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From the President

Another tournament season is over and hunting season is upon us. I hope you had successful tournaments and I wish you much luck during your hunts this fall! I would like to thank all those archers who made it out to support our state shoots and to the clubs which put so much effort into hosting our tournaments. Participation at these shoots was slightly better this year but not what it should be with our increased membership. Let's all try to make next year even better by attending your state tournaments. They really can be a lot of fun.

Now let us get down to some business. Next year is an election year for the VBA officers. Dave Proctor has agreed to chair the Nomination Committee and he is looking for candidates to run for office. I have been your president for two terms and I am not planning on another term. We also need to fill the offices of Bowhunting Committee and 75th Anniversary Committee Chairpersons which have been vacant for some time. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Dave or myself or have your club director bring your name to the January meeting. All nominations are accepted at the January meeting. Nominees have the opportunity to place articles in the winter edition of flight and ballots go out after the March meeting.

Plans for the 75th year celebration continue. At the September meeting, many ideas were expressed. One which I would very much like to see happen is the publication of a new booklet updating the history of the VBA, its affiliated clubs, and outstanding individual members. To this end, I am requesting clubs and individuals to submit articles to be put in the booklet. Included in these articles should be the history of your club, its amenities, location, nearby attractions, and perhaps some photos. Also, the outstanding accomplishments of individual members or perhaps memories of past tournaments or other VBA events could be mentioned. We would like to sell ads to offset the printing costs, so please let us know of any shop, manufacturer, or other business which may like to place an add. With the 75th year coming up in 2016, we need to get started on this right away! Please let me know if you have any other ideas or events you would like to see take place for your celebration.

Again, I wish you all the best luck this hunting season and please send in your photos of successful hunts and applications for awards.

President Rob Pecora 

FLIGHT Deadline
The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be January 13, 2015. 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 Executive Vice President

Tournament season is over and it is time to head to the woods to see if all of the shooting during the summer has paid off. With every hunting season comes the expectations of not only bringing home the meat but also of bring home the trophy of a lifetime. Please remember the most important thing is to bring yourself home safely, always check your tree stands to make sure they are in safe operating condition and always use a good safety harness system, it is always better to come home empty handed than to not come home at all.

Now on another note I would have to say that I have enjoyed this tournament season more than I have than any in the past ten years, You see I had won a custom made long bow at the VBA banquet two years ago, thanks Brian Diamond for the great work, and I have been playing with it at 3-D shoots ever since and with the encouragement of a couple of people, Rob Pecora and Paul Vogel, I decided to try my hand at shooting a field round with it in May of this year and I am sorry to say my Hoyt Pro Elite has not been out of the bow case since .It may seem strange going from freestyle to trad, from one of the spectrum to the other but I have had more fun shooting this year with my recurve and longbow it will be hard to go back to my compound, not that I am very good at it but my field scores have more than doubled since I tried it in May. I am heading to the woods this year with my compound at first, I want to get some meat in the freezer before I try my hand at traditional hunting but when I do I am taking the long bow to woods with me and I hope to have a photo or two for the next issue of Flight for you.

So remember to be safe and have fun and I hope to see you on an archery range somewhere next year and more than likely I will be still shooting just plain old stick and string.

Executive Vice President

Terry Ballowe 🏹

From the Hunting Vice President

As you are reading this, Virginia's 2014 archery season is in full swing and the urban archery season opener is a full month behind us. I hope everyone had their equipment and shooting skills fine-tuned for opening day. Remember to think safety first while taking to the woods and fields this season. Please do not forget to use your FAS (Fall Arrest System). Remember to be hooked up before your feet leave the ground and stay hooked up till your feet get back on the ground. For those fortunate enough to travel out of state on a hunt, check your gear at least twice. It's better to find out now that you forgot to pack something, then when you get to your camp.

For any new bowhunters or any one aspiring to become a bowhunter, the VAHEA, DGIF and Holiday Lake 4H center is hosting a bowhunting workshop October 24-26. It will consist of class room studies, field work and a bowhunt. More details can be found at <https://holidaylake4h.com/bowhunting.php>.

Shoot straight and remember to be a good ambassador to our sport.

Jon Robertson

VBA Hunting VP 🏹



From the Publicity Director

Another season of tournaments and club shoots has come to a close. The clubs have submitted their 2015 scheduled shoots and will be ready for distribution at the January VBA meeting. Contact Cay & I if you have any changes and/or additions. We would like to recognize and thank the clubs that hosted our state tournaments and especially those clubs that held benefits shoots. Although the economy is somewhat down, when it comes to our clubs hosting benefits shoots, everyone that can, is there to enjoy these events. The feedback from those non-profit organizations appreciates what you do for them, and we appreciate and support what they do. Hope to see you all back again next year. Don't forget to note on your 2015 calendar(s), the VBA meetings and State Tournaments that can be found on the inside back page of FLIGHT and our website. Congratulations to all of you!

Once again, the Bowhunters of Rockingham were at the 75th Western Regional & State Championship Big Game show and Singers Glen Bowbenders at a local county fair representing the VBA. Both answered many questions about the VBA, our support for bow hunting in Virginia, tree stand safety, working with the VDGIF folks and sharing experiences and ideas. Tentatively, we may be at the 76th Annual Eastern Regional & State Big Game show next year.

By now, most of you are bow hunting and enjoying the woods. Just remember to: 'buckle-up' safely when using your tree stand, you'll need written permission to hunt on private land on Sunday's, hunting over bait is illegal, know your area, when to wear blaze orange, follow all the VDGIF Hunting & Trapping Regulations and remember what you were taught in Hunter Ed & IBEP classes. The "Application for VBA Game Awards" is in FLIGHT and our website. The application deadline is March 1st. Send your application(s) to Marie Bell so you can be recognized at our 2015 VBA Annual Awards Banquet that will be held on Saturday, March 21st.

The VDGIF is looking for your input on potential changes to the Hunting & Trapping regulations as well as non-Game Regs. for 2015-2016. So, please take the time and give them your feedback. Also, Dave Coffman, editor of the Outdoor Report, is looking for hunters – 'us bow hunters' – to share your hunting photos with everyone. Dave explains how to take pictures and the information he needs when you submit your photo(s). Terry, our FLIGHT editor, also needs your photo(s), stories and information as well.

Once again, I had the opportunity and the pleasure, as a CWF volunteer, helping and working with the VDGIF staff at the Virginia Outdoor Sportsmen Show (VOSS), the Virginia State Fair, the Kids Youth & Sportsman Day at Curtis Lake, the Stafford County Fair, the Pr. William County Forest Park Festival and other on-going events.

Until then, be safe and take a youngster or someone that hasn't been hunting or never attended any of these VDGIF events!

Happy Holidays - Irene 

JOSEPH BOWERS

The Order of the Golden Feather has recently learned and is sad to inform you that OGF member Joseph Bowers passed away suddenly at the end of July. He was a valued member of the Virginia Bowhunters Association and was elected in 1997 to its highest honor, the Order of the Golden Feather. He will be sincerely missed by the many friends whose lives he touched – especially those in his home club of Two Rivers. The VBA and the OGF extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed.

From the NBEF/IBEP Director

Bowseason is finally here – at least in Northern Virginia where the early “antlerless” season has started. For those who live outside the National Capital Region, let me explain what this is all about.

A couple of years ago, Mr. Matt Knox, wildlife Biologist for the VDGIF, gave a superb presentation on the status of the deer herd in the Commonwealth to the VBA awards banquet. He used a term that I now incorporate in my IBEP classes – that term is “cultural carrying capacity”. It is defined as the number of deer that the human population will tolerate in an area. Here in Northern Virginia, we have reached that point. With an abundance of both deer and heavily congested traffic on our roads, deer collisions are common in the fall. It is not unusual for us to have one or more deaths each year attributed to collisions between deer and high speed vehicles. In addition, deer carry ticks that carry Lyme disease. In fact, there are some subdivisions in our area where every household has had at least one case of Lyme disease. So there has been an outcry to control the deer population. In response to that mandate, the VDGIF has liberalized seasons (we can now hunt deer from early September to late April). Having the opportunity to harvest deer over that long a season is something that most of us senior bowhunters never dreamed would happen when we were in the growth and expansion years of our deer herd. However, it has also brought the concept of “Earn-A-Buck (EAB)”, where a hunter must harvest antlerless deer in order to use all of your buck tags. And antlerless deer taken outside of one county do not transfer to another EAB county, but rather must be earned in each county with EAB regulations.

While the program hasn’t been without its growing pains, I think that it has evolved to be a “win-win” for both the VDGIF, local government and bowhunters. It certainly affords local bowhunters the chance to spend more time in the woods, and harvest more animals. It has proven to be an effective, economical way to control the deer population so it doesn’t burden the local taxpayers with additional funding requests. And many of the deer are donated to the Hunters for the Hungry program, which ensures the venison is provided to needy individuals and families across the Commonwealth. So even if you are not in an area where the early season is being offered, I would urge you to support this program, for all the good it provides.

Good Hunting!

Bob 

AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM VOTED ON AT SEPTEMBER MEETING:

(6) Amend Art. 15 - Tournaments, Sect. 15.1.10 - Registration Fees, Para. A., first sentence, Pg. 11 of 22, to read: Registration Fees for the State Open, Closed and Indoor Tournaments shall be \$20.00 each for the first two adult archers, \$5.00 each for the first two youth (under age 18) archers, with a maximum of \$50.00 per family. “Effective, Jan. 1, 2015. **Passed 28-2, 1 abstained.**”

AGENDA ITEM FOR THE JANUARY, 2015 MEETING:

(1) Constitution/Bylaws - Art. 4, Pg.4 of 22, Field Vice President: Make new sentence after second sentence to read: “He shall be responsible for obtaining any/all State Champion Awards and for VBA pin awards, (Blue, White, and Red Pins).

Justification: Article 4 doesn’t spell out exactly what is meant by “matters pertaining to competitive tournaments.” Effective at next printing of Constitution and Bylaws

VBA 2014 Fall 3-D Classic

Hosted by Kingsboro Bowmen



2014 Fall 3-D Classic State Champions



2014 Fall 3-D Classic Winners

VBA Fall 3D Classic 2014

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	12s
SC	Chelsea Neville	FBH	155	1	186	3	341	4
2nd	Cooper Madere	FBH	69	0	151	11	220	11
SC	Camden Neville	CUB	242	7	242	8	484	15
2nd	Nick Layton	CUB	231	6	239	5	470	11
3rd	Zach Hurt	CUB	219	3	218	3	437	6
	Clara Layton	CUB	207	3	201	2	408	5
	Colten Madere	CUB	116	0	137	2	253	2
	Madison Tennis	CUB	191	4	0	0	191	4
SC	Hunter Soldal	YH	182	3	199	2	381	5
2nd	Ethan Mullins	YH	140	0	148	1	288	1
SC	Nathanial Carpenter	YMR 13-14	138	2	142	1	280	3
SC	Kelsey Baird	FY	208	3	207	3	415	6
SC	Keith Madere	HC	250	9	247	9	497	18
2nd	Kenny Layton	HC	247	7	246	9	493	16
3rd	Steven Phillips	HC	244	6	246	9	490	15
	Anthony Jones	HC	235	10	235	5	470	15
	Matt Soldal	HC	198	2	226	2	424	4
	Robert Carpenter	HC	169	0	140	0	309	0
SC	April Phillips	FHC	230	4	227	4	457	8
SC	Jon Robertson	AHC	239	6	237	6	476	12
2nd	Dennis Hook	AHC	211	6	227	6	438	12
3rd	Kade Lish	AHC	196	3	212	4	408	7
SC	Chris Shelburne	MBR	229	3	243	8	472	11
2nd	Bryan Poovey	MBR	218	7	245	9	463	16
3rd	Josh Johnson	MBR	228	4	207	6	435	10
	Thomas Miller	MBR	222	5	210	2	432	7
	TJ Jones	MBR	184	1	226	5	410	6
	Bret Taylor	MBR	195	4	212	3	407	7
	Arron Trimyer	MBR	199	4	204	6	403	10
	Jeff Hite	MBR	179	3	188	1	367	4
	Nick Facenda	MBR	171	0	193	3	364	3
	Chris Clark	MBR	118	0	135	0	253	0
	Brenton Talbot	MBR	185	2	0	0	185	2
SC	Amber Conley	FBR	161	0	149	1	310	1
SC	Eric Roberson	MBO	251	9	254	14	505	23
2nd	Joseph Johnson	MBO	235	6	235	5	470	11
3rd	JT Hurt	MBO	222	5	239	7	461	12
	Shane Fridley	MBO	208	3	216	4	424	7
	Roger Trent	MBO	200	3	208	5	408	8
	Paul Duane Cook, Jr.	MBO	184	1	195	4	379	5

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	12s
	Doug Tennis	MBO	174	2	198	2	372	4
	Charles S. Ingram, Jr.	MBO	0	0	241	7	241	7
SC	Kayla Layton	FBO	212	2	240	8	452	10
2nd	LeAnn Barger	FBO	199	3	222	6	421	9
3rd	Sarah Ingram	FBO	161	1	191	2	352	3
SC	Denny Baird	MBF	165	0	171	1	336	1
SC	Micheal Light	RU	196	3	195	0	391	3
2nd	Denny Cline	RU	181	4	199	4	380	8
3rd	Carl Mullins	RU	100	0	71	0	171	0
SC	Paul Vogel	TRD	225	0	205	5	430	5
2nd	Steve Dicketts	TRD	177	0	142	0	319	0
3rd	David Keeling	TRD	150	1	142	2	292	2
SC	Robin Vogel	FTRD	217	2	218	4	435	6
2nd	Cay McManus	FTRD	193	2	196	4	388	6
3rd	Caroline Mabry	FTRD	82	1	79	0	161	1
SC	Larry Wales III	SHC	195	5	225	5	420	10





VBA Fall 3-D Classic Records

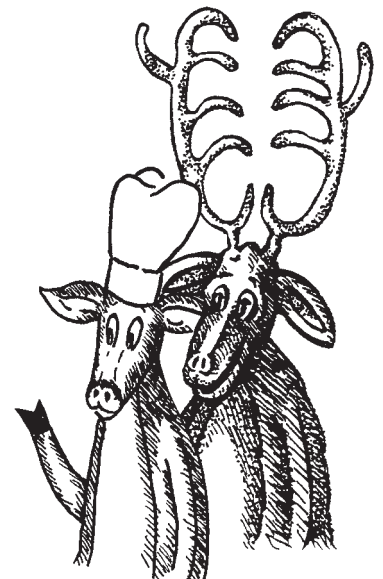
Style	Name	Year	1st Round/11s	2nd Round/11s	Record Score/11's
FBH	Chelsea Neville	2014	155/1	186/3	241/4
CUB	Camden Neville	2014	242/7	242/8	484/15
YH	Hunter Soldal	2014	182/3	199/2	381/5
YMR 13-14	Nataniel Carpenter	2014	138/2	142/1	280/3
FY	Kelsey Baird	2014	208/3	207/3	415/6
AHC	Jon Robertson	2014	239/6	237/6	476/12
FBO	Kayla Layton	2014	212/2	240/8	452/10
FBR	Amber Conley	2014	161/0	149/1	310/1
FHC	April Phillips	2014	230/4	227/4	457/8
FTRAD	Robin Vogel	2014	217/2	218/4	435/6
HC	Keith Madere	2014	250/9	247/9	497/18
MBF	Denny Baird	2014	165/0	171/1	336/1
MBO	Eric Roberson	2014	251/9	254/14	505/23
MBR	Chris Shelburne	2014	229/3	243/8	472/11
RU	Michael Light	2014	196/3	195/0	391/3
SHC	Larry Waales III	2014	195/5	225/5	420/10
TRD	Paul Vogel	2014	225/0	205/5	430/5

Wally's and Winnie's Receipe for Venison Stew

1 pound venison, chopped small
 3 large carrots
 4 stalks celery
 2 14 oz. can stewed tomatoes
 2 potatoes
 1 onion
 2 TBSP instant tapioca
 salt and pepper to taste

Mix in baking dish, cover and bake at 300 degrees for 2 1/2 hours.

Let stand for 10 min. before serving



2014 VBA State Closed



2014 State Closed Champions



2014 State Closed Overall Winners

VBA STATE CLOSED 2014

Rank	Name	Style	Field Round		Hunter round		Animal Round	Total	
			Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Score	Xs
SC	Sedona Rodgers	AFBHFS/R	233	4	164	2	239	636	6
SC	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD	465	16	233	7	232	930	23
2nd	Cay McManus	AFTRAD	425	6	211	6	267	903	12
	Shannaon Nesselrodt	AMBHFS/F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Mitch Stonesifer	AMBHFS/R	534	43	270	28	283	1087	71
2nd	Tom Lynch	AMBHFS/R	531	44	270	26	283	1084	70
3rd	Vance Cave	AMBHFS/R	526	49	268	23	281	1075	72
	Brian Baldridge	AMBHFS/R	506	25	257	16	279	1042	41
SC	Danny Baird	AMFS/F	468	11	31	0	181	680	11
SC	Randy Patterson	AMFS/R	546	67	275	27	289	1110	94
2nd	Darryl Diehl	AMFS/R	546	60	268	25	288	1102	85
3rd	Hunter Wheelbarger	AMFS/R	538	45	273	27	283	1094	72
	Daryl McKenzie	AMFS/R	532	45	264	21	285	1081	66
	Clint Wheelbarger	AMFS/R	535	39	263	20	282	1080	59
	Joey Truslow	AMFS/R	517	36	163	19	286	1066	55
	Travis Montgomery	AMFS/R	503	25	256	16	275	1034	41
	Kenny Durham	AMFS/R	486	22	250	14	277	1013	36
	Allen Painter - INC	AMFS/R	543	56	0	0	0	543	56
	Josh Painter - INC	AMFS/R	483	28	0	0	0	483	28
SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	422	2	211	4	248	881	6
2nd	John Mason	AMTRAD	362	9	168	2	229	759	11
3rd	Mike Light	AMTRAD	356	3	184	6	204	744	9
SC	Chelsea Neville	CFFS/R	449	9	234	6	276	959	15
SC	Bertha Brugh	SSFFS/R	475	12	216	8	255	946	20
SC	Tom Gallaher	SSMFS/R	513	31	256	17	283	1052	48
2nd	Melvin Simmons	SSMS/R	471	20	248	10	277	996	30
SC	Robert Pecora	SSMTRAD	306	4	134	1	202	642	5
SC	Corbin Durham	CMBHFS/R	517	33	252	18	272	1041	51
SC	Camden Neville	CMFS/R	529	42	260	13	286	1075	55
SC	Dennis Cline	MSMBB	457	15	195	6	272	924	21
2nd	Howard Farris	MSMBB	434	8	177	2	253	864	10
	Jerry Wenzel - INC	MSMFS/F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Ted Lytton	MSMFS/R	519	34	265	21	282	1066	55
SC	Jim Little	SMBHFS/F	469	16	238	7	281	988	23
SC	Ray Miller	SMBHFS/R	499	30	258	18	282	1039	48
2nd	Harry Kibler	SMBHFS/R	498	25	254	19	283	1035	44
SC	James Robert Baugh	SMFS/R	447	8	241	13	268	956	21
	Phillip Painter - INC	SMFS/R	531	51	0	0	0	531	51
SC	Terry Ballowe	SMTRAD	309	4	105	2	118	532	6
	Kitana Finley - INC	YAFBB	75	0	0	0	0	75	0
	Dascha Finley - INC	YAFTRAD	67	1	0	0	0	67	1
SC	Trent Diehl	YAMFS/R	528	47	270	25	285	1083	72
2nd	Patrick Kines	YAMFS/R	294	4	142	2	214	650	6
	Preston Finley - INC	YAMTRAD	138	0	0	0	0	138	0
SC	Kelsey Baird	YFFS/R	396	12	233	4	262	891	16
	Nadia Finley - INC	CFBH/F	165	0	0	0	0	165	0
DQ*	Web Babcock - INC	MSMTRAD	-394	-1	-170	0	-219	-783	-1
	Aria Finley - INC	YFBH	233	1	0	0	0	233	1

* Bone Rel

VBA State Closed Records

5/4/3 targets used since 1978

1992 – only score posted was 28 Field

1993 -only scores posted were 28 F & 28 H.

1999-First day called because of storm. (NORVA)

**Beginning in 2008, Records reflect 28 F, 14 H & 14 A w/SPOTS until the format changes.

Records not using spots on animal targets.

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
AMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr.	2009/11	552	566		1118
	Darryl Diehl	2004	552	564		1116# ^{Tied Yrs}
AFFS/R	Ginger Hamlin	2008	518	265	283	1066**
	Scarlet Rucker	1990				1062#
AMFS/F	N/A	2008				
	Ronnie Lewis	1990				1054#Tie
	Ronnie Lewis	1988				1054#Tie
AFFS/F	N/A	2008				
	Debra Barker	1990				1035#
AMBHFS/R	Jeremy Dean	2011	548	287	273	1108
	Tim Ewers	2008	539	273	286	1098 **
	Andy Stonesifer	2005				1102# tie
	Darryl Diehl	1998	551	551		1102# tie
AFBHFS/R	Joyce Cameron	2009	434	480		917**
	Stacy Pruitt	2004	527	548		1075#
AMBHFS/F	Randy Hoover	2008	490	252	286	1028**
	Danny Alger	1987	517	534		1051#
AFBHFS/F	Irene Stocksedale	1995				960#
AMBB	Rick Stark	2008	510	255	280	1045**
	Denny Cline	1983	521	528		1049#
AFBB	Cay McManus	2008	481	246	269	996**
	Cay McManus	1996	495	532		1027#
AMBH	Howard Faris	2009	453	511		964**
	John Mason	1998	493	529		1022#
AFBH	Gloria Smith	1988	463	506		969#
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2008	439	215	252	906**
	George Dalton	2006	402	419		821#
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2012	471	245	262	978
	Debbie Woofter	2003	199	282		481#
YAMFS/R	Brandon Armstrong	2008	540	272	286	1098**
YAFFS/R	Denya Pecora	1995				1009#
YAMFS/F	James Moore, Jr	1988	494	524		1016#
YAFFS/F	Angela Gordon	1982	363	364		727#
YAMBHFS/R	Travis Dillon	2008	524	261	281	1066**
	Nathan Kline	2003	505	535		1040#
YAMBHFS/F	John Coggin	1991				1004#
YAFBHFS/F	Kimberly Dobbins	2004	238	342		580#
FAFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2013	329	186	249	764
YAMBB	Todd Davis	1982	417	450		867#
YAFBB	Vickie Younger	1990				547#
YAMBH	Donald Tynes	1990				970#
YAMTRAD	Zach Stoner			2011		150
155		143		448		
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	536	553		1089**
	Steven Stark	1998	522	545		1067#
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1991				1046
YMFS/F	Keith Faris	1982	513	521		1034#
YFFS/F	Sara Lavenhar	2006	277	301		578#
YMBHFS/R	Jake Dean	2009	501	532		1033**
	Nathan Kline	2002	473	507		980#

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2012	439	230	266	935
	Denya Pecora	1994				843#
YMBHFS/F	Nick Willard	1994				810#
YFBHFS/F	Shaie Hofmann	1991				685#
YMBB	Tad Davis	1981				973#
YFBB	Angela Gordon	1980	137	226		363#
YMBH	Matthew Hiedlebaugh	1990				866#
YMTRAD	Sean Ernst	1998	152	167		319#
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2008	549	271	289	1109**
	Stephen Lowe, Jr	1994				1100#
CFFS/R	Amy Withers	1988	500	519		1019#
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	479	517		996**
	Kurtis Russell	1983				991#
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2005				913#
CMBHFS/R	Corbin Durham	2014	517/33	252/18	272	1041/51**
	Lee Short	1994				993#
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	511	245	281	1037**
	Lyndsie Dore	1991				988#
CMBHF/F	Benjamin Torres	2009	157	111		268**
	Tad Hartsel	1990				1031#
CFBHFS/F	Beth Pecora	1995				998#
CMBB	Ethan Mullins	2013	422	215	224	861
	Dewey Cash	2009	353	392		745**
	Bryan Lester	1980	465	481		946#
CFBB	Hope Wymer	2006	409	358		767#
CMBH	NAnthony Shifflett	1989				1016#
CFBH	Denya Pecora	1989				797#
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2008	268	135	196	599**
	Kristofer Black	2005				529#
PWMTRAD	Ethan Mullins	2010	318	356		674**
SMFS/R	Thomas Gallaher	2009	541	566		1097**
	Lucian Butler	1991				1104#
SFFS/R	Mary Wenzel	2009	487	516		1003**
	Christine Cable	1991				532#
SMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2011	445	275	235	955
	Richard Merkel	1996	491	516		1007#
SMBHFS/R	Billy Burkholder	2009	523	546		1069**
	Webb Babcock	2007	516	260	283	1059#
SMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2011	484	280	239	1003
	Dallas Hoover	2010	463	530		993**
	Richard Merkel	1995				1084#
SFBHFS/F	Jane Mabe	1991				855#
SMBB	Dennis Cline	2011	479	280	234	993
	Bill Keen	2008	465	233	265	963**
	Larrie Emerson	1996	456	508		964#
SMBH	Howard Faris	2005				981#
SMTRAD	Grant Patton	2008	300	171	212	683**
	Bob Baublitz	2005				912#
SSFFS/R	Bertha Brugh	2014	475/12	216/8	255	946/20
SSMFS/R	Tom Gallaher	2014	513/31	256/17	283	1052/48**
SSMTRAD	Rob Pecora	2014	306/4	134/1	202	642/5**
MSMTRAD	Michael Hand, Sr.	2013	247	293		540
	Michael Hand, Sr.	2012	226	106	138	470
MSMBB	Dennis Cline	2012	483	247	269	999
MSMBHFS/R	Harry Kibler	2013	513	254	281	1048
MSMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2013	471	242	272	985
MSMFS/R	Ted Lytton	2014	519/34	265/21	282	1066/55**

Note: Bradley Baker, Jr. broke his ties in both 2009 & 2011

Jenifer Stoner Competes in the 2014 World Archery Field Championships

Jenifer Stoner of Lorton, VA, a member of both the Belvoir Bowhunters and the Northern Virginia Archery Clubs, recently returned from Europe having competed in the 2014 World Archery Field Championships.

If you've shot VBA State competitions or International Bowhunting Organization (IBO) shoots in the past 3 or 4 years, you've likely crossed paths with Jenifer Stoner shooting 3D with her green zebra striped Trad Tech Titan bow and tiger stripes & green bar arrows. Well this spring and summer, Jenifer had the opportunity to shoot in a new league. After winning the NFAA Indoor Nationals Championship in March, Jenifer shifted her focus to a new bow, new arrows and a new form of shooting – Field Archery Barebow. The barebow risers tend to be a few pounds heavier, the arrows are much smaller (they look like knitting needles with feathers) and the marked (or unmarked) ranges go from 5 to 50 meters (or ~6 to 55 yards) twice the max distance of FTRD in IBO. Her goal was to shoot on the US Field Archery Team at the 2014 World Archery Field Championships.

Field competitions have three categories – Compound, Recurve (think Olympic Recurve style with sights and stabilizers), and Barebow. Naturally, “old world” Europe classifies the barebow as the most difficult and therefore most worthy competition. Archery TV and You Tube do a great job of filming the final round (5 targets) for the bi-annual World Field Championships; but the cameras do little to capture the tremendous effort of the competitors throughout the first three rounds of eliminations. The best archers from around the world (2014 had 28 nations shooting), shoot through woods, plains and overwater in the sun, wind and rain - mastering the severe complexity of varied lighting conditions on unknown yardage for each of their up, down, side hill (and seldom level) shots.

Barebow shooters aim with their arrow tip; and with such a broad range of target distances, the archers must find a way maximize the limitations of their equipment. World Archery barebow rules allow both stringwalking and facewalking - Jenifer's draw length and draw weight (~36 pounds) required both. She had to learn to string walk for the short targets and had to use two anchors to accurately reach the longer yardages. She started training in late April with a Spigarelli barebow riser and short Samick Blackmax Extreme limbs (adjusted to 38 pound draw). Memorial Day weekend in May, she placed second at the U.S. Field Archery National Championship at Eagle Lake, Texas and went on to qualify in first place for the United States Field Archery Women's Barebow Team. Her teammates were Laurie Robinson (Portland, OR) and Charlene Trafford (Shreveport, LA). This was Jenifer's first experience ranging and shooting at the extreme angles and tough distances associated with the highest levels of Field Archery. One Eagle Lake shooting platform was so high that range marshalls had installed a safety rope and belt to wear around your waist while shooting. She learned a lot in Texas about herself and level of detail required to compete in field archery. She was very grateful for the barebow tips and help of Rebecca Nelson-Harris (Auburn, CA), the 2014 National Champ, a great lady and an accomplished barebow shooter.

After her Eagle Lake experience and much experimentation across May and June, Jenifer decided that the Spigarelli riser's extra weight and the heavier draw weight was having a negative impact on her shooting form. She went back to the bow she knew and trusted, her Trad Tech Titan III with BF Extreme limbs adjusted to 36 pound draw. Troy shaved her arrow weight (Easton Navigator 900s) down to 228 grains; and Jenifer found two anchors that would work for her. Her corner of the mouth anchor gave her point on at 30 meters (33 yards) and an “Olympic style” below the jawline anchor gave her point on at her max competition distance of 50 meters (55 yards). Every distance in between 5-29m and 31-49m required her to string walk with one of the two anchors. All of this sounds very exacting, but she was soon to experience an all new level of exactness and competition.

Jenifer continued to shoot IBO 3D during the summer and every lunch break, evening and weekend hour available was spent practicing and “tweaking” her shooting form and equipment. One week after IBO Worlds, she packed her bow case and flew to Zagreb, Croatia, to meet the U.S. Field Archery Team. Zagreb hosted the 2014 World Archery Field Championship in the very old and very picturesque, Maksimir Park. Along

the way she braved a broken down plane stateside, missed connections in Munich, and jet lag to make the first official practice Monday morning. The archers' bus dropped everyone off a half mile downhill from the competition site; and after their hike in, the practice field had masses of compound, recurve, and barebow archers 5 and 6 deep wrangling for the front line to shoot.

The World Archery Field Championship competition format was relatively straight forward. Day one (Wednesday, the 20th of Aug.), all archers shoot 24 targets (3 arrows each) unmarked distances. Day two, everyone shoots 24 targets all marked distance and the cumulative "qualifier" scores are tallied. Day three elimination rounds begin. The "Top 16" archers in each category shoot 12 targets known distance in the morning and half are eliminated. In the afternoon, the remaining "Top 8" archers shoot 8 targets and then the "Final Four" is established and will shoot for the medals on the fifth day. The fourth day is reserved for the National Teams' medal rounds. [Of note, the USA men's team (Jesse Broadwater, Brady Ellison, and Ben Rogers) were Gold Medalists and the USA men's youth team were Bronze Medalists.]

Jenifer shot day one with the 2012 WA Field Champion, Eleonora Strobbe from Italy. It was a great introduction; and Jenifer immediately was impressed by the experience levels and intensity of the competition. The other women were shooting phenomenal scores, but more significant for Jenifer was that no one really talked, laughed or smiled much. Coming from VBA and IBO, she was used to a shoot being somewhat of a "social outing" only interrupted by one's turn to shoot. She missed having Robin Vogel and the rest of the ladies keeping things competitive, but keeping it fun and relaxed. Also, having only a few months practice while shooting against lifelong barebow shooters, Jenifer said she felt like a complete amateur shooting with seasoned veterans. The European ladies were truly remarkable and day one ended with the USA barebow ladies at the back of the pack.

On day two, Jenifer shot in the rain with Jane Rees of Great Britain and though wet, the mood was more lively and friendly. Jane even sent Jenifer home with a Great Britain Team Jersey. At the end of day two, Jenifer finished the qualifier with her combined score ranked 16th and therefore would just make it into the first elimination round. Making the elimination round(s) was Jenifer's goal prior to leaving stateside, so day three was far more relaxed and turned out to be her best day on the course. She shot a 125 on 12 targets, overtaking Jane Rees (Great Britain), Frances Atkins (Australia), and Anne Viljanen (Finland). Jenifer's score tied Fancescsa Liuzzi (Italy), but the Italian finished up by one X. They both were only 5 points shy of the "Top 8" elimination round. In the end, Jenifer finished 13th overall and was very proud of competing on the USA Field Archery Team. She was amazed by the talent of the competitors at the event and felt like she had learned a lot from her peers.

Following the championship competition, a family friend met Jenifer in Croatia and they stayed on in Europe for a week of sightseeing along the Adriatic Coastlines of Croatia, Slovenia, and Italy. They spent their final three days in Venice. Jenifer lugged her bow case up and down gobbled alleyways and on and off water taxis; but she recovered nicely while touring and dining along the Grand Canal. All and all, you can't beat shooting archery, competing for the U.S. and enjoying the local scenery a little along the way.

Jenifer's husband and bow caddy, Troy, said to make sure that everyone knows that he didn't caddy in Croatia but ONLY because he was delivering their youngest son, Zach, to college at the University of Texas Austin. Otherwise, he would have been lugging the bow case around Venice!

Great shooting Jenifer! Remember the indoor season is just around the corner. 🏹

The Professional Bowhunters Society

The Professional Bowhunters Society is a national organization dedicated to preserving bowhunting's traditional values. Although it is not an exclusively traditional archery organization, the membership overwhelmingly utilizes traditional equipment and the club is dedicated to promoting bowhunting as a close range sport with success and enjoyment based more on the hunters experience and woodsmanship rather than technology, regardless of the equipment the hunter uses. The P.B.S. has been in existence for over fifty years and was originally founded by some of the stalwarts of the bowhunting community. P.B.S. is certainly not for everyone. Most of the members are seasoned, dedicated bowhunters who make the bowhunting life style a priority in their lives and do the majority of their hunting with a bow. I personally have been a member for over 30 years now and some of my favorite bowhunting companions are also P.B.S. members. I have friends in many different states that I have met through my involvement with the P.B.S. I have been fortunate enough to chase critters with a bow from Florida to Northern Canada with great guys that are P.B.S. members. Some of these hunt opportunities would not even have been available if I had not been associated with the P.B.S. I am currently anxiously awaiting my departure date on a western elk hunt that is a P.B.S. members hunt. The P.B.S. is a fraternal organization and we have a banquet every two years at some location across the country. I have attended several of these and they are an event that I eagerly await for months and enjoy every second that I am there. Our most recent banquet was in Cincinnati this past March and we were treated with seminars and dinner speeches by Gene Wensel, Doug Borland, Monty Browning and others, each of which was enjoyable and informative. The next banquet in 2016 will be in St. Augustine Florida. If you have ever considered joining the P.B.S., now is a great time as there is a lot of energy and excitement in the organization right now. The P.B.S. recently launched a program of regional representatives around the country and I am currently the regional rep for Virginia. If you have any questions or want further information on the P.B.S. you can check out their web site at www.probowsociety.net or feel free to call or e-mail me. I would love to talk to you about the Professional Bowhunters Society.

Randy Brookshier

2015 State Shoots

Bids were voted on at the Sept scheduling meeting with the results being:

Indoor, Rockingham, Belvoir, Kingsboro and Sherwood

Spring 3-D Classic, New River

State Open, Sherwood

Fall 3-D Classic, Northern Va.

State Closed, Singers Glen

2014 Virginia Deer Season Forecast

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2013 Virginia Deer Season Review

During the past deer season 244,440 deer were reported killed by deer hunters in Virginia (Figure 1). This total included 106,349 antlered bucks, 20,349 button bucks, 117,624 does (48%), and 118 “unknown” deer. This total was up 14% from the 215,241 deer reported killed in fall 2012. It is also slightly above the last ten year average of 232,600 (up 5%).

Total deer kill levels were up across all physiographic regions including Tidewater, Southern Piedmont, Northern Piedmont, Southern Mountains, and Northern Mountains. Ninety of 97 major deer management units (93%) had an increased deer kill total in fall 2013.

Deer hunters who would like to know the current and historical deer kill data for their specific county or region can find the data on the Department’s website at www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/va_game_wildlife/deer_harvest.asp

What’s New For Fall 2014: Including one very big change!

Normally fall 2014 would be an off year for deer regulation changes but there are several new changes and one very important new change. See the new hunting digest for more details.

- The archery and crossbow licenses have been combined into one archery license. There is no longer a separate crossbow license. To deer hunt during a designated archery season with a bow or crossbow only a single archery license is now required.
- Muzzleloading pistols are now legal for deer hunting during the muzzleloading deer season(s). Muzzleloading pistols for deer hunting must be .45 caliber or larger; loaded from the muzzle of the gun; single shot; capable of firing only a single bullet or sabot bullet (.38 caliber or larger); and use at least 50 grains of black powder or black powder equivalent. Black powder revolvers are not legal deer hunting weapons.
- Blaze orange is now required of all muzzleloader deer hunters (and those persons accompanying a muzzleloading deer hunter) during the muzzleloading deer season(s) when they are on the move such as going to and from a deer stand. When a muzzleloading deer hunter assumes a stationary “hunting” position or is physically up in a tree stand, they are not required to wear/display the blaze orange. Blaze orange is not required of “other” hunters during a muzzleloading deer season (e.g., fall turkey, grouse, squirrel, etc.). Modern firearms deer hunters must still wear and display blaze orange at all times.
- The biggest change to deer hunting in Virginia in the past 20 years or more will take place this fall with the initiation of Sunday hunting.

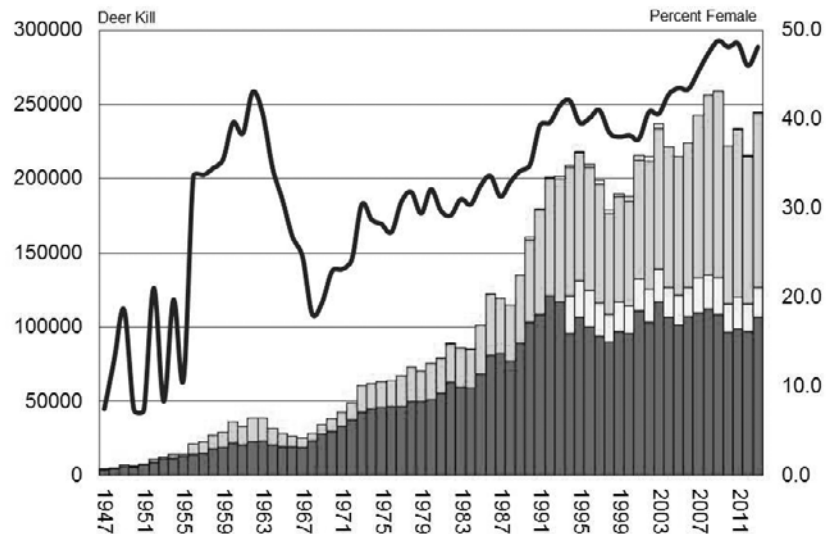


Figure 1. Virginia deer kill 1947-present

The most surprising part of Sunday hunting for deer is that it involves almost no change to the existing deer hunting season structure. The major deer seasons (early archery, early muzzleloading, and firearms) will all still start and end on the same days they always have. The only significant change is that deer hunters will now be allowed to deer hunt on the Sundays within the archery, muzzleloading and firearm deer seasons. One thing to keep in mind is that all the “normal” deer season(s) will still end on the first Saturday in January.

The impact of Sunday deer hunting this upcoming fall is “unknown”. Over time, as Virginia’s deer hunters get used to it, staff expects that Sunday hunting will have little effect on the statewide deer kill totals. With the exception of western Virginia, Virginia already has a long liberal deer season. It will take two to five years to accurately evaluate the effect of Sunday hunting, if there is any, and effectively incorporate it into Virginia’s deer management programs.

Tidewater Forecast

The Tidewater deer kill was up 12% last fall. Over the past decade or so many Tidewater deer herds have demonstrated significant population increases. To stabilize or reduce these growing deer populations, the Department has enacted liberal seasons and regulations. Female deer kill levels in this region have been high and remain high. Over the long term, stable to declining deer kill levels are expected in this region. Hemorrhagic Disease (HD) can play a major role in this area.

Northern Piedmont Forecast

The Northern Piedmont deer kill was up 17% last fall. Like Tidewater, significant deer population increases in this region have been addressed by significant liberalization of deer seasons and regulations, like Earn a Buck; and the female deer kill has been greater than or equal to 50% of the total deer kill in this region for six consecutive years. The deer kill will hopefully be stable or down in this region in 2014.

Southern Piedmont Forecast

The Southern Piedmont deer kill was up 12% last fall. Over the past 20+ years this region has evolved into two distinct deer management areas: the South-Central Piedmont and the Southwestern Piedmont.

South-Central Piedmont. Most of these counties have been fairly stable over the past decade. Deer kill numbers in this area should be fairly stable, but a slight increase or decrease would not be unexpected. Like Tidewater, HD could play a major role.

Southwestern Piedmont. Liberal regulations that have been in place for over a decade appear to finally be working in reducing some SW Piedmont deer herds. Hopefully, the deer kill in the southwestern Piedmont will be stable or down in fall 2014.

West of the Blue Ridge Mountains

Deer herds on private lands over most of western Virginia have demonstrated a consistent three year climb or rebound from a significant decline in fall 2010. The decline in fall 2010 was predicted and was primarily attributed to winter mortality associated with deep and persistent snow cover during the winter of 2010. Regrettably, this past winter the Department again received several reports of winter mortality in western Virginia due to the one-two punch of the mast failure of fall 2013 combined with the long and very cold winter of 2014. This may result in a decline in the western private land deer kill for fall 2014.

Not surprisingly, with the mast failure of fall 2013, western public lands had their worst deer hunting year in decades. The biggest challenge in deer management in western Virginia over the past decade has been the decline in deer hunters and the deer kill on public lands in the mountains. Since the mid 1990’s there has been an approximate 40% decline in public land deer hunters and about a 60+% decline in the deer kill on public lands west of the Blue Ridge.

Department deer management staff believes there are a number of factors involved in this decline including, but not limited to: declining deer habitat quality on the national forest lands, significantly declining public land hunter numbers/pressure, predators, and liberal either-sex deer hunting day regulations enacted on adjacent private lands in the past.

To address this decline, the number of public land either-sex deer hunting days as been reduced significantly. These changes have been successful. Doe kill numbers and levels on public lands in many western counties are the lowest in decades. It remains to be seen, however, if these management changes will be successful in bringing back the western public land deer herd(s).

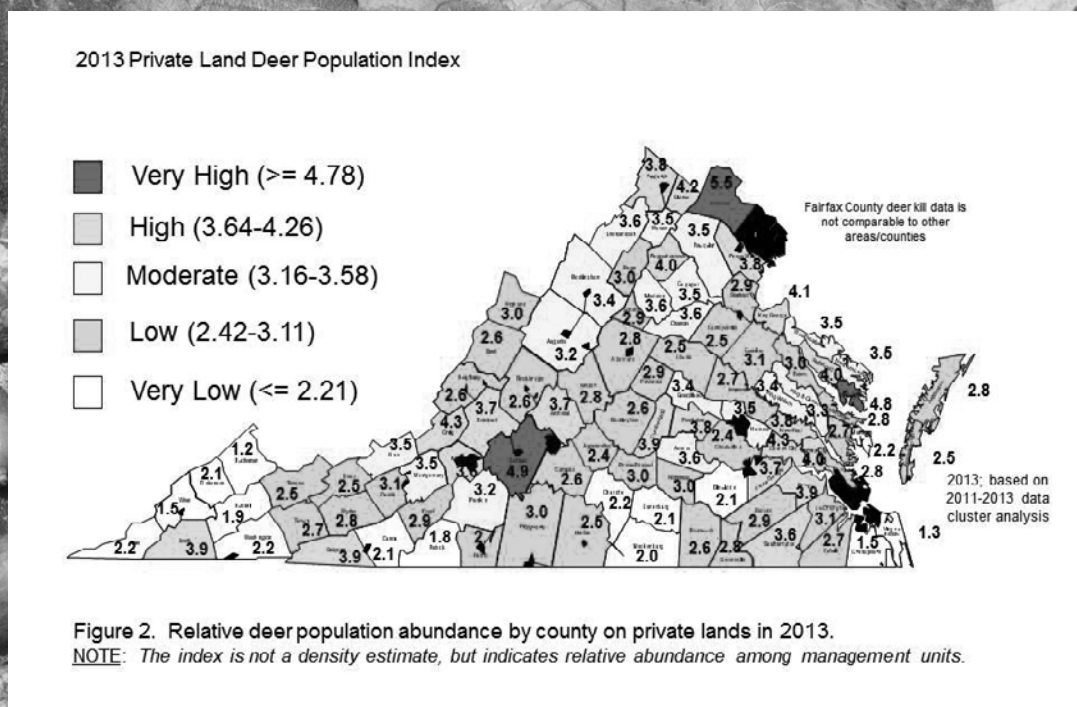
Summary

The best way to compare deer populations in Virginia is based on the antlered buck deer kill per square mile of estimated deer habitat. Figure 2 shows the relative differences among counties in the kill of antlered bucks per square mile of habitat on private land averaged over the past three hunting seasons. This map indicates the relative densities of deer on private lands among counties across Virginia. This is the best map of “where” the deer are in Virginia.

The 14% increase in the fall 2013 deer kill was unexpected and was probably related to the statewide hard mast failure. Data from previous years in Virginia indicates that when oak acorns are lacking, the deer kill tends to increase; because deer are thought to congregate in fields or openings, making them more vulnerable to being killed by deer hunters.

Over a majority of the state for the past decade, the Department has been working to stabilize deer herds, and over another large part it has been working to reduce deer herds. It has done this by increasing the female deer kill levels, especially on private lands. These efforts have been very successful. Many deer hunters the Department hears from now say they have been too successful. These high and sustained female deer kill levels were specifically designed to eventually lead to a decrease in the statewide deer herd and an eventual decline in total deer kill numbers. If these deer population management objectives continue to be met, the total statewide deer kill should be stable or down rather than increasing over the next couple of years.

Please support the Virginia Hunters for the Hungry program, do not feed the deer, and, most importantly, be safe.





**2015 VBA State Indoor Sectional
CHAMPIONSHIP**
Hosted by Bowhunters of Rockingham
February 21 & 22, 2015

**BOWHUNTERS
OF
ROCKINGHAM**

Registration:

Friday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. for 1st & 2nd roundUntil noon for 3rd round**PreRegistration:** (Recommended)

By mail: Must be received by 2/13/2015

To: Lowell Hertzler

2895 Cedar Hill Drive

Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Shooting schedule: Saturday1st round 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon2nd round 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.3rd round 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Shoot one or both days (1 or 2 rounds and take your best score)

(Two rounds may be shot the same day space permitting)

Shooting fee: \$20 per archer for the first two adult archers, \$5:00 ea. for the first two youth or younger archers, with a maximum of \$50 per family. Make checks payable to Bowhunters of Rockingham. (VBA Membership required to receive awards.)

Lodging: Closest motels are near I-81, Exit 247, US Rt. 33, in Harrisonburg

Directions to BOR Range: From I-81, Exit 247, take US Rt. 33 east
Rt. 33 east 3.7 miles to light at Indian Trail Road (Rt. 620)
Left on Indian Trail Road 1.3 miles to Longbow Road (Rt. 684)
Right on Longbow Road .8 miles to BOR (Follow signs to BOR)

Fill out form completely – Please print clearly – Only one person per form

VBA State Sectional Championship Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VBA #: _____ Home Club: _____

Circle selections that apply:

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior SilverSenior MasterSenior Guest**Shooting Style:** FS FS/F BHFS BHFS/F BH BB Trad**Gender:** M F **Round Preference:** 1st 2nd 3rd

For information call Lowell Hertzler 540-271-1811 or e-mail BLHertzler@Verizon.net

2015 VBA STATE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Sherwood Archers

February 21st & 22nd

www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com



Registration Times:

Friday 6-8:00pm

Saturday 7-8:00 for a.m. rounds

Rounds: Sat.: 1st 9-12:00

2nd 12-3:00

3rd 3-6:00

All registration must be in by noon Sat.

All rounds 1 hour earlier on Sun.

Must be a VBA member for awards. Please bring your VBA card.

Shoot one or both days (1 or 2 rounds) and take your best score.

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

Places to Stay

La Quinta Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717 Exit 141

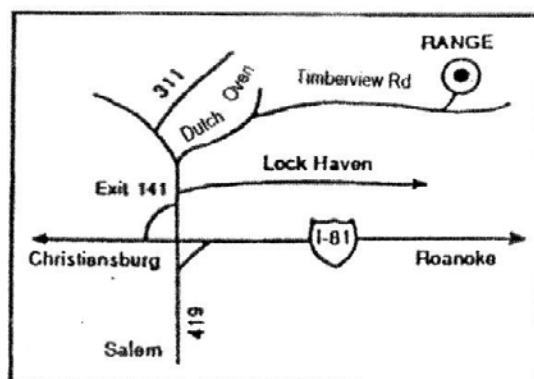
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Holiday Inn Express (5 miles) 1-800-Holiday Exit 141

Super 8 (6 miles) 540-389-0297 Exit 137

Econo Lodge (6 miles) 540-389-0280 Exit 137

Comfort Suites (6 miles) 540-387-1600 Exit 137



Make checks payable to:

Sherwood Archers

c/o Auvray Shumate

1619 Mountain Heights Dr.

Salem, VA 24153

Phone: 540-389-3369

Robbie Whittaker Trn. Chrm.: 540-676-4750

Club: 540-366-3701

Registration for VBA State Indoor Championship

Please print clearly

Name _____ VBA # _____

Phone _____ 2nd Phone _____

Your Home Club _____

Circle those that apply

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Silver Sr. 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?** _____

2015 VBA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Sherwood Archers

www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com



May 23th & 24th

Registration Times:

Friday 6-8:00pm

Saturday 7-8:00am

Registration Fees:

\$20.00 per archer

\$40.00 per family

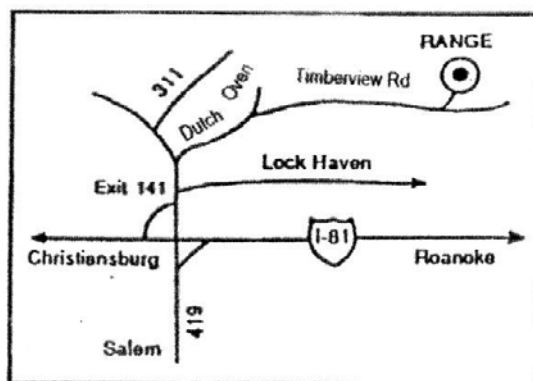
28 Field targets 1st Day and 1/2 Hunter-1/2 Animal 2nd Day

Shoot both days for awards.

Breakfast and Lunch served daily. Dinner Sat. evening.

Places to Stay

La Quinta Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717 Exit 141
 Quality Inn (3 miles) 1-800-456-4949 Exit 141
 Holiday Inn Express (3 miles) 1-800-Holiday Exit 141
 Econo Lodge (6 miles) 540-389-0280 Exit 137
 Comfort Suites (6 miles) 540-387-1600 Exit 137
 Primitive Camping at Sherwood w/bathrooms



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Registration for VBA State Championship

Please print clearly

Name _____ **VBA #** _____

Phone _____ **2nd Phone** _____

Home Club _____ **Average** _____

Circle those that apply:

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

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

Class: AA A B C

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Annual Dogwood Tournament *April 18th & 19th 2015*



Casual Registration: Sat. 8-Noon Sun. 8-Noon

Field/Hunter Round Both Days: *Shoot one or both days and take your best score.*
\$15.00 Single and \$25.00 Family. *Additional round \$10.00 and \$15.00 family.*

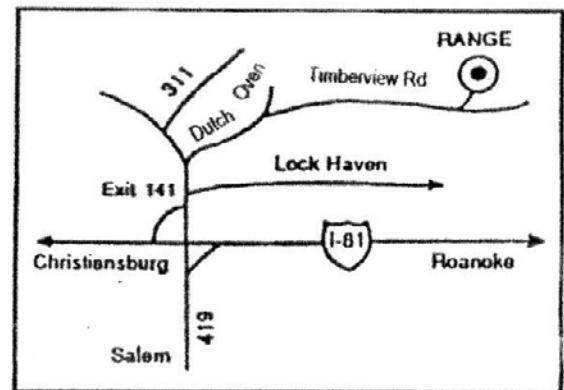
3-D Round: *Shoot one time for score either day.* **\$15.00 Single and \$25.00 Family.**
Additional round \$15.00 (but cannot count for award) Can be shot as ASA Qualifier.

You can shoot both events. Trophies for each event awarded on Sunday.

Breakfast and Lunch served daily. Possibly dinner and other events Sat. evening.

Places to Stay

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Super 8 (6 miles) 540-389-0297 Exit 137
Econo Lodge (6 miles) 540-389-0280 Exit 137
Comfort Suites (6 miles) 540-387-1600 Exit 137
Primitive Camping on site. (restrooms & showers).



Call Robbie @ 540-676-4750 for more information.
Club number: 540-366-3701





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 or 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

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

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



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.

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productive during this time.



2015 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

January 10 - 11

March 21 VBA Banquet

March 22 Meeting

June 6 - 7

September 19 Scheduling Meeting

September 20 Meeting

Tournaments 2015

State Indoor February 21 - 22

Spring 3-D Classic April 11 -12

State Open May 23 -24

Fall 3-D classic August 15 - 16

State Closed September 5 - 6



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Conservation Scholarship

Just a reminder that the VBA has a \$500.00 Conservation Scholarship Available each year [providing funds are available]. Written request for the scholarship must be submitted to the VBA President by March 1st for approval by the directors. VBA members and their immediate family members are eligible. Scholarship can be used at any institute of higher learning for Forestry or Wildlife Conservation/Law Enforcement.

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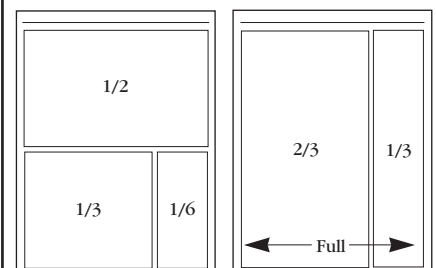
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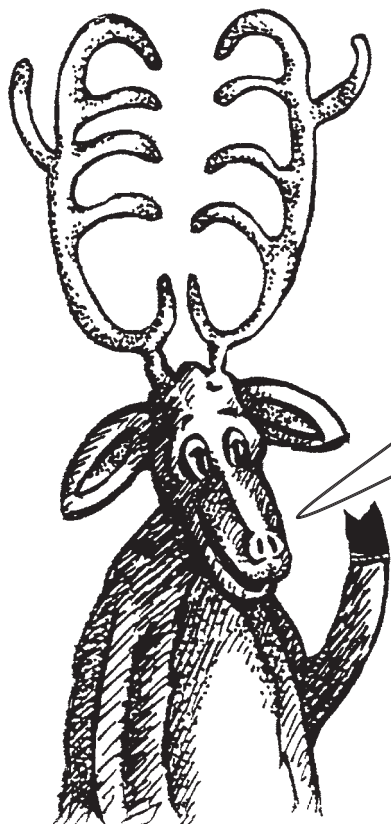
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ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER

NOMINATIONS DUE IN MARCH

The VBA Order of the Golden Feather was created to honor those persons who have given unselfishly of their time and talents toward the betterment of archery and archers. Recipients are persons who possess the virtues of sportsmanship, character, morals, integrity and friendship. As a reflection of the substance for membership, only 80 people have been elected to the Order in the past 71 years.

To be qualified, a candidate must be member in good standing of the VBA at the time of nomination, must have a minimum of ten successive years' membership in the VBA and must be sponsored by three VBA members of good standing or by a VBA Club.

This article is a reminder that candidates must be submitted to the Board of Directors at the March meeting for this year. Nominations must be in writing and be signed by sponsoring individuals or a Club officer. Successful nominees have always performed duties or had an impact outside their immediate club.

Details can be found in Article 16 of the VBA By-Laws.