

Special Bowhunting Bulletin from the
VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION

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- I. Bow Season statewide is from October 15 through November 1. Deer may be taken in those counties having an open season. Bear may not be hunted during the preseason. Consult the Virginia Hunting Laws Digest.
 - 1. Special Hunting Areas
 - a. Hog Island---the hunt will be held from September 23 to October 12. Three-day maximum hunting time. Special permit only from Game Commission.
 - b. Big Levels---November 1st through 17th. This is National Forest area and requires a National Forest Stamp.
- II. Any standard Archery equipment is allowed exclusive of cross bows and poison arrows. Arrows may be wood, glass or aluminum and the V.B.A. recommends that you use wooden shafts. Bows of any weight or type may be used.
- III. The Virginia Bowhunters Association with an assist from the Virginia Wildlife Federation has requested the Virginia Game Commission for permission to shoot carp and gar with the bow and arrow. We are reasonably sure this request will be granted. Bull frogs may be hunted with the bow and arrow; however, a hunting license is required.
- IV. Be sure to have your broadheads RAZOR sharp and you cannot obtain this point of sharpness without a little manual labor with a file or a stone. So get to work now and start getting that killing edge for your chances of getting your deer will be 100% greater. Do not transport a strung bow in your car or truck.
- V. Membership in the Virginia Bowhunters Association at this writing stands at 1,320---this means that there will be many more bowhunters in the woods this year and we want to keep our good safety record so SEE YOUR TARGET BEFORE YOU SHOOT. If you are unsure of what you are shooting at, DON'T SHOOT, pass it up,
- VI. Many archers who have never hunted before will be reading this bulletin and if you are one of those archers and are inexperienced with the technique of Bow-hunting consult an experienced bowhunter.
- VII. As Rudolfo Nicolas, VBA Hunting Vice-President, says, "Getting a hit is nothing to brag about; but getting your deer is." It only takes a second to loose an arrow at a deer; but it sometimes takes a full day to trail and find your deer, so don't give up easily.
- VIII. Any V.B.A. member killing a deer in the State of Virginia this season is entitled to the new Bill Bennett Big Game Award whether or not he has earned one of the old type awards. Only one award of this type will be given any one archer and for second and third kills, he will be given a bar which can be affixed to the award. This new award is truly a work of art and one that any archer would be proud to have. Archers making kills must make application to Rudolfo Nicolas on forms that can be obtained from your local Secretary, within 90 days of the close of the current hunting season. (End of the gun season)
- IX. Malcolm Booker has extended an invitation to all VBA bowhunters to participate in organized bowhunts on his Beverley Hills Plantation in Buckingham County on the dates October 19, and October 26. This is located on Rt. 60, twenty miles East of Amherst. Mr. Booker is the State Game Warden.
- X. Let's make a deal---for that offered above by the V.B.A. we have one request from you. Please be sure to observe and adhere to all rules and regulations of the State and the area in which you are hunting, not only the written laws, but also the unwritten laws that are imprinted in the heart of every true sportsman. Good hunting to each of you.

Harry Bunting and

Pat Hamilton, Sec.