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FLIGHT Deadline
The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be January 18, 2016. 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

In the last issue I talked about what the Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) does for our archery/bowhunting family. This month I want to share how the VBA operates.

Who runs the VBA? Obviously I serve as the President, it is really our affiliated clubs who run the VBA. Article 4 of our Constitution establishes a Director position for each affiliated club. So your club representative that you send to VBA meetings is a Director of the VBA. Together with the other club Directors and the elected officers, they make up our VBA Board of Directors. Our Constitution charges the Directors are with controlling and managing the activities, policy and property of the VBA. They have the power to make By-laws, and establish or change tournament procedures. They can establish the amount of dues for members of the VBA, make leases or contracts on behalf of the VBA, and do other things they deem necessary or proper. They approve the annual shoot card, and the location of the State level tournaments that the VBA sponsors. It is the Directors that approve any changes in shooting styles or rules that are followed for card shoots at your local clubs. In short, they establish the policies that we operate under across the Commonwealth.

For those who might think that the elected officers control the voting on the many issues brought before the VBA Board of Directors, it is just the opposite. Your club Director's vote is weighted by the number of club members you have registered with the VBA. This rule was established by the Directors to recognize that larger clubs represent many more archers, and have a larger stake in the outcome. Therefore their vote should carry more weight. This ensures that it is the club Directors who control the majority of the votes on any issue, not the elected officers. Thus, if your club wants to recommend a change to the VBA policies and procedures, your representative must convince other club Director's that it has merit and should be supported. If your club Director is successful, the change is approved and implemented at all VBA clubs!

After each VBA meeting, your club representative brings back issues and proposed changes for consideration by your membership. Take time to listen as they are presented, and make your opinion known in your club meetings! If you have ideas you feel would benefit your club and the other VBA clubs, discuss them with your club's representative, and your club membership. Then have your club representative bring them back to the VBA Board of Directors for consideration by the other member clubs.

So now you know how the VBA operates and how you can introduce new ideas that can positively influence the VBA. I can assure you that we are always looking for ways to improve, and you can make a difference! Get involved in your local club and the VBA!

Good Shooting! Bob 

From the Executive Vice President

Hope all is well with everyone and by the time you read this archery hunting season is well under way and I hope you have had to rent cooler space to hang all of your deer. Most of you know about the law changes but just in case you have been in hiding and don't know about the changes I will give you a brief recap, the mandatory CWD testing days have been expanded to include all of Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke and Warren counties, this means that all deer taken in those counties on the first two Saturdays of rifle season must be taken to test sites in each county so they can take samples from each deer to check for CWD. Now onto the bear tag issue, the VGDIF has removed the bear tag from your regular big game tag and you now have to purchase a separate tag at \$21 for residents and \$151 for nonresidents. The last new law change I am going to talk about is the use of natural deer attractants is now illegal, any scent coming from a deer itself whether it be a urine or gland scent cannot be used anymore and you cannot have it on your person while you are in the woods hunting for deer and that includes walking from your vehicle to your stand or back to your vehicle. You can however use synthetic scents but the container must say on it that it is a synthetic.

I would also like to remind you that tree stand safety is a must, always use your tree stand safety harness when you're up a tree, I am pretty certain you don't bounce very well from 15 feet up a tree and the higher you go up the less you will bounce. After you get your trophies out of the woods take some photos and send them to me so I can find a spot in the next issue of *Flight* to show them off.

Thanks to all of the clubs that hosted the VBA state championship shoots this year, I didn't make it to all of them this year but I will try to do better next year.

Next year is the VBA's 75th anniversary and the VBA is already starting to roll out 75th logo cups and stickers and are looking into tee shirts and possibly knives for next year to celebrate the anniversary. The State Championship awards for next year will be an acrylic plaque with your name and the style and age class you won engraved in it that will be handed out at the 2017 VBA banquet, these can't be handed out at the state shoots because of the engraving and we will have them all engraved at the same time. These plaques are a one year award and will reflect the 75th logo on it.

Terry Ballowe

Exec. Vice president 🏹

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item at September Meeting;

#7 VBA Constitution, Art. 13 ,Shooting Styles, Add; Section 13.8, Traditional-Non Mechanical Release; Recurves or Longbows only. Non-mechanical release aid with bowstring hook that does not mechanically swivel to release the bowstring or release aid loop at the shot. A release aid loop is allowed. Written memoranda are allowed. There will be no class breakdown for this shooting style. Shooting divisions will include Male and Female. Failed, 27 No, 11 Yes.

Agenda Item for January Meeting;

#1. Motion to add a known 45 women's class and a known 50 men's class to the VBA State Level 3-D shoots. Justification; The known classes are the fastest growing classes in 3-D and offers an opportunity for archers that do not shoot 3-D's, due to abilities in yardage judging, having a class to compete in. Effective January, 2017.

From the Publicity Director

The season has once again changed and so has our bowhunters that are in the woods! First, we would like to 'thank' all the clubs that hosted our 2015 State Tournaments and the clubs that held their individual shoots. Special thanks go to Belvoir Bowhunters and Kingsboro Bowmen for their annual Hunters for the Hungry benefit shoots; and Sherwood Archers, for their annual Commonwealth Games of Virginia. Representing the VBA was the Bowhunters of Rockingham who participated at the Western Regional Big Game show and Singers Glen Bowbenders at their county fair.

The 2016 VBA Quarterly meetings and the clubs hosting the State tournaments are in the inside back page of *FLIGHT* and on our website. The VBA 2016 Schedule shoot cards will be available at the January's quarterly meeting. If there are any corrects and/or additions, please let Cay and I know.

At the September's meeting, Bob talked about the VBA priorities for 2016: to focus on increase in membership, funds-financial liabilities and our 75th Anniversary. We appreciate the clubs for their websites, facebook, and your articles and pictures in *FLIGHT*. Soliciting ads in *FLIGHT* are a great asset to the VBA.

When the bowhunting season ends, please send your 'Application for VBA Game Awards' and your pictures/stories to Marie Bell by March 1st for our upcoming VBA 75th Anniversary Awards banquet on Saturday, April 2, 2016.

As I continue to work as a volunteer with the VDGIF, you too can be a volunteer by signing up through the Outdoor Report. It gives you many opportunities to meet many folks that have the same interest as we do and tell them about the VBA.

Be safe, success in your hunting and take a youth with you!

Happy Holidays - Irene 

Elmer Ray "Emo" Moore

The Order of the Golden Feather is sad to notify you that Elmer Ray Moore, 87, passed away on August 9th. Known to all as "Emo", he was a force in the early years of the VBA and a member of the Warwick Bowmen. He was elected in 1972 to the VBA's highest honor, the Order of the Golden Feather. He was an avid archer whose accomplishments included Virginia State Champion, Eastern Regional Champion, Mid-Atlantic Champion, US Open National Champion, World Try-Out Finalist and ultimately World Champion at Cardiff, Wales. He will be sincerely missed by the many friends whose lives he touched. The VBA and the OGF extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Dewey J. Reynolds

The Order of the Golden Feather recently learned and is sad to notify you that Dewey J. Reynolds, 86, passed away on October 20, 2014 in Danville. A member of Seminole Archers, he was elected in 1996 to the VBA's highest honor, the Order of the Golden Feather, based on his contributions to the VBA at club, region and state levels. He had a reputation for passing on a love of archery and hunting skills, including to his grandson with the gift of a bow at age 10. He will be sincerely missed by the many friends whose lives he touched. The VBA and the OGF extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

From the Hunting Vice President

As another 3D archery season ends another bow season begins, I find that with all my efforts to be prepared I still have a laundry list of things to do. I can only guess there are many of you that are in the same boat. At least I don't have to work on my bow or stands. All the shooting and practice for 3D all summer long has kept my equipment and shooting skills sharp. The switch over to fixed blade broadheads, Montec's to be exact, came with little effort. For those of you having problems making the switch to fixed blade broadheads, a quick search of the ol' internet will give you some helpful tips on things to try to get them on target. I find the biggest change I have is when shooting at 40 yards or more. I get a bigger drop with broadheads than I do with field points. A quick adjustment to the sight pin and things are good again.

For those cringing at the thought of me shooting broadheads at 40 yards or more, don't get overly excited. I practice out to 50 yards and limit my hunting distance to 30 yards for deer and bear. Too many things have to go right when they are further than that and I just don't want to take the chance.

I represented the VBA at the DGIF Deer Management SAC committee this year. It is a ten year plan that helps guide the DGIF as they manage our deer herd here in Virginia. It will be presented to the DGIF Board for adoption during the month of October. It was the 3rd Deer Management plan and it will be in effect for 10 years. The plan was a collaboration of many segments and interests through-out the state. Take the time to read it. It can be found on the DGIF website. I am also representing the VBA in another Organization. It is the Virginia Wildlife Habitat Coalition (VWHC). Their mission: The Virginia Wildlife Habitat Coalition actively supports through advocacy and education the stewardship and active management of our forest resources, based on sound science for the benefit of all wildlife. The coalition works collaboratively to provide input and support for habitat projects for both game and nongame species in the George Washington/Jefferson National Forest and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Wildlife Management Areas. Anyone interested in or having comment on the VWHC please contact me.

All of you should know of the many changes to the hunting seasons in Virginia this year. We are seeing many changes that range from a new style Game Laws digest, to only synthetic scents for deer. Since I mentioned the Game Laws digest please get it and READ it. Reading it might keep you out of trouble. The Bear license has been separated from the Big Game license and will cost you \$21.00 now. The Game Law digest contains information on public access lands and draw hunts for youth, waterfowl, deer and other type hunts. Also, from my last column I need to make a correction about the PALs Program. The change to remove the wording Private Lands from the PALS program, is to allow Public lands to be managed under the PALs Program. I was told that some of the lands in PALs may allow Sunday hunting if designated by the Land Owner.

I can't leave y'all without mentioning, our 75th Anniversary Banquet will be April 2nd 2016. Take the time to pen it in your schedules.

Please everyone take the time to be safe, as well as, a great steward for our sport and passion. And I hope to see you all at the banquet and on the ranges next spring.

Jon Robertson

Hunting Vice President 

VBA 2015 Fall 3-D Classic

Hosted by NORVA



2015 Fall 3-D Classic State Champions

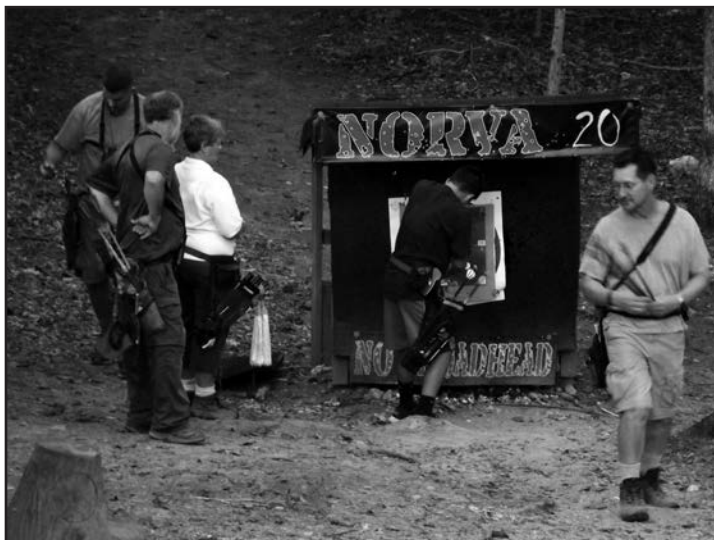


2015 Fall 3-D Classic Winners

VBA Fall 3D Classic 2015

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	12s
SC	Mia Kull	CUB	184	4	166	1	350	5
	David Justice - INC	CUB	0	0	118	1	0	0
	Marcus Nadzam - INC	CUB	187	1	0	0	0	0
SC	Nicholas Dimperio	YMR 13-14	247	6	238	4	485	10
2nd	Alexander Brown	YMR 13-14	237	4	232	5	469	9
3rd	Steven Leonard	YMR 13-14	221	6	200	1	421	7
	Luke Hatchi - INC	YMR 13-14	0	0	101	0	0	0
SC	Jennette Leonard	YF	240	6	213	5	453	11
SC	Patrick Kines	YMR 15-17	190	2	189	1	379	3
2nd	Steven Trott	YMR 15-17	194	0	142	1	336	1
3rd	Joseph Justice	YMR 15-17	170	0	134	1	304	1
	Kevin Jacobs	YMR 15-17	114	1	72	1	186	2
SC	Carl Frantz	HC	265	16	247	9	512	25
2nd	Brandon Sikes	HC	246	9	240	10	486	19
3rd	Cory Woodward	HC	236	4	207	3	443	7
	Andrew Ksionsk	HC	204	2	188	2	392	4
	Joe Justice	HC	201	2	179	1	380	3
	Wade Colton - INC	HC	228	2	0	0	0	0
	Steve Perry - INC	HC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Melinda Wilson	FHC	242	3	208	4	450	7
2nd	Rebecca Sikes	FHC	227	3	211	4	438	7
3rd	Anne Le Clercq	FHC	221	2	212	4	433	6
	Erin Mckenzie	FHC	135	1	179	0	374	1
	Gina Colton - INC	FHC	218	6	0	0	0	0
SC	Chris Uhl	AHC	224	6	200	3	424	9
SC	Lindy Fullerton	MBR	244	9	240	7	484	16
2nd	Willie Whitlock	MBR	231	3	215	2	446	5
3rd	BJ Sonifrak	MBR	222	6	212	5	434	11
	Greg Singleton	MBR	227	4	204	1	431	5
	Daniel Trang	MBR	217	4	196	2	413	6
	Uwe Jacobs	MBR	184	1	195	5	379	6
	Russel Whitlock	MBR	193	2	172	1	365	3
	Paul Whitlock	MBR	147	1	125	3	272	4
	William Sepeck - INC	MBR	222	5	0	0	0	0
	Paul Spencer - INC	MBR	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nahn Trang - INC	MBR	0	0	193	2	0	0
	John Mckenzie	MBR	210	4	211	5	0	0
SC	Josh King	MBO	245	8	248	10	493	18
2nd	Robert Dimperio	MBO	206	1	212	5	418	6

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	12s
3rd	Andrew Kull	MBO	208	3	191	2	399	5
	Kevin Brown	MBO	187	0	179	2	366	2
	John Ellsworth -INC	MBO	161	1	0	0	0	0
	Luke Hoffman - INC	MBO	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jason Lahti - INC	MBO	209	4	0	0	0	0
SC	Bakari Dale	MBF	168	2	176	0	344	2
SC	Denny Cline	RU	231	4	223	3	454	7
2nd	Troy Stoner	RU	224	4	204	4	428	8
3rd	Adam Phillips	RU	221	7	202	1	423	8
	Brian Hatchi	RU	204	0	179	1	383	1
	Michael Light	RU	190	2	189	0	379	2
	Russel Hatchi	RU	168	0	172	0	340	0
SC	Michael Westfall	TRD	195	1	182	2	377	3
2nd	Mihalis Stephanides	TRD	160	2	102	1	262	3
SC	Robin Vogel	FTRAD	237	8	208	3	445	11
2nd	Cay McManus	FTRAD	226	5	199	1	425	6
3rd	Diana Schleede	FTRAD	148	2	118	0	266	2
	Kathryn Collister - INC	FTRAD	0	0	163	3	0	0
SC	Jonell Frantz	FSR	229	5	220	4	449	9
SC	Wayne Rasnake	SHC	240	7	237	7	477	14
2nd	Patrick Eppard	SHC	245	9	227	6	472	15
3rd	Howard Isenberg	SHC	236	9	234	5	470	14
	Arthur Brown	SHC	211	2	199	3	410	5
SC	John Hoffman	MCBH	211	4	227	4	438	8
2nd	Jarrett Frame	MCBH	200	1	169	2	369	3
3rd	Haywood Kines	MCBH	167	2	174	1	341	3
SC	Paul vogel	STRAD	252	10	244	8	496	18





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	Nicholas Dimperio	2015	247/6	238/4	485/10
FY	Jennette Leonard	2015	240/6	213/5	453/11
YMR 15-17	Patrick Lines	2015	190/2	189/1	379/3
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	2015	237/8	208/3	445/11
HC	Carl Frantz	2015	265/16	247/9	512/25
MBF	Bakari Dale	2015	168/2	176/0	344/2
MBO	Eric Roberson	2014	251/9	254/14	505/23
MBR	Lindy Fullerton	2015	244/9	240/7	484/16
RU	Denny Cline	2015	231/4	223/3	454/7
SHC	Wayne Rasnake	2015	240/7	237/7	477/14
TRD	Paul Vogel	2014	225/0	205/5	430/5
FSR	Jonell Frantz	2015	229/5	220/4	449/9
MCBH	John Hoffman	2015	211/4	227/4	438/8
STRAD	Paul Vogel	2015	252/10	244/8	496/18



2015 VBA State Closed



2015 State Closed Champions



2015 State Closed Overall Winners

VBA STATE CLOSED 2015

Rank	Name	Style	Field Round		Hunter round		Animal Round	Total	
			Score	Xs	Score	Xs		Score	Xs
SC	Nadine Mohler	AFFS/R	494	17	248	13	282	1024	30
SC	Charlene McManus	AFTRAD	337	4	201	2	172	710	6
SC	John Mason	AMBB	464	13	240	9	279	983	22
2nd	Howard Farris	AMBB	408	7	200	2	257	865	9
3rd	Jeff McManus	AMBB	342	6	174	2	250	766	8
SC	Blake Perry	AMBHFS/R	529	40	267	24	285	1081	64
2nd	Shannon Nesselrodt	AMBHFS/R	510	28	250	6	280	1040	34
	Hunter Kibler - INC	AMBHFS/R	278	19	0	0	0	476	19
SC	Charlie Wright	AMFS/R	539	58	273	32	289	1101	90
2nd	Daryl McKenzie	AMFS/R	538	39	272	29	284	1094	68
3rd	Dewayne Hensley	AMFS/R	522	32	267	20	282	1071	52
	Alan Alfonso, Jr. - INC	AMFS/R	552	71	0	0	0	552	71
	Clint Wheelbarger - INC	AMFS/R	525	34	0	0	0	525	34
SC	Adam Phillips	AMTRAD	430	9	205	0	223	868	9
2nd	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	291	5	192	2	204	787	7
3rd	Mike Westfall	AMTRAD	265	0	118	0	210	593	0
SC	Catherine Corris	SSFFS/R	451	10	229	5	267	947	15
SC	Lowell Hertzler	SSMFS/R	531	40	264	16	282	1077	56
2nd	Gary Corris	SSMFS/R	517	30	263	16	284	1064	46
3rd	Tom Gallaher	SSMFS/R	508	31	256	15	283	1047	46
	Doug Bradford - INC	SSMFS/R	502	27	0	0	0	502	27
SC	Rob Pecora	SSMTRAD	330	4	161	1	207	698	5
2nd	Mike Hand	SSMTRAD	212	1	78	1	136	424	2
SC	Jacob King	CMBHFS/R	487	23	244	6	270	1001	29
2nd	Michael King	CMBHFS/R	424	11	217	3	246	887	14
SC	Ted Lytton	MSMFS/R	519	26	263	3	214	816	10
SC	Dennis Cline	MSMTRAD	406	7	196	3	214	816	10
	DQ-Bone Re Webb Babcock	MSMTRAD	329	4	186	3	176	691	7
SC	Cay McManus	SFTRAD	440	10	209	14	251	900	24
2nd	Robin Vogel	SFTRAD	447	11	215	11	223	885	22
SC	Vance Cave	SMBHFS/R	536	49	273	27	285	1094	76
	Henry Kibler - INC	SMBHFS/R	498	30	0	0	0	498	30
SC	David Estep	SMFS/R	527	32	267	21	276	1070	53
SC	Michael Light	SMTRAD	375	5	180	3	207	762	8
2nd	Terry Ballowe	SMTRAD	366	5	170	1	203	739	6
SC	Chris King	YMBHFS/R	531	33	273	16	279	1083	49
SC	Jerry Wenzel	MSFS/F	410	12	208	3	265	883	15

1980 to 2015 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 Tied Yrs
AFFS/R	Ginger Hamlin	2008	518	265	283	1066**
AMFS/F	Ronnie Lewis	1988/90				1054#Tie
AFFS/F	Debra Barker	1990				1035#
AMBHFS/R	Jeremy Dean	2011	548	287	273	1108
AFBHFS/R	Stacy Pruitt	2004	527	548		1075#
AMBHFS/F	Danny Alger	1987	517	534		1051#
AFBHFS/F	Irene Stocksdales	1995				960#
AMBB	Denny Cline	1983	521	528		1049#
AFBB	Cay McManus	1996	495	532		1027#
AMBH	John Mason	1998	493	529		1022#
AFBH	Gloria Smith	1988	463	506		969#
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2008	439	215	252	906**
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2012	471	245	262	978
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**
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**
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1991				1046
YMFS/F	Keith Faris	1982	513	521		1034#
YFFS/F	Sara Lavenhar	2006	277	301		578#
YMBHFS/R	Chris King	2015	531/33	273/16	279	1083/49**
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2012	439	230	266	935
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**
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**
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	511	245	281	1037**
CMBHF/F	Tad Hartsel	1990				1031#
CFBHFS/F	Beth Pecora	1995				998#

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
CMBB	Bryan Lester	1980	465	481		946#
CFBB	Hope Wymer	2006	409	358		767#
CMBH	Anthony Shifflett	1989				1016#
CFBH	Denya Pecora	1989				797#
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2008	268	135	196	599**
PWMTRAD	Ethan Mullins	2010	318	356		674**
SMFS/R	Lucian Butler	1991				1104#
SFFS/R	Mary Wenzel	2009	487	516		1003**
SMFS/F	Richard Merkel	1996	491	516		1007#
SMBHFS/R	Vance Cave	2015	536/49	273/27	285	1094/76**
SMBHFS/F	Richard Merkel	1995				1084#
SFBHFS/F	Jane Mabe	1991				855#
SMBB	Dennis Cline	2011	479	280	234	993
SMBH	Howard Faris	2005				981#
SMTRAD	Bob Baublitz	2005				912#
SFTRAD	Cay McManus	2015	440/10	209/14	251	900/24
SSFFS/R	Catherine Corris	2015	451/10	229/5	267	947/15**
SSMFS/R	Lowell Hertzler	2015	531/40	264/16	282	1077/56**
SSMTRAD	Rob Pecora	2015	330/4	161/1	207	698/5**
MSMTRAD	Dennis Cline	2015	406/7	196/3	214	816/10**
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**



Firewood

by Danny Korbini

I am very lucky and blessed to be able to write this article to accompany the game photos from my July 2015 South African hunt. Believe me when I say that my success is not something which I would be able to share with the VBA membership without massive amounts of support from all around me. This adventure was planned a year in advance and it is hard to believe it is over, but I have collected some of the best firewood for old age (that is a South African saying for making great memories).

There is no way to effectively prepare yourself for 20+ hours of flying to get to South Africa from Virginia, not to mention the travel from the airport in Johannesburg to the final destination of the outfitter. Any way you slice it that's an extremely long flight to sign up for, so make sure you're in the right mindset to take on the first step of the journey. Honestly, the first step is similar to any planned hunt in the Old Dominion or any of her 49 sisters. To the best of your ability, be ready and able to execute if, and when, the opportunity presents itself. This started early in my preparation getting out on the range, shooting in the backyard, joining an indoor league during winter, doing research, making sure your equipment is in working order and familiar to you. I have been so fortunate to make some great new friends over the past year and a half of shooting with my fellow archers at Massanutten Archery Club, other local clubs, and attending VBA events. Doing Archery with more experienced and skilled folks challenges you, and makes you want to be a better shooter. I have made friendships with folks which will last a lifetime, and I am so thankful for all of the tips/tricks/lessons and general feedback you get from quality time with other archers and hunters.

Earlier I said this was a "Planned" hunt. If you have ever taken yourself out of your normal element & environment and gone after game which you are not raised on, you know that plans need to change. If you have never taken on the adventure to go outside your comfort zone (and have a desire) I recommend you keep an open mind. The outfitters are locals, and the folks you need to listen to if you want to have an optimal experience. What works for you at home may not be the best tactic on the other side of the planet. Not to mention, South Africa is not the most stable community, and your guide can keep you from getting into trouble.

I knew I was going to be declaring my independence during winter in the southern hemisphere. It was 30-40 degrees in the AM and warmed up quickly to 60-70 degrees in the South African dry season. It was dry and dustier than I could have imagined, but the western zone camo I purchased helped me to blend in well for spot and stalks in the field. The required long underwear in the AMs quickly made it to my pack by lunchtime each day. In addition to the spot and stalks, the plan was to additionally spend a lot of time in ground blinds to be able to execute with a bow on some of these African animals. I was ready with a black hat and shirts as well.

For me this was a hunt of a lifetime. I didn't know if I would ever have the opportunity to make it back to Africa for another hunting adventure. With that said, I had a list of animals which I wanted to go after (and pay for), but I quickly woke up and became opportunistic and listened to my guide regarding the game and opportunities which presented themselves. I thought I would just be saying, "no thanks, that is not on the list." But the list is not a menu and you don't have the luxury of controlling your situation. As many of you know, whether in Africa or Virginia, that's hunting.

In addition to the archery equipment, you have to have a camera ready. There are 30-40 hunt-able species in South Africa, and I was targeting four. I got some great photos of animals which I did not hunt, took home a few animals I had no plans to hunt, and got very close to some game I never thought I would be remotely close to. My camera got pulled out more than my arrows.

The first animal I took was a kudu on a spot and stalk. The kudu was the only animal that I got a second arrow opportunity on. The impala, as with the rest of the animals on the hunt, were taken from a "hide" (South African for blind). These animals tend to run in groups and there are way too many eyes for my liking when you are trying to execute. You should expect that is how it will go

down. The baboon was a “throw in” for the outfitter as they have big problems with these animals and they want them gone. The waterbuck is the animal I was most excited about hunting before I left Linden, and it 100% lived up to my expectations. I made a less than perfect shot on the blesbok, and boy did I have to pay for that. It was a 3+ mile blood spoor (Afrikaans for track/trail/print), but we finally retrieved him very late into the evening. I was super impressed with the toughness of these adversaries, and they all seem to have an ability to keep going when they should have expired. Getting the opportunity on the blue wildebeest was an “add-on” outside of the plan, and I am sure I would’ve regretted not trying once the opportunity came. Their name is accurate, as they are “beasts”. The final animal on my list was a gemsbok. I didn’t have an opportunity for a bow shot on a gemsbok the entire trip, and on the last day I borrowed a buddies 7MM, and was lucky enough to get a shot on one at 156 yards. That’s as close as I was able to get to one of those animals, but he was on “the list,” so I felt obligated to bring one back even if that meant I had to put the bow down. I love my Mathews, but it’s not gonna get er’ done at 150+ yards.

I mentioned all of the folks who support me, and I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to call them out here. Thank you Massanutten Archery Club for making me more passionate about our sport and making me feel like a real part of the family. Thanks VBA for all of the coordination with the many great clubs and events in our state. The boys at Coal Run Hunting Lodge are always there for me and support my continued improvement in the field. Additionally, I have so much respect for Feron and all the folks at Hoffman Archery who have supported all of my equipment needs as well as stupid questions (I ask a lot of them). Thanks Feron for making me confident on each arrow I release. Most of all I have to thank my AMAZING wife Heather. Heather is my rock, and even though she does not have an interest in hunting or archery, she is super supportive of my passions and tolerant of all of the time I spend pursuing these interests. I am very lucky and blessed.

“Dankie” (Afrikaans for thank you), and good luck out there!!!



WYOMING ANTELOPE

By Dave Burpee

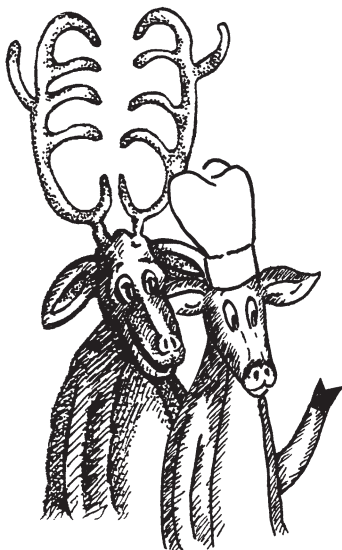
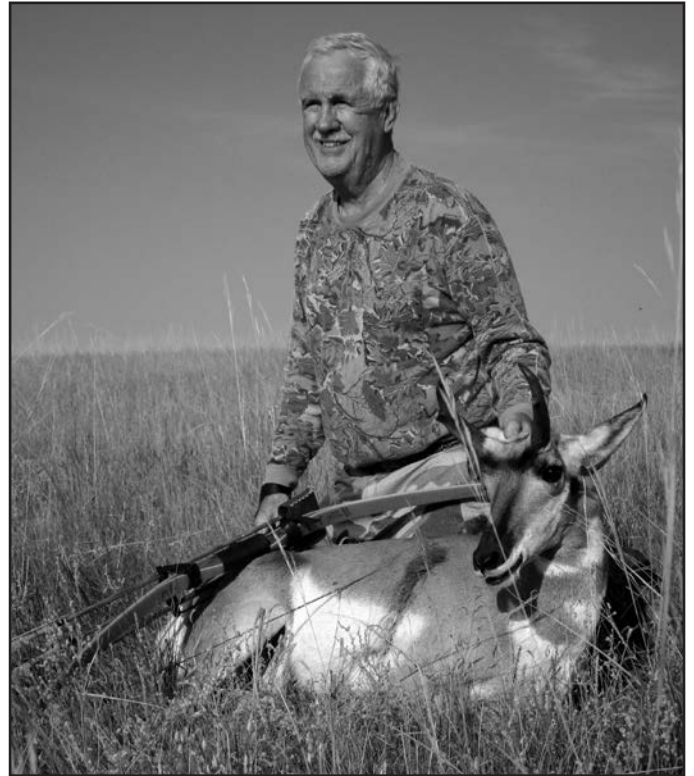
I bought a new Ford F150 XLT this spring and what better way to break it in than drive to an antelope hunt near Douglas, Wyoming. Bob Seltzer, John Peeler, Jack Denbow and I left August 18 and returned on the 28th having put almost 4,000 miles on the vehicle. It is now well broken in and my tired b__ _ can attest to the fact it was a LONG trip. However, the end result was worth the effort.

Bob's daughter Dani and John's son Brian flew in from Virginia and Alaska respectively to join the hunt. The outfitter had blinds set near waterholes, but there had been so much rain in prior weeks the animals had plenty to drink in the surrounding terrain. This made the hunt extremely difficult as few animals came to water near the hunters. Despite the challenges, the six of us in camp harvested four antelope: one with a compound bow and the other three with traditional equipment. The weather warmed up as the week progressed and this helped contribute to the success rate with my animal taken on the last day. Every hunt, however, is not defined

by the number of animals taken but rather is measured by the camaraderie among the group and the stories/good times generated. What goes on in hunt camp (usually) stays in hunt camp so suffice to say we spent a lot of time discussing (laughing about?) events that happened and things said during the entire trip. Good friends, good times.....it does not get better than that.

The only down side to the entire trip happened in the first ten miles of the return drive when a construction truck threw a rock into my windshield and produced a crack that extended half-way across the windshield in front of the driver.

The group's next antelope hunt is August of 2017. Hopefully we will all score and the truck will have better luck.



Wally and Winnie's Buck BBQ

- 2-3 pounds of venison roast
- 3 TBSP olive oil
- 1 TBSP garlic powder
- ½ TBSP dried oregano
- ½ TBSP dried sweet basil
- 1TBSP black pepper
- ½ cup diced onion
- ½ Cup water

Heat olive oil in crockpot on high. Add spices and onions and stir. Roll roast in oil mixture until coated. Add ½ cup water and cook for 1 hour on high. Turn roast and cook on low 5 hours until meat falls apart. Keep moisture to a minimum. Add BBQ sauce of your choice and cook on low for additional 1 hour.



2016 VBA State Indoor Sectional CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Bowhunters of Rockingham

March 12 & 13, 2016

**BOWHUNTERS
OF
ROCKINGHAM**

Registration:

Friday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. for 1st & 2nd round
Until noon for 3rd round

PreRegistration: (Recommended)

By mail: Must be received by 3/9/2016

To: Lowell Hertzler
2895 Cedar Hill Drive
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Shooting schedule: Saturday

1st round 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
2nd 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 family members, \$5:00 ea. for each additional youth (under 18) 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)

Come help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Virginia Bowhunters Association!

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

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VBA Indoor Championship

March 12th & 13th

1st Day Line Times: 9am, 12pm, 3pm

2nd Day Line Times: 8am, 11am, 2pm

Can shoot both days, highest score counts

Shooter Fee:

\$20 per person, \$50 max per family

Registration:

Online @ www.kingsboroarchery.com by March 9

On-site: Friday 6-8pm

Saturday & Sunday

Location:

Wilcox Bait & Tackle

9501 Jefferson Ave, Newport News VA 23605

For Additional Information:

Mike Serig - 757-242-9314, Ed Bickham – 757-434-3310,

Chris Holloman – 540-809-3791

Website: www.kingsboroarchery.com Facebook: Kingsboro Archery



2016 VBA SPRING 3D CLASSIC

(Marked Distance)

**BOWHUNTERS
OF
ROCKINGHAM**

Hosted by Bowhunters of Rockingham
April 16 & 17, 2016

Registration:

Friday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. for Morning round

Until 12:00 noon for Afternoon round

PreRegistration: (Recommended)

By mail: Must be received by 4/13/2016

To: Lowell Hertzler

2895 Cedar Hill Drive

Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Shooting schedule: Saturday and Sunday

Shotgun start: 1st round 9:00 a.m.

2nd round 1:00 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)

Twenty five targets each round, marked distance, IBO rules and classes.

Shooting fee: \$20 per archer for the first two family members, with a maximum of \$40 per family.

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VBA State Sectional Championship Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VBA #: _____ Home Club: _____

Circle selections that apply:

Age <8 9-12 13-14 15-17 18+ 50+ 60+ 70+

Class (List your IBO Class or describe your equipment if you do not know) _____

Gender: M F **Round Preference:** Sat a.m. Sat p.m. Sun a.m. Sun p.m.

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



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



Date: _____

I, _____, _____, _____
 (Print name as it appears on VBA card) (VBA Number) (Street Address)
 _____, _____, _____
 (City and State) (Zip Code) Phone No (Home or Cell)

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

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bennett Award (bear, deer, turkey from any state) | If first BB Award check here. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Largest VA Buck by dressed Weight | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Largest VA Doe by dressed Weight | Largest Carp by length _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Rack Score (in the VA System) | Largest Gar by length _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Largest VA Bear by dressed Weight | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Largest VA Turkey by live Weight | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double Slam for VA Bear, Deer, Turkey (circle 2) From Spring Turkey Season | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Triple Slam for VA Bear, Deer and Turkey through Deer season, and the 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 NO 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 of the big game; carp and gar have only a first place award. The first Bill Bennett award is a Plaque and following award are cast arrows.

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Season is year-round, but we limit
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15th due to the hunting being more
productive during this time.



2016 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

January 16 - 17

April 2 VBA Banquet

April 3 VBA Meeting

June 4 - 5

September 17 Scheduling Meeting

September 18 VBA Meeting

Tournaments 2016

March 12 - 13 VBA State Indoor

April 16 - 17 Spring 3D Classic

May 28 -29 VBA State Open

August 20 - 21 Fall 3D Classic

September 3 - 4 State Closed



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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.



Change of Address?

If you have had a change of address and are not receiving your *Flight* newsletter, please fill in the following information and send to

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Name _____

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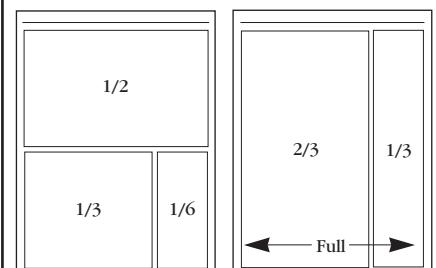
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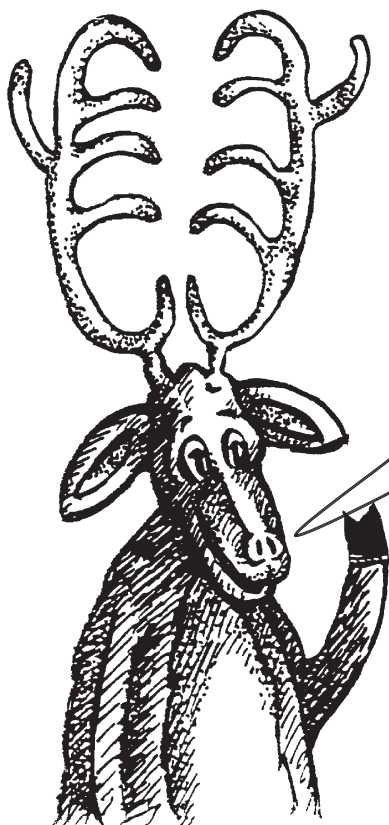
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ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER

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.