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VBA 1997 State Archery Championship



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The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be *December 1, 1997*. Please submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is *your* newsletter!

From The Hunting Vice President

Yes, it is that time of year again. The weather is giving its hint of fall, and the hunting season is just a few days of target practice away. Given the facts that we need to be outside honing our skills and that the editor keeps a tight rein on the length of this column, let me summarize a few key topics.

First, the Bill Bennett Award. Don't forget that as a VBA member you are eligible for a plaque as the first presentation of the award and a pin for all subsequent presentations. After harvesting the deer, fill out an award application and send it to Ann Boyd. Her address is on the form. She forwards the form to me and I make sure your award is provided to your club for presentation at one of your meetings.

Second, the Annual VBA Awards Dinner: the dinner is set for March 14, 1998 at the Mount Vernon Best Western Hotel in Charlottesville. Details will be announced in future newsletters, but put it on your calendar now. We will have a guest speaker, good food, plenty of prizes, animal/equipment displays, and presentation of the VBA awards.

Third, the VBA awards. There is an award for the largest carp and the largest gar taken by bow and arrow. The weights need to be certified and entry is by using the VBA Carp/Gar

from. Again, send it to Ann and she will forward it to me. First, second and third place winners will receive plaques. There are also awards for the largest doe by weight, the largest buck by weight, and the largest rack scored by the Virginia system. You need to send your entry form to Ann along with a copy of the game tag. Please pay special attention to the requirement that the weights be certified - no guessing allowed!

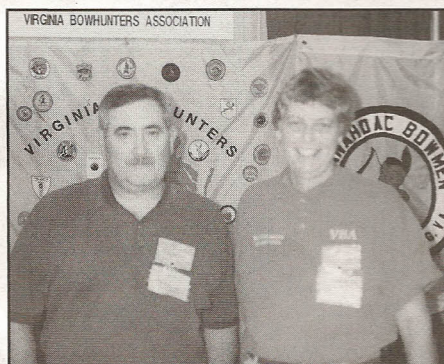
Finally, but perhaps most importantly, are changes to the hunting regulations. There are many changes this year, so be sure to read your state, county and local rules. Among the key changes: season lengths may be different than in previous years depending on where you hunt, and this year you can harvest a maximum of five deer - three on your Big Game tag and two on the single bonus tag you are permitted.

I hope to receive a record number of requests for Bill Bennett awards and would like to see some real competition for the VBA hunting award. Remember, there is a first, second and third in all categories, so be sure to enter.

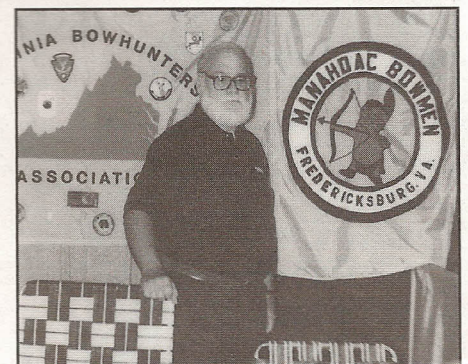
Good hunting, and see you at the banquet in March. 🏹

— David Burpee

VBA Exhibits At VOSS



Bob Seltzer and Irene Stocksdales



Frank McGurgan

For the first time the Virginia Bowhunters' Association exhibited at the Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show held in Mechanicsville on August 8, 9 and 10. Thanks to Frank and Mary McGurgan, Dave Burpee, Bob Seltzer and Irene Stocksdales who greeted and talked to many folks about archery, the VBA and its affiliated clubs. 🏹

Bidding For Wild Boar

I thought I'd learned my lesson bidding on hunts. Burned once at a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet, when I "won" the bid on a Colorado 2-D rifle season elk hunt, and ended up in a snowline camp with two Wisconsin hunters who took 17 shots with 300 Winchester Mags in two days. I got on my horse and left, in fear of life and limb.

But this was different. I'd been to Boar Walla, near Covington, Virginia in '96 for a successful bowhunt and had scheduled a return trip in '97. So when the VBA Banquet offered a silent auction wild boar hunt at Boar Walla, I decided to bid it up for the benefit of VBA and if it stops under the cost of the hunt, tip the guide and cook accordingly. That was the plan and that is how it worked out.

With the VBA hunt certificate in hand it was off to Boar Walla Lodge for an overnight and hunt on Saturday. We were into our camo and out in the woods early after a great night's rest and an excellent breakfast. In our party there was one traditional bow, my Golden Eagle compound and a .44 Magnum handgun. The stalk was on for wild boar.

First a little hill climbing and then the traditional bowhunter begins the first approach on a bedded boar. With a twang and a thump, first blood, but not a fatal hit. On to the chase. By the time we catch up, a couple more shots have found the vitals and the boar is down and out. a tough 300 pounder well-dispatched.

Next the handgunner to the front. Several large boar are rallied in a



thicket and not eager to play. With boar, like elk, "you shoot 'em 'til they're down." Once a big boar was located and clear, it was time to "rumble." Four shots broke the wind-whipped silence. What happened? A big brown boar broke past me on the charge. At full draw I knew I'd stated, "Black boar or no boar." Off the lucky 280 pounder ran.

I knew there was a big black boar in that thicket and I'd seen this area in '96. Advance and be ready, slowly moving behind bushes, wind in my favor, strong and gusty. Move - move - check the others' locations - there he stands. Broadside, black, 240 - 260 pounds of "mean meat" looking downhill at the handgunner. Draw, sight, keep the arrow on the rest

-darn wind!- RELEASE, and a hit, but wind and too much cant on the bow. A hit nine inches forward of the aim point, through the front shoulders, neck high.

Off they charge now. Four boar on the move with my wounded boar in the lead. The handgun barks once, twice and one boar goes head over heels. He is finished, but mine is over the hill and now a tracking job. Good blood sealing fast. Seems like an hour later - there he is crossing the creek with guides in pursuit. The boar starts uphill and I release as he turns. The arrow slaps off his flank and he goes into the bushes. Now he is headed downhill in a charge. With more care, I release and this Thunderhead 125 buries into his spine forward of the right ham. Dang, I'm trying to kill this boar, not punish him! His rear is down and

dragging. Hot pursuit again, advantage bowhunter. The fourth arrow is through the lungs from 15 yards and he is in the creek. The wildest of wild boar hunts is over.

What a day! Then I realize it is not yet noon. What excitement! A group of Maryland bowhunters has also been successful and now the outfitter begins the butchering process. We have a great lunch and by mid-afternoon are on the way home with coolers full of tasty pork.

Great hunt; smart bid; Boar Walla delivers! Thanks to the VBA! Maybe bidding on hunts isn't so bad after all. How about trying this again next year? Anyone for wild and wily boar?

-Stan Parmentier

Bowhunter Education Program Courses Scheduled In Virginia

NORTHWEST RIVER PARK

1733 Indian Creek Road
Chesapeake, Virginia
September 9 - 10, 1997
Call Tom Romel to register.
(757) 421-7151

FORT BELVOIR

Fairfax, Virginia
September 13, 1997
September 27, 1997
October 12, 1997
October 26, 1997
November 9, 1997
Call Fort Belvoir, Fairfax,
Virginia Outdoor Recreation to
register.
(703) 805-3781
Cost: \$7.50

MANAHOAC ARCHERY CLUB

Izaak Walton Clubhouse
Spotsylvania County
September 14, 1997
Call Mike Bosley to register.
(703) 815-0671

NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA

Virginia Beach, Virginia
September 21, 1997
Call B. Hostetter to register.
(757) 433-2151



VBA 1997 State Closed At Sherwood Archers

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Total Score	Total Xs
SC	Gwenda Willard	AFBHFS	AA	997	23
2nd	Joyce A. Cameron	AFBHFS	AA	963	26
1st	Bertha Brugh	AFBHFS	A	909	9
SC	Irene Stocksdale	AFBHFSL	AA	891	14
SC	Ginger Schull	AFFS	AA	1054	37
2nd	Betty Hamlin	AFFS	AA	1032	27
3rd	Cay McManus	AFFS	AA	1011	31
1st	Shirley S. Jordan	AFFS	B	928	20
SC	Rick Stark	AMBB	AA	990	26
2nd	Paul Vogel	AMBB	AA	978	33
3rd	Bill Keen	AMBB	AA	956	18
	Steve Moody	AMBB	AA	914	11
1st	Bev Hunter	AMBB	B	768	3
SC	Howard Faris	AMBH	AA	1016	30
2nd	Robert Baublitz	AMBH	AA	968	21
3rd	John Boyd	AMBH	AA	955	15
	Carroll C. Willard	AMBH	AA	914	12
	Joe McManus	AMBH	AA	883	10
SC	Martin Stonesifer	AMBHFS	AA	1086	77
2nd	Mitch Stonesifer	AMBHFS	AA	1085	72
3rd	Darryl Diehl	AMBHFS	AA	1075	73
	Michael H. Shupe	AMBHFS	AA	1072	59
	Mike Stonesifer	AMBHFS	AA	1059	47
	Billy Burkholder	AMBHFS	AA	1053	52
	Andy Stonesifer	AMBHFS	AA	1050	39
	Whitney Wagner	AMBHFS	AA	1045	41
1st	Maxie L. Cameron	AMBHFS	A	1009	30
2nd	Timothy Stanley	AMBHFS	A	981	37
SC	Terry Watkins	AMBHFSL	AA	1040	45
2nd	Steve Walker	AMBHFSL	AA	1029	39
3rd	Michael Smith	AMBHFSL	AA	1024	39
	Steven Herndon	AMBHFSL	AA	976	26
	Dale Brown	AMBHFSL	AA	857	18
1st	Aubrey Self, Jr.	AMBHFSL	A	962	22
2nd	David Dobbins	AMBHFSL	A	945	9
3rd	Robert L. Mitchell	AMBHFSL	A	940	18
	Jerry L. Jordan	AMBHFSL	A	924	10
SC	William M. Hamlin	AMFS	AA	1113	99
2nd	Kendall Woody	AMFS	AA	1106	108
3rd	C. D. Miller	AMFS	AA	1099	89
	Jerry L. Tice	AMFS	AA	1096	84
	Robert Kenley	AMFS	AA	1094	77
	Eddie Rogers	AMFS	AA	1093	79
	Greg Slater	AMFS	AA	1080	72
	Richard Bell	AMFS	AA	1080	69
	Doug Hale	AMFS	AA	1079	66

VBA 1997 State Closed At Sherwood Archers, (cont'd)

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Total Score	Total Xs
	Stanley Nichols, Jr.	AMFS	AA	1066	74
	Mark W. Lohr	AMFS	AA	1065	66
	Donnie Wilhelm	AMFS	AA	1061	60
	Don R. Davis	AMFS	AA	1049	62
	Steve Lowe, Sr.	AMFS	AA	1048	53
	Steve Tincer	AMFS	AA	1048	46
1st	Edgar Jones	AMFS	A	1070	48
2nd	Jody Monaghan	AMFS	A	1068	57
3rd	David W. Slater	AMFS	A	1059	59
	Terry Ballowe	AMFS	A	1054	48
	Christian Widener	AMFS	A	1051	44
	Richard Slater	AMFS	A	1045	41
	David Keith	AMFS	A	1044	44
	Tommy Wilhelm	AMFS	A	1035	37
	Danny Trent	AMFS	A	1027	35
	James Brugh	AMFS	A	1016	38
	Robert Conner	AMFS	A	1004	33
	Joe Seagle	AMFS	A	514	29
	Brad Leininger	AMFS	B	978	26
SC	Tom Halpin	AMFSL	AA	1022	33
	Raymond Stonie	AMFSL	A	985	22
	Silvio Fernandez	AMTRAD	B	737	7
SC	Doug Leininger	CMBHFS	A	979	29
SC	Tim Stark	CMFS	A	936	19
SC	Brent Stone	CMFSL	A	820	10
OUT	Terry Pendley	GAMFS	AA	1065	59
OF	Charles Young	GAMFS	AA	1030	49
STATE	Clarence Beckner	GAMFS	AA	1018	36
	H. P. "Buddy" Lowman	GAMFSL	AA	1010	29
	Michael Beckner	GYAMFS	AA	870	13
	Ryan Brown	GYBHFS	AA	551	4
	James Thurman	PROAMFS	AA	1099	72
	Joe Herbert	PROSAMFS	AA	1094	94
SC	Larrie L. Emerson	SAMBB	AA	954	17
SC	James G. Kyle	SAMBHFS	A	924	20
2nd	James R. Stone, Jr.	SAMBHFS	A	924	14
3rd	James Mauk	SAMBHFS	A	902	8
1st	Charley Davis	SAMBHFS	C	862	6
SC	Jim Lowe	SAMFS	AA	1089	82
2nd	Billy R. Hamlin, Sr.	SAMFS	AA	1054	45
3rd	Bryant E. Duncan	SAMFS	AA	1052	46
1st	Layton Allen	SAMFS	A	1029	41
SC	Dan Leininger	YAMFSL	A	963	17
	Steve Lowe, Jr.	YMFS	AA	1060	50
2nd	Steven Stark	YMFS	AA	1016	40

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

VBA Outdoor Classifications

NFAA Shooting Styles Division & Class

FS=Freestyle BH=Bowhunter
FSL=FS Limited BHFS=BH Freestyle
BB=Barebow BHFSL=BHFS Limited
TRAD=Traditional

Adult Men Freestyle

AA	A	B	C
525-560	490-524	425-489	000-424

Adult Men Freestyle Limited

AA	A	B	C
495-560	420-494	295-419	000-294

Adult Men Barebow

AA	A	B	C
450-560	400-449	300-399	000-299

Adult Men Traditional Bowhunter

AA	A	B	C
435-560	350-434	275-349	000-274

Adult Men Bowhunter Freestyle

AA	A	B	C
515-560	475-514	290-474	000-289

Adult Men Bowhunter Freestyle Limited

AA	A	B	C
490-560	415-489	290-414	000-289

Adult Women Freestyle

AA	A	B	C
500-560	440-499	360-439	000-359

Adult Women Freestyle Limited

AA	A	B	C
440-560	370-439	300-369	000-299

Adult Women Barebow

AA	A	B	C
400-560	300-399	200-299	000-199

Adult Women Traditional Bowhunter

AA	A	B	C
300-560	200-299	100-199	000-99

Adult Women Bowhunter Freestyle

AA	A	B	C
450-560	375-449	250-374	000-249

Adult Women Bowhunter Freestyle Limited

AA	A	B	C
425-560	350-424	225-349	000-224

Young Adult Classifications Are Same As Adult

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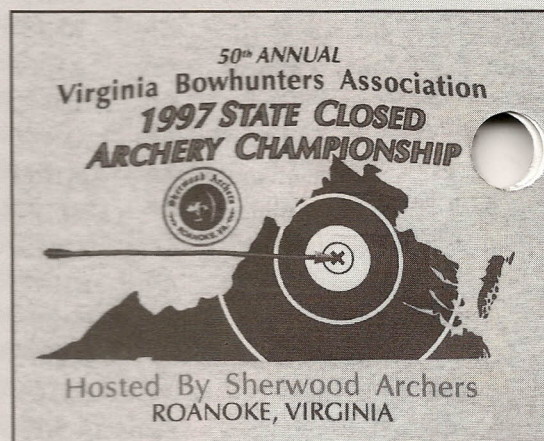
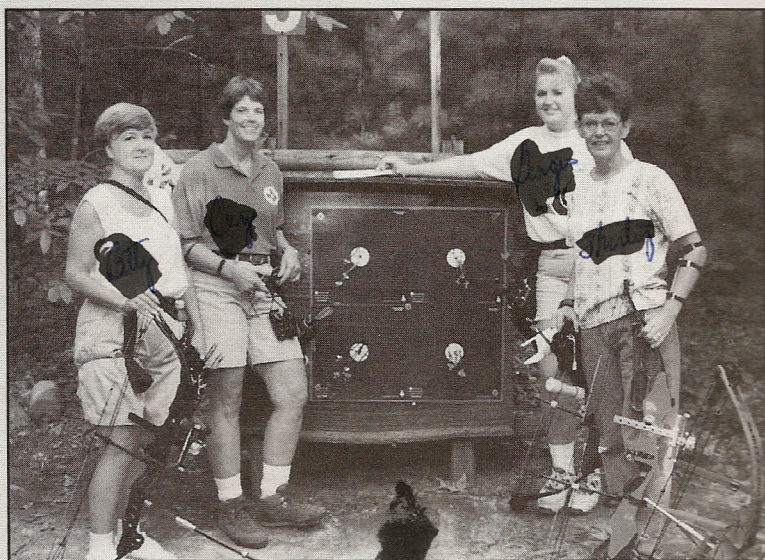
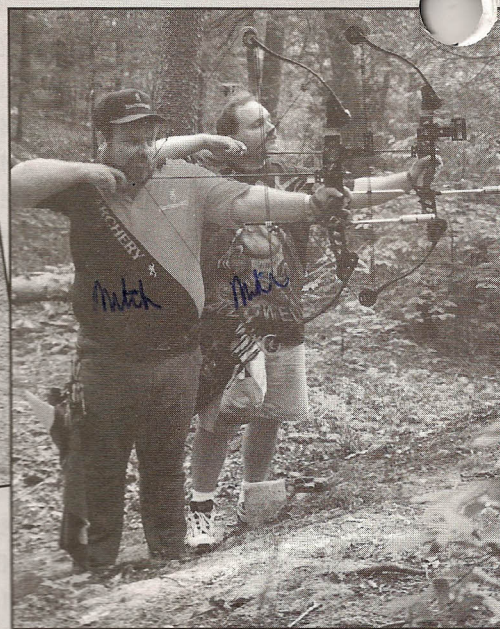
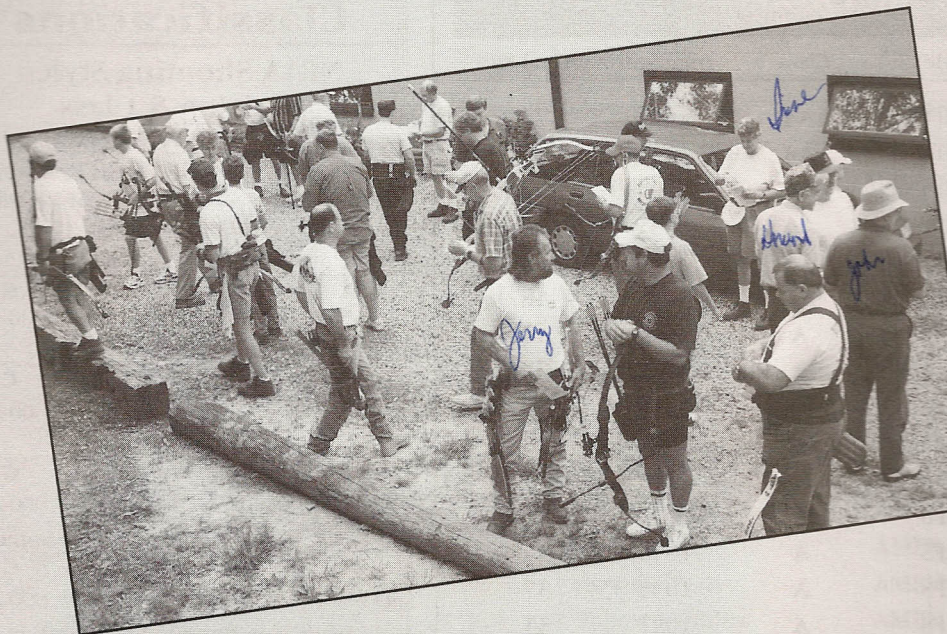
AA	A	B	C
490-560	430-489	350-429	000-349

All Styles Same Breakdown

Cub

A	B	C
400-560	200-399	000-199

All Styles Same Breakdown





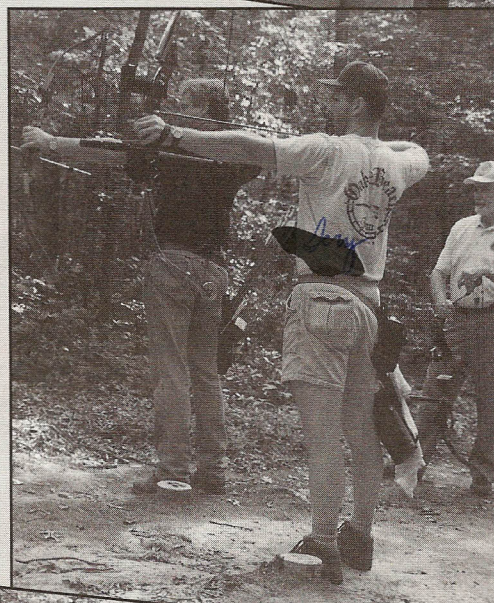
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50TH ANNIVERSARY

Oberwood Archers Host 1997 State Closed

(Scores on pages 4 - 5.)



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Common Sense for Virginia



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August 15, 1997

The Honorable George F. Allen
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Commonwealth of Virginia
P. O. Box 1475
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Governor Allen:

I am the Executive Director of *Common Sense for Virginia*, a statewide organization which represents some 12,000 Virginia biomedical researchers, small businessmen, recreational sportsmen and others determined to prevent "animal rights" extremists from infringing our rights to peaceful, lawful use and enjoyment of animals. The enclosed brochure explains our purpose.

We read with some consternation, the news that you had proclaimed August as "Virginia is for Animal Lovers Month" at the request of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

PETA is an extremist organization cloaked in the guise of harmless pranksters. The organization's motto is "Animals are not ours to eat, wear or experiment on." PETA's co-founder Ingrid Newkirk, stated the organization's philosophical view of the moral equivalence of animals and humans when she declared, "a rat is a pig is a dog is a boy." For years, animal rights extremists have harassed Virginians wearing fur, eating meat, hunters, fishermen, trappers, biomedical researchers and others.

That harassment continued as late as June 29th when a violent animal rights demonstration spilled out of the Animal Rights '97 convention co-sponsored by PETA in a Crystal City hotel, and into a McDonald's restaurant across the street. Patrons and staff were harassed; property was damaged; more than 60 riot police were called, and 18 demonstrators were arrested. Even more violent demonstrations occurred in Washington D. C. the next day, resulting in further arrests on charges including arson and attempted murder.

PETA itself is currently being sued in U. S. District Court in Norfolk by a New Jersey-based medical research laboratory. PETA infiltrated the lab, surreptitiously removed proprietary documents then, based on spurious allegations of animal cruelty against the lab (a PETA trademark for the past 17 years) convinced several of the lab's major customers to suspend vital research operations. The lab is suing on a variety of charges including Fraud and Theft of Trade Secrets.

In a political season, we understand the appeal of any organization that claims half a million members. Frankly, our own opinion is that this claim, like most of the things PETA says, isn't true.

What is true is that *Common Sense for Virginia* represents biomedical researchers at Old Dominion University, Eastern Virginia Medical School and Virginia Commonwealth University, whose research work using animals holds the promise of a cure for Diabetes; improved understanding of the mechanisms of drug addiction and better treatment for Lyme Disease, among other vital advances.

Just three of our statewide sportsmen's organization members - The Virginia B.A.S.S. Federation, the Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League of America, and the Virginia Bowhunters Association - represent more than 10,000 active hunters and fishermen who, with other sportsmen, contribute more than \$1.2 billion annually to the Virginia economy, according to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Governor Allen, few understand PETA's audacious tactics better than we. We also understand that leaders can be blind-sided; and that sometimes staff decisions have unintended consequences. We trust that this unfortunate proclamation does not represent Commonwealth policy. We hope that you will join *Common Sense for Virginia* in fighting FOR biomedical progress; FOR responsible management - and enjoyment of our wildlife resources; and FOR the rights of the individual to make responsible lifestyle choices - to eat meat; wear fur; own pets; go to the circus; farm, or any of the thousand other individual decisions that are ours alone to make.

Also enclosed for your information are a series of recent articles and editorials from *The Bulletin* of Bend, Oregon, and *The Washington Times*. These articles portray the real face of "animal rights" extremism and leave no doubt of the sympathy and support PETA provides for terrorism. Incidentally, my source for these articles, Americans for Medical Progress of

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Mid-Atlantic Outdoor Shoot Held In Watkins Glenn, New York

Rank	Name	Style	Total Score	Xs
MID Champ	Joe Herbert	PSMFS	1366	111
MID Champ	Ronnie Lewis	PMFSL	1315	68
	Bill Hamlin, Sr.	SMFS	1310	
	Andrew Dobranski	SMFS	-	
	Russ Shannon	SMFS	1210	
2nd	Vic Matthews	SMFSL	1201	
	Larrie Emerson	SMBB	1171	
3rd	Bill Hamlin	AMFS	1365	
	Gregory Slater	AMFS	1336	
	Brian Young	AMFS	-	
4th/3rd Flight	Mark Lohr	AMFS	1329	
??	Doug Hensley	AMFS	1214	
MID Champ	Dick Merkel	AMFSL	1252	43
	Mike Shupe	AMBHFS	1320	
	Mike Stonesifer	AMBHFS	1316	
1st	Andy Stonesifer	AMBHFSL	1274	
4th	Paul Vogel	AMBB	1244	
1st	Joe McManus	AMBH	976	9
2nd	Robin Vogel	AFFSL	1198	
4th	Sarah Newmeyer	AFFSL	1125	
MID Champ	Cay McManus	AFBB	1206	31
MID Champ	Irene Stocksdales	AFBHFS	1110	15
MID Champ	Patrick Vogel	CMBB	796	
MID Champ	Josh Lohr	CMFS	885	

Common Sense

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Alexandria, Virginia is a member and supporter of *Common Sense for Virginia*, as is another organization, the Fur Information Council of America, mentioned in the articles. Marsha Kelly of the Fur Commission USA is a member of our National Advisory Board.

I would be happy to provide more information, or answer any questions you may have.

Yours,



David N. Narr
Executive Director

P. S. Nationally B.A.S.S. alone has 600,000 members - 20% more than PETA claims.



This proud group of VBA members represented Virginia at the 1997 NFAA Nationals.

NFAA Nationals Held In Darrington, Washington



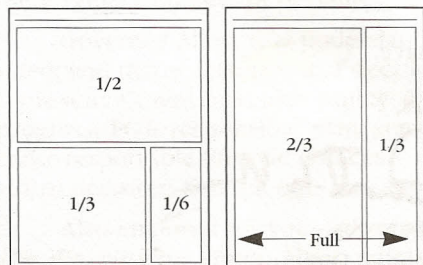
Joe Herbert (left) and Richard Merkel (right) are 1997 National Champions.



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Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc.

Date _____ 19 _____

I, _____, _____
(please print name as it appears on VBA membership card) (street address)
_____, hereby certify that I killed a
(city, state and zip code)
_____, which is described below, and that I was a member of Virginia
Bowhunters Association, Inc. in good standing at that time. A description of my game and equipment appears below.

Signed _____

VBA Club Affiliation: _____

Location of kill: _____
(town) (county) (state)

Species of game taken: _____ Date of kill _____

Big Game tag number: _____. To be a legal kill, all game must be checked through a registered checking station.

Time of day: _____ a.m./p.m. Distance of shot: _____ yards.

Distance game traveled after being hit: _____ Number of hits: _____

Location of hits on body: _____

Shooting position: _____ Sitting/standing/kneeling.

Hunting method: Treestand _____ Ground blind _____ Stalking _____ Other _____

Sex of game: _____ Number of points, if buck: _____ Spread of antlers: _____ inches.

Field dressed weight of game: _____ lbs. Draw weight of bow: _____ lbs.

Type of bow: Compound _____ Recurve _____ Longbow _____ Other _____

Brand name and number of blades of broadhead: _____

Is this your first bow kill in Virginia? _____

How many Big Game Awards have you received? _____. If any, please check the following in the proper space and give year of kill.

Plaque: _____ Subsequent awards: _____ 1, _____ 2, _____ 3, _____ 4, _____ 5, _____ 6,
_____ 7, _____ 8, _____ 9, _____ 10, _____ 11, _____ 12, _____ 13, _____ 14.Signature of witness: _____
(person who saw game after it was killed)

The statistics requested on this application are important to VBA and the Virginia Game Commission.

This application must be returned within 90 days of kill to VBA Corresponding Secretary Ann R. Boyd, 154 Wilkins Drive, Winchester, VA 22602.

Note to applicant: If possible, please include a picture of yourself with game, giving name and description of game on back of picture for identification. The picture will be placed in the VBA Big Game Album.

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