and above all, a true gentleman whom we will all miss.

Good Hunting!

Bob 

Why Join VBA?

By Jerry Wenzel

VBA officers and members are often asked why archers or bowhunters should join VBA. This question and similar ones (“Why should I join any state or national organization?” Or “What does the state or national organizations do for me?”) are often asked. I would like to take a try at answering those questions.

State and national organizations set the rules, regulations and games that govern our sport. The NFAA (National Field Archery Association) organizes indoor, field and 3-D archery; the USAA (US Archery Association) organizes indoor and outdoor target archery and another field archery round; and IBO (International Bowhunters Organization) and ASA (Archery Shooters Association) organize still other 3-D archery rounds. These national groups also affiliate with international organizations to organize international competitions. Even if we never shoot a national tournament, we benefit from standard rules and rounds. Without standard national rules and games, each local club or group would have their own individual rules that we would have to learn before we could shoot there and things could get very confusing. Eventually, shooters would try to standardize or the sport would die. In fact, that is how the national organizations got started - shooters wanted to have some standards.

VBA (Virginia Bowhunters Association) is the largest and oldest archery and bowhunter organization in the Commonwealth. We currently have 19 affiliated clubs holding club shoots – almost every week, depending on the time of the year, there are Indoor, 3-D, and Field or Hunter rounds to be shot. These shoots are run consistent with rules and procedures of ASA, IBO, NFAA or USAA. Shooters can participate in whatever type of shoot they prefer. VBA officers and Directors have long tried to meet the desires of Virginia shooters. For example, VBA has added a Senior division for 3-D shoots and Master Senior and PeeWee divisions for the VBA State Open and State Closed tournaments. In this way, VBA works to abide by the national standards while providing Virginia shooters the styles and divisions they want.

VBA provides the basic organization for their member clubs. Clubs come together through their Directors quarterly to set the rules and guidelines for State competitions. Club Directors present their clubs’ views and agenda items and vote to approve, modify or reject proposals as their club members wish. The result is that the VBA Constitution, By-Laws and policies are determined by the majority of the members through their Directors.

With 19 clubs spread throughout the state, preparing an organized statewide schedule of shoots requires a great deal of effort. The September scheduling meeting provides the opportunity for club Directors to coordinate their club shoots with minimal impact on other clubs. As a result, shooters can participate at many different shoots across Virginia.

VBA – as our name indicates – supports bowhunting in the Commonwealth, and has done so since 1949. Our officers and members attend various VDGIF meetings and represent our members’ views to both VDGIF and members of the State Legislature. Current Virginia bowhunting regulations have been influenced by our inputs. VBA also strongly supports the International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP). VBA members make up a team of IBEP Instructors working with VBA NBEF/IBEP Director, Bob Foster; present the valuable IBEP Course to many Virginia bowhunters.

VBA publishes an excellent magazine – the *FLIGHT* – available to all members. The magazine provides a wealth of information about Virginia archery, including tournament information and reports on VDGIF. Also included are tournament results and records and many great pictures of member’s bowhunting harvests.

Why should we join VBA? In short, because we need it! Without the state and national organizations, our sports of archery and bowhunting would dry up and blow away.

The officers of VBA are volunteers. They do it because they love our sport and want it to thrive here. They are committed to making VBA a great state archery organization. Join us and help make Virginia archery the best it can be. 🏹



The 2013 VBA Annual Banquet





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Well we just came off the 18th Annual VBA Awards Banquet. In short if you could not make it you missed a great time. The food was fantastic and there was lots of fellowship with old friends and new. This was one of the best attended banquets in recent times. I want to thank everyone who brought door prizes and silent auction prizes. A lot of people left with a lot of items. Please see the donor's page of *FLIGHT* and support those organizations that donated to the VBA Banquet.

It was great to see those that won awards there to receive them and I certainly hope next year that we have even more award winners there to share in the excitement and be honored for your achievements. As you know Hal Shaffer, host of Drop Zone Hunting TV on The Outdoor Channel was scheduled to appear at our banquet as guest speaker. As of this writing I still have no word from him on why he was not able to join us, but as soon as I hear I promise to let you know.

The 19th Annual VBA Awards Banquet date has been set and confirmed. It will be held on Saturday March 22, 2014 at the Keezletown Ruritan Club. As we get things planned we will get information out to you, but for now SAVE THE DATE because we want to see you there!

I have no new update on the SAC for the Wild Turkey Management meetings. Tim Seymour has talked to me and we are going to be working on trying to set up a section on the VBA website to post updates so you can keep abreast of the work being done to plan the next ten years of Wild Turkey management in Virginia.

As by now most of you know, Ed Bickham is stepping down as the Hunting Vice President and I will be filling that role. That means the Bowhunting Committee Chairman's position will be vacant come the June meeting. This is an appointment by the President so if you are interested in taking on this needed role please submit your name to Rob Pecora prior to the June meeting. If you have questions you can contact me. We will certainly miss Ed as he has done so much for many years in the VBA. Although he is stepping down I don't think he is going to disappear. Ed, THANK YOU! Enjoy your time with your family and your passions and may your arrows always be in the 10 ring!

Spring Gobbler season is just around the corner (and may be in by the time you get this article). Youth Day is April 6th and the regular Spring Gobbler season starts April 13, 2013. If you can, make plans to take a youth, 15 and under, out to enjoy the outdoors. This may turn out to be the future head of the VDGIF. Don't forget safety!! You are not required by law to wear blaze orange while turkey hunting in the spring, however it is safe! Once you make that harvest; while moving around the woods going in and out and are not actively in the hunt, slip it on, your family will thank you when you return home! Be cautious when setting your decoys that another hunter cannot slip in to take a shot and you can't see each other. Be careful where you step and sit as the weather warms the animals start stirring as well as the copperheads and timber rattlers.

Please note in the informational header I have a different email. I am changing my email address to virginiabowhunter@yahoo.com so please make that change in your address book so that you can get to me and my emails won't hit your spam bin! (unless you want them to)

Now is a great time to start pulling your stands so you can spend warm afternoons after work refurbishing them for next season and also get out now and do some scouting for sheds. Whether you are preparing for spring gobbler; going south to hunt some hogs; heading north for the spring bear; remember, it is not all about the harvest. It is about the trip getting there; the people you spend quality time with; all the things you see; smell and hear in the woods that people at that moment sitting in an office will never see, smell or hear. Enjoy the natural resources we have; treat it with respect and always leave it better than the way you found it!

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

Clint Keller 



Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Developing Wild Turkey Management Plan



Public attitudes toward wild turkeys and turkey management are diverse. Successful management strategies for turkeys must strike a balance between public attitudes and turkey population conservation needs. Now that turkeys have been restored and are thriving throughout Virginia, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) has begun to develop a formal Wild Turkey Management Plan. The Wild Turkey Management Plan will provide guidance on how to address the complex management challenges and issues related to desirable population levels, recreation (including hunting), human-turkey conflicts, and habitat conservation.

To effectively manage wild turkeys over the next decade, VDGIF is using a process that affords multiple opportunities for public input as means to incorporate the diverse values of different stakeholders. Technical guidance from wildlife professionals also will be incorporated to develop planning goals, objectives, and strategies.

To facilitate the Wild Turkey Management Plan development process, VDGIF has partnered with the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech. The Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation has a long history of providing VDGIF with expertise in conservation planning and public involvement.

The first phase of plan development used focus group meetings and questionnaires to identify prominent issues and gain better understanding of the views Virginians have toward wild turkeys. Attention then shifts to developing the comprehensive turkey management plan based on stakeholder values, survey results, and other scientific data.

Phase I: Identifying stakeholders' values and issues. Focus group meetings and questionnaires began the process of identifying values and issues important to stakeholders. Focus group participants were selected from outreach to known interest groups (e.g., hunters, agricultural producers, non-consumptive interests), suggestions from VDGIF staff, a subset of Spring Gobbler Survey participants, and open solicitation through a press release.

- **Focus group meetings** were held across Virginia in April and May 2012 with representatives of specific interest groups (fall turkey hunters, spring turkey hunters, agricultural producers). Participants responded to questions designed to identify important issues and satisfactions with wild turkey management. Similar questions in a questionnaire were sent to non-consumptive users and agricultural producers who were unable to attend a focus group meeting.

Phase II: Management Plan Development. A Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), composed of 13 representatives from key stakeholder groups (including public landowners, sporting interests, non-consumptive interests, and agricultural producers), will develop draft goals that reflect public values to guide wild turkey management. Goal areas will include topics related to populations, habitat conservation, recreation, and human-turkey problems. A Technical Committee, composed of VDGIF biologists with expertise on wild turkey management, will provide scientific information and technical feedback to the SAC. General steps in the planning process will include:

- **Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meetings.** Representing a cross section of all Virginians, the 13-member SAC will meet in a series of facilitated meetings to draft a plan that includes proposed goals, objectives, and strategy options for wild turkey management over the next 10 years.
- **Build a Sound Biological Base.** Relying upon the latest available research and management information, the Technical Committee will provide the scientific foundation for SAC discussions, goal development, and approaches to wild turkey management.
- **Public Review & VDGIF Board Endorsement.** All citizens will have the opportunity to review the draft plan (expected Summer 2013 on VDGIF website) and provide comments for consideration by the SAC. A final plan will be drafted and presented to the VDGIF Board of Directors in Fall 2013 for consideration and ultimate implementation.

With public values as its foundation, the Wild Turkey Management Plan will establish the framework (i.e., goals and objectives) for addressing turkey management issues in the future.



Photo Credit: USFWS

Do you have questions or suggestions regarding the project? Please contact Gary Norman, VDGIF Wild Turkey Project Leader, at gary.norman@dgif.virginia.gov, or Holly Morris, Virginia Tech Graduate Student, at hnmorris@vt.edu.

THE VBA TROPHY ROOM



Rick Hall - Bowhunters of Rockingham



Rick Mongold - Bowhunters of Rockingham

Wally and Winnie just love Chicken-Fried Venison Steak

Contributed by David Kocka, from the Hunters for the hungry Venison Cookbook

1-1 1/2 Pound's boneless deer round steak, 1/2 inch thick

1/3 cup milk 1 egg

1/2 tsp salt 1/3 cup all purpose flour

1/8 tsp pepper 2 Tbsp butter or margarine

2 Tbsp vegetable oil

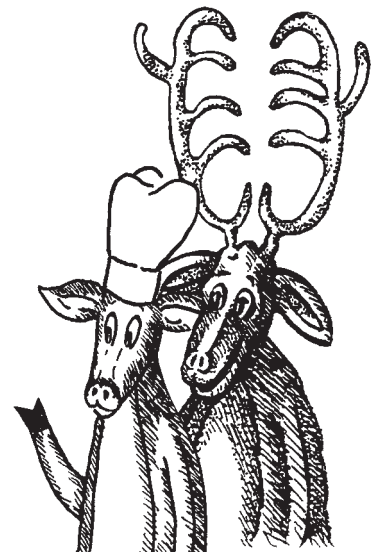
Trim meat, cut into serving sized pieces. pound to 1/4 inch thickness with meat mallet. In 9-inch pie plate blend 1/3 cup of milk and 1 egg. On a sheet of waxed paper mix flour, salt and pepper. Dip steaks in milk mixture and then in the flour mixture, turning to coat well. set aside. In large skillet melt butter in oil over medium-low heat. Add steaks and brown on both sides over medium-heat. Remove to heated platter. Set aside and keep warm.

Gravy

1 1/4 cups milk 2 TBSP all-purpose flour

1/4 tsp salt dash of pepper

In small bowl blend milk into remaining gravy ingredients, blend into pan drippings. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until thickened and bubbly. (Strain if desired). Serve steaks with gravy.



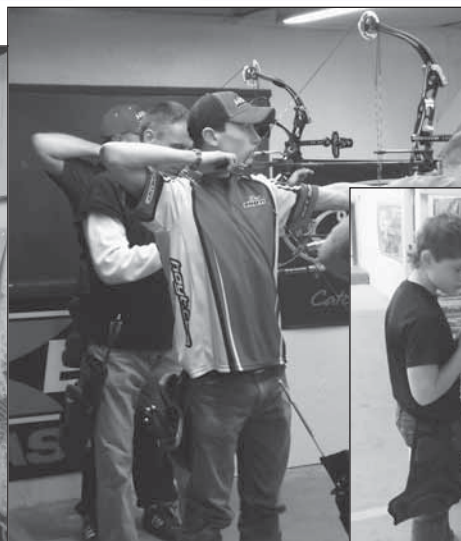
VBA State Indoor 2013



Kingsboro Winners



Belvoir Winners



VBA State Indoor Championship

Hosted by Sherwood Archers, Belvoir Bowhunters, Kingsboro Bowmen and Singers Glen Bowbenders

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Total		
			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs
Class B											
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	267	12	1	269	9	1	536	21	2
Class B											
SC	Kayla Layton	AFBHFS/R	273	12	1	283	21	1	556	33	2
Class C											
1st	Samantha Stoddard	AFBHFS/R	229	5	0	225	6	1	454	11	1
Class A											
SC	Valerie Murdoch	AFFS/R	300	52	2	300	52	6	600	104	8
Class B											
1st	Tammy Ralston	AFFS/R	288	19	3	289	24	1	577	43	4
Class C											
1st	Lisa Zuber	AFFS/R	263	18	2	280	22	0	543	40	2
Class A											
SC	Jenifer Stoner	AFTRAD	261	12	0	260	9	1	521	21	1
2nd	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD	267	10	1	248	11	0	515	21	1
Class B											
1st	Brandi Bemoskie	AFTRAD	230	5	0	233	4	0	463	9	0
2nd	Charlene Hicks	AFTRAD	192	4	0	183	0	0	375	4	0
Class C											
1st	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	112	1	0	156	1	0	268	2	0
Class C											
SC	Kevin Lantz	AMBB	213	4	0	225	2	0	438	6	0
Class B											
SC	Michael Knight	AMBH	275	5	1	279	17	0	554	22	1
Class C											
1st	Jeff McManus	AMBH	174	5	0	224	7	0	398	12	0
Class A											
SC	Luke Long	AMBHFS/R	300	48	2	300	54	5	600	102	7
2nd	Shannon Nesselrodt	AMBHFS/R	300	49	4	300	50	5	600	99	9
3rd	Vance Cave	AMBHFS/R	300	47	6	300	50	4	600	97	10
	Shawn Murphy	AMBHFS/R	299	42	4	299	33	1	598	75	5
	Ray Miller	AMBHFS/R	300	44	2	297	44	5	597	88	7
	Steve Stroop	AMBHFS/R	298	36	2	298	44	2	596	80	4
	Pete Beierly	AMBHFS/R	298	41	5	296	37	4	594	78	9
	Kent Stigall	AMBHFS/R	300	56	4	0	0	0	300	56	4
Class B											
1st	Buck Higgins	AMBHFS/R	294	38	2	299	40	0	593	78	2
2nd	Billy Robbett	AMBHFS/R	294	29	0	299	33	2	593	62	2
3rd	Hon Kwan	AMBHFS/R	294	28	2	291	25	2	585	53	4
	Steve Floyd	AMBHFS/R	296	30	3	288	36	1	584	66	4
	Brian Benson	AMBHFS/R	297	25	1	0	0	0	297	25	1
Class C											
1st	Joe Kolling	AMBHFS/R	284	27	1	293	27	2	577	54	3
2nd	Matt Nixon	AMBHFS/R	287	20	2	289	29	2	576	49	4
3rd	John Campbell	AMBHFS/R	288	29	4	285	16	0	573	45	4
	Kurt Marisa	AMBHFS/R	286	23	0	282	15	1	568	38	1
	Brian Marolda	AMBHFS/R	284	19	2	277	20	1	561	39	3

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Total		
			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs
	Jeremiah Woodward	AMBHFS/R	275	21	3	279	11	0	554	32	3
	Ric Rountree	AMBHFS/R	275	16	1	268	14	0	543	30	1
	Aaron Williams	AMBHFS/R	293	15	0	279	19	3	542	34	3
	Ronald Buzalsky	AMBHFS/R	259	14	1	277	12	1	536	26	2
	Steve Carson	AMBHFS/R	265	13	1	244	13	1	509	26	2
	Bakari Dale	AMBHFS/R	256	13	0	251	7	3	507	20	3
	John Dalton	AMBHFS/R	263	18	3	240	9	1	503	27	4
	Doug Tennis	AMBHFS/R	286	19	2	0	0	0	286	19	2
	MattLayman	AMBHFS/R	257	13	1	0	0	0	257	13	1
Class C											
SC	Justin Wright	AMFS/F	227	6	0	218	3	0	445	9	0
Class A											
SC	Darryl Diehl	AMFS/R	300	56	8	300	60	8	600	116	16
2nd	Buddy Braden	AMFS/R	300	59	8	300	56	5	600	115	13
3rd	Zach Meyers	AMFS/R	300	57	9	300	56	6	600	113	15
	William Ticho III	AMFS/R	300	56	4	300	55	7	600	111	11
	Charlie Wright	AMFS/R	300	53	6	300	56	6	600	109	12
	Isaac Mack	AMFS/R	300	55	8	300	50	0	600	105	8
	Hunter Wheelbarger	AMFS/R	300	52	4	300	48	4	600	100	8
	Justin Elam	AMFS/R	300	45	2	300	50	5	600	95	7
	Andy Willman	AMFS/R	299	53	5	300	49	4	599	102	9
	Marcus Diehl	AMFS/R	300	49	6	299	48	3	599	97	9
	Adam Bradford	AMFS/R	298	46	6	300	54	5	598	100	11
	Scott Nunnally	AMFS/R	299	42	4	299	48	5	598	90	9
	David Greer	AMFS/R	298	49	5	299	51	7	597	100	12
	Clay Murdoch	AMFS/R	299	39	2	298	48	4	597	87	6
	Travis Montgomery	AMFS/R	298	41	1	299	30	0	597	71	1
	Ronnie Ralston	AMFS/R	298	43	4	298	41	2	596	84	6
	Jay Morris	AMFS/R	298	37	5	298	37	1	596	74	6
	Bill Hamlin	AMFS/R	298	49	4	297	53	6	595	102	10
	Dustin Wren	AMFS/R	300	40	1	292	29	2	592	69	3
	Allen Painter	AMFS/R	300	58	2	0	0	0	300	58	2
Class B											
1st	Cody Whellbarger	AMFS/R	295	35	3	299	39	3	594	74	6
2nd	Lewis Armstrong	AMFS/R	294	34	3	300	37	5	594	71	8
3rd	Charles Ingram	AMFS/R	297	41	3	296	29	3	593	70	6
	Michael Ritchie	AMFS/R	293	39	1	298	36	4	591	75	5
	Kenny Dunham	AMFS/R	293	31	2	296	33	1	589	64	3
	Justin Bryant	AMFS/R	297	37	2	290	0	0	587	37	2
	Barry Morris	AMFS/R	291	39	3	293	30	2	584	69	5
	James Leech	AMFS/R	290	33	1	0	0	0	290	33	1
Class C											
1st	Daniel Bednarski	AMFS/R	289	39	6	298	32	2	587	71	8
2nd	Bruce Plunkett	AMFS/R	287	17	1	290	22	4	577	39	5
3rd	Brian Zuber	AMFS/R	278	29	3	291	37	2	569	66	5
	Jeff Bell	AMFS/R	266	17	1	291	20	0	557	37	1
Class B											
SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	265	16	1	274	17	0	539	33	1
2nd	Obula Reddy Indela	AMTRAD	254	9	2	258	12	1	512	21	3

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			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs
Class C											
1st	Roy Meditz II	AMTRAD	219	4	0	254	5	0	473	9	0
2nd	Brian Hatchl	AMTRAD	219	3	0	246	2	0	465	5	0
3rd	Kevin O'Shea	AMTRAD	201	2	0	198	4	0	399	6	0
	Davy Balderson	AMTRAD	197	0	0	175	2	0	372	2	0
	Chris Rankin	AMTRAD	176	2	0	164	3	0	340	5	0
	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	126	0	0	150	1	0	276	1	0
	Jed Greshock	APMFS/R	300	60	6	300	60	9	600	120	15
	Kyle Marisa	CFBB	241	2	1	232	6	2	473	8	3
SC	Kate Carstens	CFBHFS/F	170	3	0	198	7	0	368	10	0
SC	Luke Hatchl	CMBB	202	2	1	259	10	1	461	12	2
2nd	Ethan Mullins	CMBB	222	6	3	237	5	0	459	11	3
SC	Corbin Durham	CMBHFS/R	287	30	4	276	25	2	563	55	6
2nd	Colin Satchell	CMBHFS/R	269	11	0	272	14	2	541	25	2
3rd	Nick Layton	CMBHFS/R	250	9	0	250	10	1	500	19	1
SC	Logan Weller	CMFS/F	278	13	0	273	17	0	551	30	0
SC	Lucas Wimer	CMFS/R	297	36	5	296	35	2	593	71	7
SC	Dheeraj Reddy Indela	CMTRAD	232	6	0	242	6	0	474	12	0
2nd	Ivan Cousine	CMTRAD	219	2	0	225	5	1	444	7	1
SC	Dennis Cline	MSMBB	265	12	0	257	12	1	522	24	1
2nd	Jerry Wenzel	MSMBB	199	0	0	212	2	0	411	2	0
SC	Steven Oldham	MEMBHFS/R	298	29	4	299	46	4	597	75	8
2nd	Bill Swick	MEMBHFS/R	264	11	0	278	18	2	542	29	2
3rd	Charles Shupienus	MEMBHFS/R	227	5	0	247	8	2	474	13	2
	Charles Edwards	MEMBHFS/R	218	4	1	0	0	0	237	4	1
SC	Ted Lytton	MSMFS/R	297	36	5	300	46	2	597	82	7
2nd	Fred Switzer	MSMFS/R	293	34	5	292	29	3	585	63	8
3rd	Jack Cason	MSMFS/R	291	25	3	289	21	1	580	46	4
	Jimmy Brugh	MSMFS/R	282	25	1	284	22	4	566	47	5
	Marvin Huffman	MSMFS/R	280	18	3	277	20	2	557	38	5
	Tommy Whillhelm	MSMFS/R	273	15	0	269	19	2	542	34	2
	Russ Hatchl	MSMTRAD	219	6	1	230	1	0	449	7	1
2nd	Jim Clippard	MSMTRAD	187	4	0	169	2	0	356	6	0
SC	Thoy Baker	SFBHFS/R	260	8	1	248	9	0	508	17	1
SC	Bertha Brugh	SFFS/R	278	19	4	288	23	3	566	42	7
2nd	Mary Wenzel	SFFS/R	280	13	2	286	21	4	566	34	6
SC	Sandra O'Shea	SFTRAD	207	4	0	179	2	0	386	6	0
SC	James Little	SMBHFS/F	276	12	1	281	11	1	560	23	2
SC	Pat Hamp	SMBHFS/R	300	52	5	300	46	2	600	98	7
2nd	Ralph Santmyers	SMBHFS/R	293	29	3	296	33	2	589	62	5
3rd	Phong Nguyen	SMBHFS/R	293	25	2	288	23	2	581	48	4
	Stephen Richards	SMBHFS/R	286	31	2	292	25	2	578	56	4
	Kevin Brown	SMBHFS/R	285	24	1	289	26	4	574	50	5

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Total		
			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs
	Mike Serig	SMBHFS/R	245	10	0	192	3	1	437	13	1
SC	Ted Bradford	SMFS/R	300	44	4	295	37	3	595	81	7
2nd	Tom Gallaher	SMFS/R	297	42	3	296	36	3	593	78	6
3rd	Jarrett Frame	SMFS/R	287	28	3	296	30	1	583	58	4
	Wilt Baker	SMFS/R	274	26	0	288	30	0	562	56	0
	Stephen Weisbrod ESQ	SMFS/R	282	15	0	276	14	1	558	29	1
	Danny Alger	SMFS/R	300	53	4	0	0	0	300	53	4
SC	Roy Meditz	SMTRAD	251	7	0	234	6	0	485	13	0
2nd	Angelo Balderson	SMTRAD	216	6	0	213	4	0	429	10	0
3rd	Olin Bare	SMTRAD	200	5	0	179	1	0	379	6	0
	Samuel Day	SMTRAD	191	5	1	187	1	0	378	6	1
Class A											
SC	Holly Waddell	YAFBHFS/R	283	17	2	284	21	2	567	38	4
Class B											
1st	Cory Mullins	YAFBHFS/R	247	9	2	243	10	1	490	19	3
Class A											
1st	Travis Shaal	YAMBHFS/R	270	21	3	255	7	1	525	28	4
	Joseph Dawkins	YAMBHFS/R	296	35	5	0	0	0	296	35	5
Class B											
SC	Michael Danyliw	YAMBHFS/R	263	11	0	273	14	1	536	25	1
Class C											
	Alex Vance	YAMBHFS/R	189	2	0	0	0	0	189	2	0
Class A											
SC	Trent Diehl	YAMFS/R	300	45	4	300	40	5	600	85	9
2nd	Billy Lane III	YAMFS/R	300	48	3	299	46	4	599	94	7
3rd	Matthew Murphy	YAMFS/R	293	21	1	295	36	1	588	57	2
Class C											
SC	Haleigh Aktersitz	YFBB	165	2	0	295	4	0	360	6	0
Class B											
SC	Garrett James Satchell	YMBHFS/R	237	8	0	263	6	0	500	14	0
2nd	Noah Satchell	YMBHFS/R	242	7	1	226	11	1	468	18	2
Class A											
SC	Kevin Clayton	YMFS/R	300	48	3	297	49	3	597	97	6
2nd	Nicolaas Medina	YMFS/R	300	42	3	287	22	1	587	64	4
	Bronson Early	GAMBHFS/R	286	19	2	293	31	2	579	50	4
	Larry Nelson	GAMBHFS/R	280	11	1	271	12	0	551	23	1
	Chad Fox	GAMBHFS/R	291	28	1	258	19	2	549	47	7
	Darrin Davis	GAMFS/R	300	55	5	300	59	7	600	114	12
	Randy Patterson	GAMFS/R	300	58	8	300	56	4	600	114	12
	Joe Truslow	GAMFS/R	300	46	4	299	44	2	599	90	6
	Joseph Johnson	GAMFS/R	294	27	3	294	31	4	588	58	7
	Chris Durrbeck	GAMFS/R	300	49	5	0	0	0	300	49	5
	Jason Phoenix	GAMFS/R	289	32	3	0	0	0	289	32	3
	Shane Nelson	GYMBHFS/R	211	2	0	229	8	2	440	10	2

VBA Indoor Records 1976 to 2013

There are no records for 2007 due to snow.

Only the 1st round was used.

The records reflect a two-day total.

* New Records

AMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr.	2009	300/59	300/60	600/119	} Tied
	Buddy Braden	2004	300/59	300/60	600/119	
AFFS/R	Valarie H. Murdoch	2013	300/52	300/52	600/104*	
AMFS/F	Ronnie Lewis	1988	300	299	599	
AFFS/F	Debra Barker	1990	297	295	592	
AMBHFS/R	Daryll Deihl	2012	300/59	300/60	600/119	
AFBHFS/R	Stacy Pruitt	2006	298/39	300/49	598/88	
AMBHFS/F	Richard Rhodes	1985			596	
AFBHFS/F	Debi Baker	1988	283	288	571	
AMBB	Rick Stark	1998			589	
AFBB	Cay McManus	1992			585	
AMBH	Howard Faris	1998			583	
AFBH	Cay McManus	1978	270	269	539	
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	1999	287	283	570	
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2012	216/12	264/14	525/26	
APMFS/R	Braden Gelienthier	2012	300/60	300/60	600/120	} Tied
	Jed Greshock	2013	300/60	300/60	600/120*	
YAMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr	2005	300/58	300/59	600/17	
YAFFS/R	Lindsay Lavenhar	2006	296/36	295/34	591/70	
YAMFS/F	Patrick Vogel	2004	294/27	296/34	590/61	
YAFFS/F	Tanya Heaster	1994	285	272	557	
YAMBHFS/R	Joseph Dawkins	2012	300/46	299/34	599/80	
YAFBHFS/R	Heather Stevens	1997			578	
YAMBHFS/F	Shane Ervin	1998			550	
YAFBHFS/F	Kimberley Dobbins	2005	188/2	161/2	349/4	
YAMBB	Darren Eastridge	1983			546	
YAMBH	Nick Willard	1995	227	201	428	
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	300/55	300/46	600/101	
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1992			583	
YMFS/F	Stacy Knighten	1987	270	265	535	
YFFS/F	Sara Lavehnrar	2006	244/4	235/15	479/19	
YMBHFS/R	Jake Dean	2010	297/35	300/36	597/71	
YFBHFS/R	Heather Stevens	1995	281	279	560	
YMBHFS/F	Michael Bibee	1995	257	257	514	
YFBHFS/F	Heather Stevens	1994	238	234	472	
YMBB	Jimmy Hoyer	1985			551	
YFBB	Torre Maxey	1976	233	240	473	
YMTRAD	Kris Black	2009	143/1	146/5	289/6	
YMTRAD	Carinne Couisine	2012	78/1	83/1	161/2	
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2009	300/57	300/58	600/115	
CFFS/R	Sarah Delgado	1997			557	
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2012	276/26	292/23	568/49	
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2006	268/15	265/10	533/25	
CMBHFS/R	Sammy Lane	1982			599	
CFBHFS/R	Ashley Hochstrass	2000	267	285	552	

CMBHFS/F	Michael Cerra	1982			593
CFBHFS/F	Kate Carstens	2013	170/3	198/7	368/10*
CMBB	Brian Roling	2006	265/17	270/14	535/31
CFBB	Sara Lavenhar	2004	277/17	282/19	559/36
CMTRAD	Dheeraj R. Indela	2013	232/6	242/6	474/12*
SMFS/R	Barry Velarde	2004	300/56	300/58	600/114
MSFFS/R	Mary Wenzel	2012	268/13	277/18	545/31
MSMFS/R	Ted Lytton	2012	300/48	300/46	600/92
MSMBB	Dennis Cline	2013	265/12	257/12	522/24*
MSMBHFS/R	Steve Oldham	2013	298/29	299/46	597/75*
MSMTRAD	Russ Hatchl	2012	249/11	230/6	479/17
PWFTRAD	Alexis Campbell	2012	43/1	54/0	97/1
SFFS/R	Betty Hamlin	2001	297	295	592
SMFS/F	Vic Matthews	1999	294	285	579
SFFS/F	Betty Gordon	1999	271	261	532
SMBHFS/R	Pat Hemp	2013	300/52	300/46	600/98*
SFBHFS/R	Nuland Baker (Thoy)	2011	271/15	274/16	545/31
SMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2011	286/19	286/18	572/37
SFBHFS/F	Jane Mabe	1991			483
SMBB	Mike Brown	2009	286/23	286/24	572/47
SMBH	Bruce Kieffer	2006	281/25	286/30	567/55
SMTRAD	Roy Meditz	2013	251/7	234/6	485/13*
SFTRAD	Sandy O'Shea	2013	207/4	179/2	385/6*



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Archery Instructor Course Held for Kingsboro Bowmen

By Jerry Wenzel

A Universal Basic Archery Instructors' Course was conducted on 9 February, 2013, for the Kingsboro Bowmen Archery club at their facilities in Suffolk, Virginia. The course was attended by six members of the club: Wilt Baker, Justin M. Elam, Matt Nixon, Bryan F. Poovey, Jon Robertson and James A. Willman. It may seem unusual that experienced and accomplished archers would want to take the Basic Archery Instructors' Course. And indeed some of the material presented was, well, basic. But, there is a reason. Having an instructor certification provides benefits to both the instructors and their organization, including some insurance coverage. The Basic Course is the least expensive and least time-consuming way to become certified. Certification also provides credentials that are understood and respected by several groups such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, 4H, and youth groups that may be recipients of archery instruction by the newly certified instructors.

Since those attending the course were experienced archers, they were able to grasp the material rapidly, allowing time to present more advanced supplemental material. This is how my wife and I try to present the Basic Course to more experienced archers. The basic material must be covered for certification, but since time allows, we try to cover as much advanced material as we can.

New Kingsboro Instructors with Course Instructor



For other VBA clubs who may wish to certify instructors for their clubs, there are NFAA Advanced Certified Instructors and Master Coaches as well as USAA advanced level instructors/coaches in VBA willing to work with you. If you want more information, you can contact me by e-mail at coachjerry@dishmail.net. ☹

Spotlight on Kingsboro Bowmen

In 2013, the Kingsboro Bowmen recognized a 30 YEAR member of the club, Ed Bickham. Ed has been a mainstay in the archery community for Kingsboro Bowmen, the Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) and various other archery organizations. Ed has served with a sense of dedication that is a rarity this day in time. His passion and vision has been key to the sustainment and growth of the sport of archery. The members of Kingsboro Bowmen cannot say "Thank You, Ed" enough for your leadership, wisdom and care for others. If you don't know the name Ed Bickham yet, ask around and next time you see him, thank him for all he has done for the sport, the community, and the VBA.



Ed Bickham with Andy Willman

Haven't heard of the Kingsboro Bowmen? We have been hosting archery events since we were founded in 1979. Located in the City of Suffolk, our range offers premier features that make it one of the top in Virginia. The range has approximately 50 acres with direct access to two lakes, a marsh and various twisting ravines with beautiful hardwoods. Our club has a fresh 14-target field range to add to its exceptional and challenging 3-D course. We cooperate with the Suffolk City Parks & Recreation as a trusted steward of land nestled in the city's Lone Star Lakes Park. Members of Kingsboro Bowmen enjoy the use of the park for other various activities like fishing, canoeing, horseback riding and hiking.

We again hosted the South-Eastern Leg of the VBA State Indoor Championship in Newport News, VA. This year, Kingsboro had a record turnout of 38 members and guests. Kingsboro Bowmen in proud of their state champions and members placing in the top three. About 1/4th of our membership placed! A new member, Nick Layton shot an official "X" Robin Hood! Great shooting at your first State Indoor Championship young man! That will be one to remember. Kingsboro would like to thank Wilcox Bait & Tackle for providing use of their archery range. And as always, thank you to all the archers who support the club, and we are looking forward to many more good times!

Plans are underway. Kingsboro Bowmen recently gained seven certified Basic Archery Instructors by hosting its first USA Archery Basic Instructors Course this year Thanks to Mr. Jerry Wenzel and his wife Mary for a great course. We are now collect5ing funds, requesting volunteers and gathering equipment to facilitate a Youth Archery Program along with helping the City of Suffolk with their Outdoor Adventure Kamp (OAK) archery events this summer. And this is only the start of exciting times for Kingsboro. Keep your eyes open for more from our club, and join us in our efforts to promote the sport of archery. Start by "liking" us on Facebook (www.kingsborobowmen.com/facebook) and next by joining our club! For more information about the club, visit our new website at www.kingsborobowmen.com and we will see you on the range!

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Whitetail

Spring = Time of Plenty a

essay by
Matt Knox

In late winter as the days begin to lengthen and temperatures begin to warm, the whitetail's world dramatically changes. In most areas, over the period of about a month a deer's routine will evolve from a day-to-day fight for survival to one of choosing from a nearly endless buffet of succulent, nutritious food. The animal itself is literally transformed; its metabolism and activity levels increase significantly and its coat molts from the highly insulating thick brown-gray coat of winter back to the much cooler, thin red coat of summer.

In terms of selection, quality, and quantity, it will be the deer's best food season of the year. And with the spring green-up, a deer's primary objective becomes to consume as much high-quality forage as possible.

All deer have high nutritional needs as they grow during the spring—especially the young and pregnant does. Fetuses that have been growing since fall begin putting significant demands on the mother and grow very rapidly in the last trimester; bucks need energy to grow antlers; all need energy to molt their coats.

Most of the food consumed will be new herbaceous vegetation and forbs—perfect because it is more succulent, more palatable, and more easily digested. On average, a deer needs greater than or equal to 16 percent protein in its spring diet. Luckily, much new spring vegetation exceeds 20 percent. Regrettably, preferred foods at this time of year often include crops in agricultural fields and vegetable gardens, and ornamental plantings.

Outside of the fall rut, a buck's life is pretty dull, and spring is no exception. Bucks, which re-formed all-male bachelor groups in mid- to late winter, remain in loose bachelor

groups with size and membership routinely changing. But something big is beginning to happen. Spring is the season when bucks will begin to grow antlers. By early March, all hard antlers from the previous fall should have been shed or dropped. By April, new antlers begin to grow from the pedicels on most males. Male fawns which survived the winter and are still members of their female-dominated family group will begin growing their first antlers at about 10 to 11 months of age. By 18 months, they will have their first set of hard antlers.

The antler germinates from a specialized tissue that is located on the top of the pedicel. When environmental conditions are right, the body sends signals to this tissue and the antler begins to grow. Injuries to the pedicel often result in multiple antlers, or antlers growing from strange locations and angles.

Antlers are true bone grown by male

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Biology

and Birth of the Fawns

members and are a defining characteristic of the deer family, Cervidae. (Only female *reindeer* routinely grow antlers, and these antlers are generally pretty small.) Antlers are not horns. They differ from the horns of goats and sheep because they are made of true bone and because they are deciduous, or cast and completely re-grown every year. In some species, like bighorn sheep, a ram's age can be determined by the annual rings of horn growth. A buck's age cannot be determined by his antlers.

Antler growth is controlled by the photoperiod, or day length. By manipulating light, it is possible to make a deer grow several sets of antlers in a single year or one set of antlers over several years. With the predictable change of seasons, nature makes one set of antlers per year. At the height of the antler growth in late spring or early summer, a deer's antlers will be growing nearly one-half to more than one inch per day.

As spring draws to an end, one of the biggest events in the whitetail's annual life cycle occurs—birth of the next generation. During the final month of spring, the fawns will be born.

All of the effort that went into the rut back in the fall was designed to make sure that the majority of the does would be bred at about the same time (mid-November) so that the majority of fawns would hit the ground about 200 days later, at about the same time. In Virginia, this would be the first two weeks of June, when habitat conditions are most favorable for the fawns and their mothers. This synchronized drop of fawns acts as a type of prey saturation, hopefully overwhelming predators and increasing the fawn's chance of survival during the first critical weeks of life. Good fawning areas or habitat are characterized by good cover for hiding the young from predators.

Productivity in female deer is related to

age and nutrition. When doe fawns breed in healthy deer herds and give birth at one year of age, they almost always give birth to a single fawn. Most does typically give birth at two years of age and can have one or two fawns. As does reach age three and older, given adequate nutrition, twin fawns become the norm and triplet fawns are not uncommon.

A couple of days before giving birth, a doe will withdraw from her family group and select a fawning area that will be protected and defended from all other deer. Family group bonds will for several weeks to a month or more be completely erased. This area is where the fawn(s) will hide upon arrival. No other deer will be allowed to enter this area for several weeks. This isolation allows the doe to develop a strong bond with her young—a bond that is essential to the fawn surviving.

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

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2013 VBA Spring Classic Championship

April 20 & 21, 2013 at Singers Glen Bowbenders

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BIRTH DATE FOR YA, YOUTH, CUB, PEE-WEE _____ **SEX: MALE** ____ **FEMALE** ____

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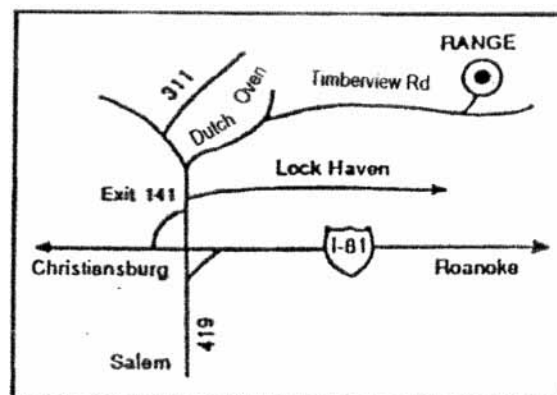
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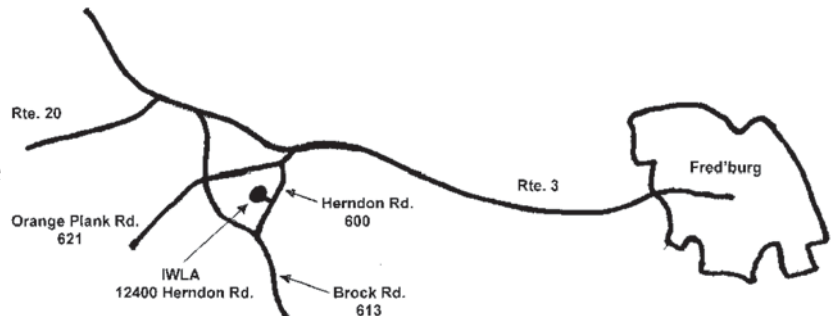
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SEX: Male / Female

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



2013 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

June 8-9 [Meeting]

Sept 21 [scheduling session] - 22 [meeting]

Tournaments

April 20-21 VBA Spring 3-D Classic [Marked]

Singers Glen

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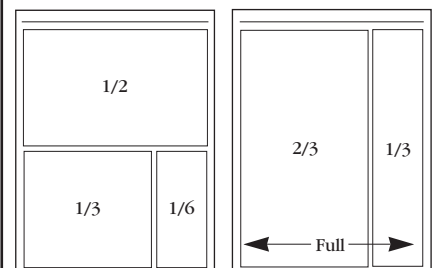
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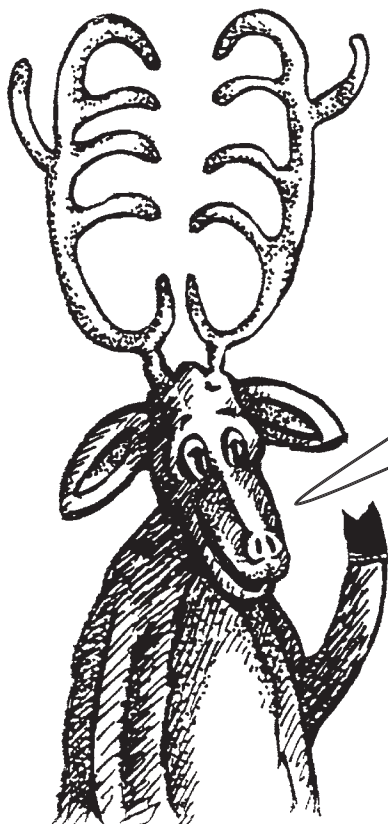
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