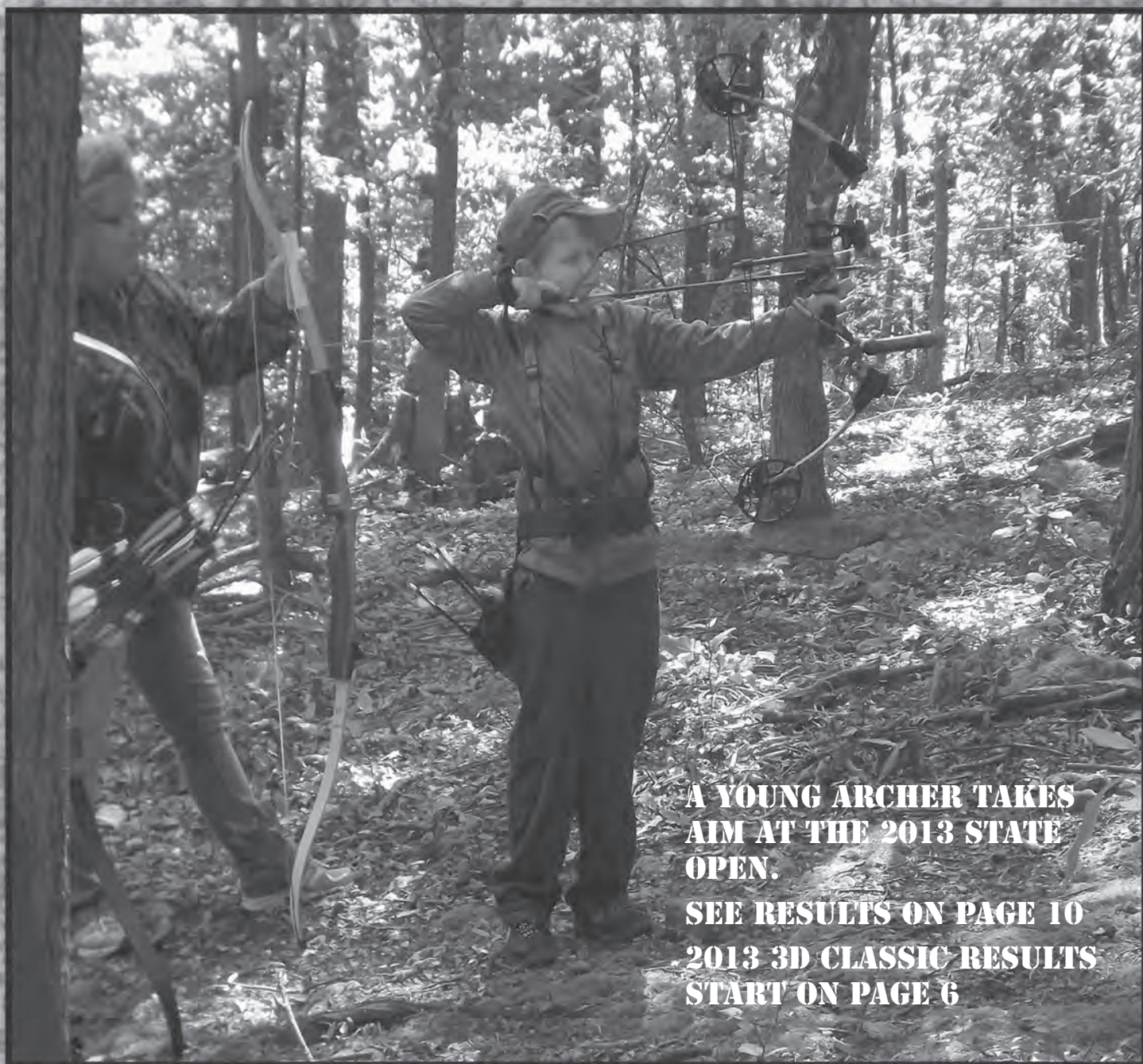




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FLIGHT Deadline
The deadline for the Fall issue of FLIGHT will be September 23, 2013. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your magazine and we encourage your contributions!



The Order of the Golden Feather is sad to inform you that one of its newest members has passed away. Joe McManus, inducted in March 2010, died peacefully in May. Joe has been a member of several clubs in Virginia and was a current member of Sherwood Archers. He was also a life member of New River Archery Club and the NFAA. The family requests any donations be made to the Virginia Bowhunters Association in Joe's name to be properly thanked. Send donations to Marie Bell, VBA Executive State Secretary and Treasurer, at 1223 Jeanette Ave., Vinton, VA 24179. Joe will be remembered for his sense of humor, love of archery, and feisty personality. The OGF and VBA will miss him.

AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEMS VOTED ON AT JUNE MEETING:

(7) VBA ROUNDS, INDOOR SHOOTING RULES, Pg. 6, Add #20: 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 6 ends inside out x's. Effective immediately. **PASSED 20 - 8**

By-laws, Section 1, State Tournaments, Pg. 6, Para. B: Effective 2014-2016, trial on shooting where archers have options of shooting 1 or 2 times and counting highest score at the Spring 3-D. **Passed 8-1 by a show of hands.** Justification: To see if a 1 day option will increase participation. After 3 years, a by-law change can be made if it helps.

AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING:

(1) By-laws, State Championship Awards, Sect. J, Pg. 8: Remove paragraph #3, eliminating the unit rule. Effective, Jan. 2014. Justification: Participants should not be penalized for lack of shooters.

From the Executive Vice President

I would like to start by saying this has been a couple of months with some highs and lows for myself and for VA archers. Losing two of the best friends VA archery has known is a real low. We lost Joe McManus who always had a way of putting a smile on my face with a quick and sometimes sarcastic wit. He would always tell you his opinion even if he knew you were in total disagreement. Joe and Cay would travel all over, going to shoots not only in VA but to all parts of the country. I am sure that if you went to the west side of this country and mentioned Joe's name at a shoot someone there would know him and smile at the mention of his name. Just one week later I found out that we had also lost Uncle Buck [Terry Coghill]. If you did not know him you have been deprived of his big beard, big heart, love of archery and a good laugh that would automatically make you feel good even if you started out the day in a bad mood. Uncle Buck was always at his best when he had his recurve bow in hand and was shooting at anything that looked like a possible target.

Now for the highs. Just before I sat down to write this I had the pleasure of unboxing my new custom-made longbow that I won at the VBA Banquet. This bow is a piece of art. Brian Dimond did a superb job. I could not be any happier with the bow, craftsmanship, or with Brian himself as he kept in touch with me all the way through the building of the bow. He would send me e-mails and photos of the progress of the build. I could not take it out to shoot because for some reason it has been raining for days. Today is no different, so I had to settle for a few shoots at seven yards in my basement. I sure wish I could meet Joe and Uncle Buck on a 3-D range this weekend to break in the new toy with fun shooting and a lot of laughs.

We also had two VBA state shoots with Singers Glen hosting both of them. Weather was a factor for both shoots. One of the favorite spots was beside the wood stove because at both shoots it was cold and windy, but at least there was not any wet stuff falling from the skies. The number of shooters were down from last year, and I hope the reason for that was the weather. We still have two VBA state shoots coming up this year with the Fall 3-D classic hosted by NORVA on Aug, 17 & 18, and the VBA Closed hosted by Sherwood on Aug 31 & Sept 1. I hope to see you on the range.

Executive Vice President, Terry Ballowe 🏹

From the Publicity Director

As you all know, the VBA had two great archers who passed away recently. Joe McManus and Terry Coghill were dedicated and devoted archers. They both spent much time helping their clubs, going to club and State Tournament shoots, working with youths, promoting archery and representing their club at VBA meetings. The VBA and other archers throughout the country will miss both of them dearly!

The participation at State Tournament shoots has not been on the rise. Hopefully, the last two tournaments for this year will make up the difference. I know Rob will add his comments in his article. Terry will have the 2014 VBA meeting and State Tournament dates on the inside back page of *FLIGHT*. When your Director comes to the September scheduling session, make sure there are no conflicts with the State Tournaments or the clubs in your zone. I know John will appreciate it if you have the correct dates, times, and abbreviations. If you decide to add another shoot(s), please let him know prior to the final printing of the 2014 Schedule shoots.

At the June meeting, Marie reported that we had 1,316 VBA members. Membership for the 2nd quarter of 2013 was up by 46 over 2nd quarter of 2012. I'm glad to see that membership is increasing. I encourage our new members to go to our club and State Tournament shoots!

As a reminder, check the VBA website when *FLIGHT* does not get to you in a timely manner and for other details and information.

For those that receive the Outdoor Report, note that Jerry Wenzel's Archery Class at Kingsboro was in the June 12th edition. I continue to encourage everyone to send me your articles/pictures on your bowhunting ventures, youth archery/hunting, archery classes, charity events, etc. I send them to the editor of the Outdoor Report to let folks know about us.

During the summer, I will be at various VDGIF events, county fairs, sportsmen shows and other events representing the Department to spread information about the VBA.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Yours in Archery ~~ Irene Stocksdale 🏹

From the NBEF/IBEP Director

I'm a Baby Boomer. Like many others who also fit that description, it means that I'm now one of the elder statesperson in our sport. While I don't mind that so much, it does mean that I can no longer take for granted that I will continue being healthy enough to bow hunt without any effort on my part.

I served for over 20 years in the Military, so staying fit was a way of life. As a result, being physically fit never crossed my mind when I started preparations for the upcoming season – I just knew I would be. Now I've come to the realization that I can no longer take that cavalier approach. This year I underwent orthoscopic surgery to address a torn meniscus in both knees. Notice I didn't say "repair" because at my age, there is no repairing the tears. They simply clip off the tear, smooth it out and hope for the best. While my outcomes were OK, I won't be running any marathons – or climbing straight up mountains chasing goats or bighorns. More important, I realize that I now have to work at getting physically fit to be able to enjoy it and hunt like I want to. In my case, since high impact exercises like running are out, I regularly walk, and find that works great for me.

The point I want to make is this. Bowhunting is a strenuous sport. If you have also reached the elder statesperson category, or if you are younger but out of shape, you need to address it now in order to be ready for the upcoming season. First and foremost, get your annual physical exam from your primary care provider. Talk frankly with your provider about your physical limitations, medications and your fitness goals, to work out an exercise program that is tailored to you. If you aren't a self-starter, find a partner. (Hint – as a general rule, wives take better care of themselves than we do. They are willing fitness partners, and will be delighted to join you). Finally, if you need to start a new medication to address an issue, now is the time, so you and your provider have your condition under control before the season starts.

During the season, make sure anyone you hunt with knows about any medical conditions you have and medications you are taking. Things have a way of popping up unexpectedly, and you don't want to surprise your guide when you have a diabetic episode (like hypoglycemia) half way up a mountain chasing elk. You not only put your life at risk, but also any rescuers who respond to offer assistance. If you carry emergency medications, make sure your guide or hunting partners know where they are and how and when to administer them to you.

As we've said before, you owe it to your family, friends and loved ones to come home safe every time you hunt. Being physically fit is a key part of making sure that happens, and something stressed in every IBEP class. Be Safe!!

Good Hunting!

Bob 🏹

VBA Spring 3D Classic

Hosted by Singers Glen Bowbenders



The 2013 Spring 3D Classic Champions



The 2013 Spring 3D Classic Overall Winners

VBA Spring 3D Classic 2013

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	12s	Score	12s	Score	12s
SC	Regina Stroop	AFBHFS/R	237	6	242	7	479	13
2nd	Jennifer Carter	AFBHFS/R	194	3	196	2	390	5
3rd	Brandi Loveday	AFBHFS/R	165		181	2	346	2
	Shirley Hickerson	AFBHFS/R	139		132		271	0
SC	Sarah Ingram	AFFS/R	232	3	245	7	477	10
2nd	Lisa Zuber	AFFS/R	241	5	233	4	474	9
3rd	Tammy Ralston	AFFS/R	204	4	227	6	431	10
SC	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	122	1	132	1	254	2
2nd	Charlene Hicks	AFTRAD	139		104	1	243	1
SC	Robby Moore	AMBHFS/R	259	11	264	12	523	23
2nd	Billy Robbett	AMBHFS/R	245	6	240	4	485	10
3rd	Steve Stroop	AMBHFS/R	231	4	226	3	457	7
	Steve Floyd	AMBHFS/R	220	2	234	3	454	5
	Daniel Montgomery	AMBHFS/R	210	1	235	2	445	3
	Greg Early	AMBHFS/R	212	5	230	3	442	8
	Kenny Durham	AMBHFS/R	216	4	218	5	434	9
	Billy Sepeck	AMBHFS/R	225	5	205	1	430	6
	James Loveday	AMBHFS/R	193		215	2	408	2
	Matt Layman	AMBHFS/R	208	1	195	1	403	2
	Shannon Nesselrodt	AMBHFS/R	215	1			215	1
SC	Randy Patterson	AMFS/R	280	15	278	17	558	32
2nd	Alan Painter	AMFS/R	265	5	272	13	537	18
3rd	Joey Truslow	AMFS/R	264	9	268	11	532	20
	Phillip Painter	AMFS/R	262	8	268	10	530	18
	Josh Painter	AMFS/R	251	9	254	6	505	15
	Ronnie Ralston	AMFS/R	248	6	255	8	503	14
	Charles Ingram, Jr.	AMFS/R	258	10	243	6	501	16
	Cody Whellbarger	AMFS/R	250	6	248	4	498	10
	Mike Ritchie	AMFS/R	240	5	236	3	476	8
	Josh King	AMFS/R	214	4	244	3	458	7
	Bryan Zuber	AMFS/R	238	3	220	3	459	6
	Len Biller	AMFS/R	232	5	225	5	457	10
	John Honyoust	AMFS/R	197	3	186	2	383	5
	Wade Seal, Jr.	AMFS/R	191	2	185	2	376	4
	Hunter Wheelbarger	AMFS/R	228	4			228	4
SC	Jeremy Meadows	AMTRAD	241	5	238	5	479	10
2nd	Michael Light	AMTRAD	216	3	212	4	429	7
3rd	Greg Szentkiralyi	AMTRAD	179		195	4	374	4
	Tony Hall	AMTRAD	192	2	178	2	370	4
	Carl Mullens	AMTRAD	165	1	126		291	1
	Jeff McManus	AMTRAD	158	2	128		289	2
SC	Ethan Mullins	CMBB	179		135		314	0
SC	Corbins Durham	CMBHFS/R	214	4	210	6	424	10
2nd	Matthew Hickerson	CMBHFS/R	194	2	224	3	418	5

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	12s	Score	12s	Score	12s
3rd	Austin Loveday	CMBHFS/R	168	2	181	1	349	3
	Ryan Moore	CMBHFS/R	124	1	141		265	1
	Sage Carter	CMBHFS/R	40		81		121	0
SC	Lloyd Overfelt	SMBHFS/R	236	1	217	3	453	4
2nd	Donald Hickerson, Sr.	SMBHFS/R	195		207	2	402	2
3rd	JD Anderson	SMBHFS/R	150	1	135	1	285	2
SC	Joel Lecker	SMFS/R	248	5	264	10	512	15
2nd	Danny Alger	SMFS/R	250	5	262	9	512	14
3rd	Darrell Wyant	SMFS/R	249	7	260	9	509	16
	Harold Thomas, Jr.	SMFS/R	217		226	3	443	3
	Ed Curley	SMFS/R	195	1	206	5	401	6
SC	Teddy Breeden	SMTRAD	206	2	210	3	416	5
2nd	Olin Bare	SMTRAD	195	3	191	1	386	4
3rd	Angelo Balderson	SMTRAD	183		184	1	367	1
	Sam Day	SMTRAD	168		171		339	0
SC	Cory Mullins	YAFBHFS/R	205	2	185	2	390	4
SC	Donald Hickerson, Jr.	YAMBHFS/R	207	2	216	2	423	4
2nd	Donald Anderson	YAMBHFS/R	155		190		345	0
SC	Alex Vance	YMBHFS/R	126		150	1	276	1
SC	Austin Knicely	YMFS/R	247	5	253	7	500	12



VBA State Spring 3-D Classic Records

1995 to 2013

Style	Name	Year	1st Day	2nd Day	Aggregate
AMFS/R	Allen Painter	2009	280	288	568
AFFS/R	Karen Eppard	2005	282	282	564
AMFS/F	Bruce Biscoe	1996	259	248	507
AFFS/F	Darlene Frye	1995			384
AMBHFS/R	Ronald Layman	2007	276	274	550
AFBHFS/R	Regina Stroop	2012	254	249	503
AMBHFS/F	John Hull	1996	247	252	499
AFBHFS/F	Laura Burris	1997	221	198	419
AMBB/BH	Chris Willard	2005	264	250	514
AFBB/BH	Katy Carlson	2004	159	150	315
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2012	251	268	519
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2012	246	266	512
YAMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2009	276	282	558
YAFFS/R	Lindsay Lavenhar	2004	260	258	518
YAMFS/F	Patrick Vogel	2003	201	191	392
YAMBHFS/R	Josh Lohr	2005	266	266	532
YAMBHFS/F	Nathan Keller	1996	224	289	413
YAFBHFS/F	Kimberly Dobbins	2004	139	121	260
YMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2008	272	280	552
YFFS/R	Lauren Norris	2001	174	140	314
YMFS/F	Brent Stone	2002	135	143	278
YFFS/F	Sarah Lavenhar	2006	100	144	244
YMBHFS/R	Jesse Settle	2006	224	238	462
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2012	237	200	437
YMBHFS/F	Stephen Koch, Jr.	2001	231	220	451
YMBHFS/R	Michael Humphries	2008	252	253	505
YMBB/BH	Joshua Snow	2003	205	224	427
YFBB/BH	Charlotte Ernst	2003	129	128	257
YMTRAD	Zach Stoner	2012	172	165	337
YFTRAD	Charlotte Ernst	2005	129	110	239
CMFS/R	Mark Gallimore	2003	276	250	526
CFFS/R	Brianna Branson	2007	256	246	502
CMFS/F	Justin Ernst	2003	216	241	457
CFFS/F	Jessica Nicole Cash	2005	185	174	359
CMBHFS/R	Landon Nester	2005	225	213	438
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	192	207	399
CMBHFS/F	Hunter Davis	2007	255	258	513
CMBB/BH	Alex Ernst	2003	126	175	301
CFBB/BH	Megan Musser	2008	95	43	138
CMTRAD	Justin Ernst	1999	161	156	317
PWMFS/F	Cody Moore	2000			257
PWMBHFS/R	Corbin Durham	2012	250	274	524
PWMBHFS/F	Zachary Hurt	2009	147	149	296
PWFBHFS/F	Caitlin Willard	2010	60	123	183
PWMBB/BH	Steven Carlson	2003	207	212	419
PWFBB/BH	Nichole Willard	2008	105	101	206
PWMTRAD	Joe Blackwell	2006	131	124	255
	Ethan Mullins	2010	102	153	255
SMFS/R	Danny Alger	2012	270	260	530
SMBHFS/R	Ronald Layman	2012	252	254	506
SMBHFS/F	Dallas Hoover	2010	211	205	416
SMTRAD	Teddy Breeden	2012	213	220	433

Tied

No records in 2013

THE VBA STATE OPEN

HOSTED BY SINGERS GLEN BOWBENDERS



The 2013 VBA State Open Champions



The 2013 VBA State Open Overall Winners

VBA State Open 2013

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	Reginia Stroop	AFBHFS/R	AA	483	21	533	12	1016	33
SC	Lesley Winker	AFFS/R	AA	511	35	543	15	1054	50
2nd	Sarah Ingram	AFFS/R	AA	457	10	504	9	961	19
SC	Charlene Hicks	AFTRAD	AA	307	3	368	4	675	7
1st	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	A	278	3	344	0	622	3
SC	John Mason	AMBB	C	456	7	493	12	949	19
SC	Jeffrey McManus	AMBH	C	178	0	237	1	415	1
SC	Jeremy Dean	AMBHFS/R	AA	533	45	558	24	1091	69
2nd	Vance Stallard	AMBHFS/R	AA	532	51	552	22	1084	73
3rd	Ray Miller	AMBHFS/R	AA	519	30	532	11	1051	41
1st	Shannon Nesselrodt	AMBHFS/R	A	503	29	540	25	1043	54
2nd	Tom Lynch	AMBHFS/R	A	509	32	529	17	1038	49
3rd	Steve Floyd II	AMBHFS/R	A	490	12	527	12	1017	24
1st	Matt Layman	AMBHFS/R	B	472	20	526	9	998	29
SC	Michael Campbell	AMFS/R	AA	542	56	555	24	1097	80
2nd	John Winker	AMFS/R	AA	530	56	552	28	1082	84
3rd	Phillip Painter	AMFS/R	AA	530	46	549	25	1079	71
	Allen Painter	AMFS/R	AA	536	64	0	0	536	64
1st	Charles Ingram	AMFS/R	A	513	36	543	11	1056	47
2nd	Cody Wheelbarger	AMFS/R	A	512	32	536	12	1048	44
3rd	Hunter Wheelbarger	AMFS/R	A	510	29	536	17	1046	46
	Josh Painter	AMFS/R	A	495	28	550	17	1045	45
	Mike Ritchie	AMFS/R	A	495	25	534	17	1029	42
	Leonard Biller	AMFS/R	A	496	20	525	11	1021	31
SC	Kevin Lantz	AMTRAD	B	288	4	358	0	646	4
1st	Kenny Durham	AMTRAD	C	209	2	280	1	489	3
2nd	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	C	153	1	230	1	383	2
SC	Ethan Mullins	CMBB	B	377	1	447	0	824	1
SC	Corbin Durham	CMBHFS/R	A	477	10	497	5	974	15
SC	Dennis Cline	MSMBB		469	14	495	5	964	19
2nd	Howard Faris	MSMBB		441	7	482	9	923	16
SC	Jerry Wenzel	MSMBHFS/F		443	7	513	12	956	19
SC	Harry Kibbler	MSMBHFS/R		497	21	530	18	1027	39
SC	Ted Lytton	MSMFS/R		489	23	533	19	1022	42
SC	Ronnie Latman	SMBHFS/R	AA	527	43	552	21	1079	64
1st	Steve Floyd	SMBHFS/R	B	430	10	473	7	903	17
SC	Darrell Wyant	SMFS/R	AA	529	42	549	17	1078	59
1st	Jarrett Frame	SMFS/R	A	516	34	545	17	1061	51

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
2nd	Thomas Gallaher	SMFS/R	A	518	36	541	17	1059	53
3rd	Danny Alger	SMFS/R	A	513	35	543	18	1056	53
	Harold Thomas	SMFS/R	A	492	23	517	7	1009	30
SC	Cory Mullins	YAFBHFS/R	B	308	1	408	3	716	4
SC	Alex Vance	YMBHFS/R	B	396	4	66	0	462	4



State Open Records 1976 to 2013

1996 = 5/3 targets at Open only

1976 & earlier = 5/3 targets

Records are posted with 28 Field, ½ Hunter & ½ Animal

until format changes

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

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
AMFS/R	Brad Baker, Jr.	2011	555/72	277/29	288	1120/101
AFFS/R	Ginger Hamlin	2007	531/56	556/24		1087/80
AMFS/F	Steve Overfelt	1994				1054
AFFS/F	Debi Barker	1990	510	254	278	1042
AMBB	Rick Stark	2009	489/17	531/13		1020/30
AFBB	Cay McManus	2007	476/16	524/12	280	1000/28
AMBH	Howard Faris	1997	482/20	526/8		1008
AFBH	Cay McManus	1982	438			888
AMBHFS/R	Tim Ewers	2007	555/72	565/33		1120/105
AFBHFS/R	Stacy Pruitt	2005	517/35	542/20		1059/55
AMBHFS/F	Jim Herin	2004	512/25	541/11		1053/36
AFBHFS/F	Irene Stocksdale	1995	446/9	226/3	268	940/12
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2005	468/12	471/9		939/21
AFTRAD	Jennifer Stoner	2012	463/14	243/7	267	973/21
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2009	559/98	571/47		1130/145
CFFS/R	Amy Withers	1989	538	546		1084
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	490/25	515/10		1005/35
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2006	458/0	445/6		903/6
CMBHFS/R	Forrest Belcher	1990	510	260	280	1050
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	473/16	480/3		953/19
CMBHFS/F	Hunter Davis	2007	541/53	536/25		1077/78
CFBHFS/F	Denya Pecora	1992	452	233	276	961
CMBB	Keith Thompson	1977	469	474		943
CFBB	Hope Wymer	2006	293/0	315/3		608/3
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2010	320/2	359/1		688/3
MEMBHFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2013	443/7	235/12	278	956/19*
MSMBHFS/R	Harry Kibbler	2013	497/21	254/18	276	1027/39*
MSMFS/R	Fred Switzer	2012	496/22	251/12	281	1028/34
MSMBB	Danny Cline	2012	474/18	230/7	277	981/25
PWMTRAD	Benjamin Torres	2009	365/5	408/1		773/6
PWFTRAD	Alexis Cambell	2011	142	65/1	168	376
SMFS/R	Barry Velarde	2002	547/51	555		1102
SFFS/R	Jan Lockwood	1992				1050
SMFS/F	Richard Merkel	1997	507/28	517/8		1024
SFFS/F	Bev Hunter	1995				723
SMBB	Robert Walker	1994				1027

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
SMBH	Robert Baublitz	2009	404	433		837
SMBHFS/R	Ronnie Layman	2012	536/48	263/21	288	1087/69
SMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2009	474/17	525/13		999/30
SFBHFS/R	Jane Mabe	1992				910
SMTRAD	Richard Merkel	1998	366/0	379/2		745
YAMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2009	538/92	561/30		1099/122
YAFFS/R	April Chamberlain	1993	509	506		1015
YAMFS/F	Stacy Knighten	1989	473	509		982
YAFFS/F	Kellie Fisher	1992	242	143	238	623
YAMBHFS/R	Nathan Kline	2004	516/32	540		1056
YAMBHFS/F	Chris Willard	1992	432	233	272	937
YAFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2013	308/1	164/3	244	716/4*
YAMBB	Daran Eastridge	1983				825
YAMBH	Kendal Hall	1997	360/3	420/1		780
YAMTRAD	Kris Black	2009	149/1	224/1		373/2
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	550/59	564/21		1114/80
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1992	494	266	280	1040
YMFS/F	Keith Faris	1982				995
YFFS/F	Lori Dodson	1990	393	216	238	847
YMBB	Victor Riggleman, Jr	1987	364	466		830
YFBB	Sara Lavenhar	2005	368/2	433/5		801/7
YMBHFS/R	Matthew Murphy	2011	472/12	236/11	278	986/23
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2012	415/5	217/5	253	885/10
YMBHFS/F	Nick Willard	1992	420	213	238	871
YMTRAD	Zach Stoner	2011	241/4	131/0	118	490/4

From The Tournament Committee

We have been discussing ways to help increase participation in the State Shoots. The delegates passed the change to have the indoor a two-day shoot at the June meeting. The shooter has the option of shooting one or both days, counting only one score. The delegates also decided to try this on the Spring 3-D to see if it increases participation. This was passed as a three year trial.

Our next proposal will be changing from the current VBA 3-D shooting rules to rules that align more with IBO shooting rules for the VBA State 3-D shoots. The delegates are considering a two-year trial to see how well it is received by the shooters. There will be discussions at the September VBA meeting so all members should let their VBA representative know their thoughts on this matter. This change is proposed for the 2014 shooting season.

These changes would be at the state level but is our hope that the clubs will follow suit.

Your feedback is requested.

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Jim Little

Tournament Chairman 

Wild Turkey Spring Gobbler (Meleagris gallopavo)

The Virginia Eastern Wild Turkey population is estimated at approximately 180 thousand birds. Turkeys go to water everyday usually before noon. Turkeys have 360 degree vision and can see almost as well a hawk. So, To bag one with an arrow requires concealment. I put my decoy out at around 15 yards and concealed myself inside the creek bank. After the gobbling stopped at the roost it became a waiting game. Just a few soft calls to let him know a hen was near by. I waited. While feeding in the grassy bottom two gobblers spotted the decoy and worked within range. Occupied by the decoy, I was able to release an arrow. Archery is a great family sport. Native Hunters and my idol Fred Bear, founder of Bear Archery would be proud that archery still thrives.



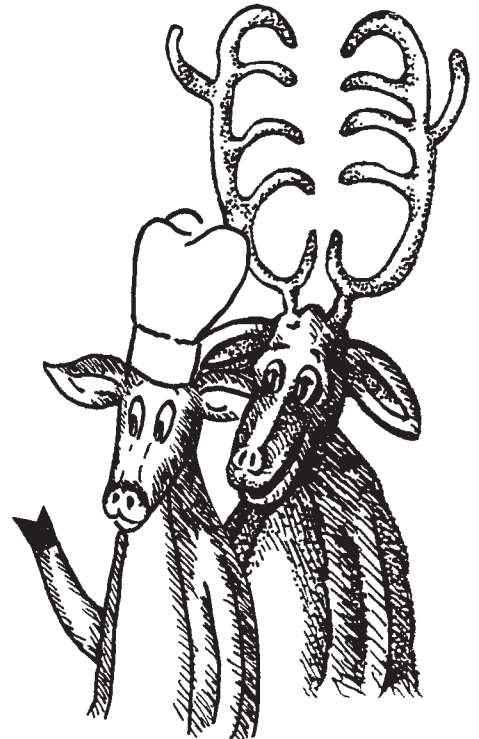
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Winnie & Wally's Venison and Calico Beans

This is taken from the *Hunters For The Hungry Cookbook* and contributed by Dennis York

- 1- pound of venison
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 pound ground sausage
- 1/2 cup catsup
- 1 large chopped onion
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 32 oz can kidney beans
- 2 TBSP vinegar
- 1 32 oz can lima beans
- 1 tsp dried mustard
- 1 32 oz can pork & beans

Brown venison and sausage together in a large casserole. Add the onion and continue to cook until the onions are soft. Add the remaining ingredients, stirring to mix well. Cover and bake in a 350 degree oven for 40-60 minutes. Serves 5-8



Whitetail

Summer = Season

essay by Matt Knox

With the start of summer, the whitetail's world has again undergone a dramatic change: the fawns have arrived. All of the chaos of the breeding season, or rut, 200 days prior has now resulted in the arrival of the next generation of deer. In Virginia, this happens in late May and early June and translates to the arrival of probably a half-million new, spotted wildlife residents in less than one month's time.

Does which separated from their family groups to set up and defend a fawning territory have now given birth. In healthy deer populations, most adult does give birth to twin fawns. Not surprisingly, older does with higher social status and more experience tend to make better, or more successful, mothers.

Fawns are generally born head and feet first and are able to stand and nurse within about 30 minutes of birth. Twin fawns are normally born 10 to 20 minutes apart. After the fawns are born, the doe will lick them

clean and groom them and eat the afterbirth to reduce odors, thus minimizing the chance that predators will find them. These first hours of seclusion are critical because they allow the doe and fawn(s) to imprint each other, forming a critical bond where the doe will be able to identify her young in the future.

Young white-tailed deer fawns are hidlers. This means the doe leaves them lying in the woods and fields alone nearly all the time for the first couple of weeks to month of life. The doe does not abandon them. She moves off far enough that her presence does not draw attention to the fawns, but remains close enough that she can come to their defense if necessary. Picking up a young fawn will normally cause it to make a piercing cry or bawl, which will bring the doe running. It is often during this time of year that protective does attack dogs, or sometimes even people, defending very young, hidden fawns.

During these critical first weeks, the doe will approach the area where the fawn is hiding two to four times each day, mostly during daylight hours. With a soft grunt she will call

the fawn to her, allowing it to nurse for 5–10 minutes. While it is nursing, she will lick and groom it. Then she will typically move the fawn a short distance and leave quickly. When she leaves, the fawn will automatically lie down again to resume hiding.

Healthy fawns generally weigh about six to eight pounds at birth, and they grow quickly. During a typical nursing session a fawn will consume about eight ounces of milk, which is richer than cow's milk, and will usually gain about a half-pound per day, tripling its birth weight in the first month of life.

Although ruminants by nature, a fawn has a digestive system folded in such a way early on to allow the milk to bypass the rumen and reticulum. By two to three weeks of age, fawns begin to eat vegetation. Although fawns can be seen nursing into fall, by 12 weeks of age they are functionally weaned and full-time ruminants.

The spotted coat of a hiding white-tailed deer fawn is one of the most well-known physical characteristics. White spots on a chestnut brown background act as nature's



Biology

n of the Fawns

camouflage, hiding the fawn by mimicking dappled light coming through the forest canopy. Yes, someone has counted the spots. On average, a fawn has between 270 and 350 of them, with two fairly straight lines down either side of its back and the rest scattered randomly over its sides. This camouflage works so well it is very difficult to see and find fawns in the woods.

For the first five to ten days of life, young fawns will lie completely still and not even attempt to escape when approached by a predator or a person. Because of this behavior, very young hiding fawns are highly vulnerable to predators such as black bears and coyotes. Many fawns do not survive. At least ten percent are generally lost to natural causes, and fawn predation rates of 20–30 percent, up to 75 percent or more, have been documented across the Southeast recently. Not surprisingly, most predation losses occur during the first week to ten days of life.

Many times in suburban environments, young fawns will be found hiding in homeowners' yards or mulch beds, or even on porches or in carports. Because the fawns ap-

pear to be alone, well-meaning people pick them up, thinking they have been abandoned. They have not. Young fawns should *not* be picked up in late May and early June. Truly orphaned fawns, injured fawns, or fawns mistakenly picked up as orphans should be returned immediately to the area where found. If that is not possible, they must be taken to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. It is illegal in Virginia to keep deer as pets.

By ten days to two weeks, although they still spend most of their time bedded and hiding, young fawns have changed from helpless hidlers into exceptional escape artists, easily outrunning a person and most predators. As fawns age they become more active and spend increasingly longer periods with their mother, playing and frolicking about. By one month, sibling fawns that were kept separated since birth are reunited. These play sessions are important to building strength and agility for escaping predators. Most activity by young fawns takes place during the day. This is thought to be an adaptation to avoid nocturnal predators like coyotes and bears. The first two months, most of their time is

spent alone with their mother and siblings; however, by three months of age they will quit their solitary lifestyle and reunite with their mother's doe family group and other fawns. By fall, the fawns spend all of their time accompanying the doe.

While family life occupies the does during summer, adult males literally lie around and do nothing except grow antlers. Bucks remain in loose bachelor groups, with size and membership routinely changing until the rut begins in September.

Antler growth in male deer is the fastest normal tissue growth known among mammals; most is accomplished in less than 100 days during May, June, and July. Growing antlers are sensitive, tender, and soft. Bucks go out of their way to avoid injuring them, as injuries frequently result in malformed antlers.

By August 1, shortening days mean the annual life cycle of the deer is beginning to turn again, back to fall and back to deer life in the rut.

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



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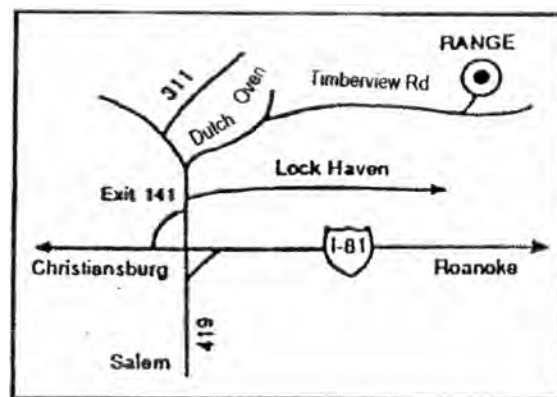
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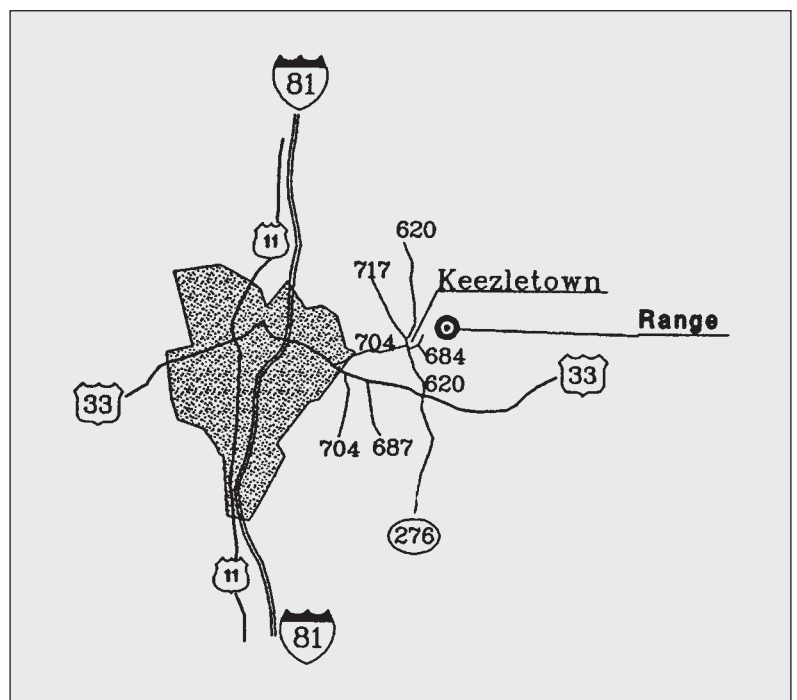
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January 11 & 12

March 22, VBA Banquet, 23 meeting

June 7 & 8

September 20 scheduling session, 21 meeting

Tournaments

Aug 17-18 VBA Fall 3D Classic [unmarked]
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Aug 31-Sept 1 VBA State Closed
Sherwood

Tournaments 2014

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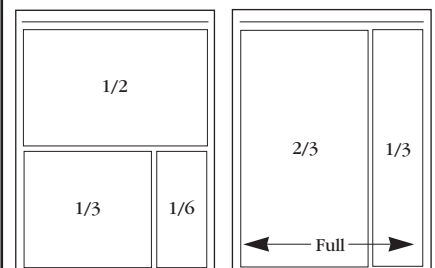
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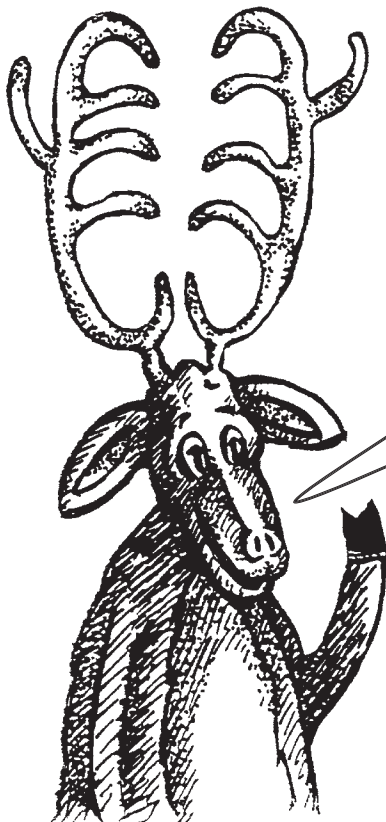
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