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From the President


Every bowhunter's dream to have a trophy deer walk within range during the hunting season. But the antithesis of that dream is a nightmare; it is that moment when you realize that your shot didn't hit exactly where you were aiming. Generally, this is followed by hours of searching, hoping for a glimpse of the fallen animal, and a lot of second guessing as to what went wrong. There are few worse moments for a bowhunter than the realization that you are not going to recover the animal. It is a gut wrenching experience that effects all of us who have been through it.

In addition, anti-hunting groups use statistics on unrecovered deer to portray our sport in the worst possible light. They often cite decades old studies like "Wounding Rates of White-tailed Deer with Traditional Archery Equipment" by Stephen S. Ditchkoff, Edgar R. Welch, Robert L. Lochmiller, Ronald E. Masters, William R. Starry, William C. Dinkines, N. Lincoln. This is a study done at McAlester Army Depot in Oklahoma from 1995-1995. The study reports that 1,300 archers using traditional archery equipment (longbows and recurves) shot 22 deer but only recovered 11, for a 50% non-recovery (e.g., wounding) rate. Despite the age of this study, and the fact that modern archery equipment is so much more effective, you will find this study cited as evidence that archery is ineffective and inhumane. This and other similar studies are used routinely as typical outcomes of bowhunting, and to negatively influence public perception. This is a clear and present danger to our sport that all Bowhunters need to be very much aware of.

Despite efforts of the anti-hunting community, Northern Virginia (NOVA) has been able to create and sustain a model archery program that has proven to be an effective, low cost method of controlling deer populations in the Fairfax County Park system. But not surprising, the program constantly having to defend the use of Bowhunting, both to elected officials who are vulnerable to the one sided arguments of the anti-hunting community, as well as landowners who have property adjoining the parks, and can be concerned with ensuring the hunts are conducted in a safety and ethical manner.

Against this backdrop, a group up called the Deer Advisory Council of Northern Virginia has conducted a study that looked at deer mortality in NOVA, and to objectively compare humane impacts of different forms of deer mortality in terms of time (duration) and trauma involved with each. What they found is that controlled archery program results in NOVA and other modern archery studies indicate that the typical time and trauma associated with hunting is low compared to other forms of mortality. Statistics on non-recovery (wounded deer) are maintained and made available to the public. Archers in the Fairfax County Park Program recover 93 to 96 percent of deer that are shot, for an unrecovered rate between 4% and 7%. That's a very far cry from the older, outdated statistics used by the anti-hunting groups.

My point in this discussion is that in the court of public opinion, everything we do as Bowhunters can and will be used against us and our sport. Every bowhunter needs to be keenly aware of this, and conduct themselves with the highest ethical standards when hunting. Assume someone out there is watching, with a phone camera – because they probably are. And your actions, good or bad, reflect on all of us.

Good Hunting! - Bob 

FLIGHT Deadline
The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be September 18, 2017. 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

Summer has finally arrived and along with it multiple archery tournaments to go to, but by what I have seen in the past several years a lot of people are not leaving the comfort of the cool homes to venture out and shoot a round at the local club, not to mention travel to a club elsewhere in the state or surrounding states to shoot archery. What everyone needs to recognize is that if you don't participate in the clubs tournaments the club or clubs will slowly disappear. They need your support to financially survive, without it you will see your local ranges gone forever, it is already happening starting with the smaller clubs but eventually it will spread to the larger clubs and soon you will be wondering what happened. So get up early and go to your clubs next tournament and support it before it is gone. And for those who say they are not good enough to shoot in a tournament I say Bull, it doesn't matter how good you are, if that mattered none of us would have ever gone to a tournament. You have to start somewhere and you will meet new people who will always be willing to help you get better at archery, back many years ago when I was first starting to shoot I was at Loudoun county archers and one of the top pros in the country took time at the shoot to help me with some the things I was doing wrong, I have never forgotten that and I still say thank you Joe Herbert.

Next I am going to harp on the VGDIF because I cannot understand how they can pass the early 3 day bear season when it was clearly not supported by the hunting population of Virginia, they had close to 1500 comments about the proposed change and with a whopping margin against the proposal 1406 to 74 the VGDIF board approved the early bear hunting season that would bring in bear hunting the week before archery season. If they were really looking to decrease the bear population I think creating a spring bear hunting season like they have in several northern states makes more sense to me. The next thing the VGDIF did was to approve the sling bow for use in hunting season, there is no way that a bow made from a sling shot can be considered a good choice to hunt deer and bear with, the wound rate will skyrocket and the next thing you will hear is that all of archery is under attack from anti hunters saying that all we do is wound animals and leave them to lay around the woods to die a long and horrific death, what were you thinking VGDIF.

I would like to say goodbye to two friends and fellow traditional archers bowhunters and sportsmen, on May 18 Olin Bare passed away doing one of the many outdoor activities he liked to do, he was mountain biking in the woods near his home and left this world on his own terms and I pray that he is scouting out a new place to hunt on the other side. Over the past several years Olin wrote several short articles for Flight magazine, he was not only a hunter and outdoorsman but he liked to read and study about the origins of archery, he was a big fan of Fred Bear, Pope and Young and of course Ishi, I am going to repost the article he sent me several years ago about Ishi and I hope you will take just the few minutes it takes to read it. Rest in peace Olin and when we meet again I expect you to make good on your promise to teach me how to make Flemish strings. On Sat June 17 Webb Babcock passed in the hospital in Lynchburg, Webb was an avid archer and teacher of archery. He not only ran a sporting goods store but he loved to shoot, teach and mentor the future archers, hunters and sportsmen of not only Virginia but everywhere he traveled. Webb was a friend to all and an archery ambassador at every shoot he would go to. I will miss both and I know that someday both men will greet all of us to another tournament on the other side with a smile and a hug, may God bless both of you and your loved ones. Untill we meet again.

Terry Ballowe 

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Section 15.1.6 B. Add the following: If any club is awarded one of the four outdoor tournaments, that club would be ineligible to win another of the outdoor tournaments that year unless they are the only club bidding.

Effective immediately.

Justification: To spread outdoor tournaments to more clubs for VBA shooters.

Agenda item **Passed** with a vote of 34-0

From the Publicity Director

Summer is fast approaching and we are mid-way through the VBA State Tournaments. NORVA will be hosting the 3-D Fall Classic (unmarked) and Walton Park hosting the State Closed. Let's hope that both clubs have a very nice turn-out at these last two tournaments.

I would like to thank Lowell Hertzler, from the Bowhunters of Rockingham, who helped me get the missing FLIGHT issues going back to May 1957. These issues can be found on the VBA website. I must say, the issues are very interesting, historical articles and pictures of archers and bowhunters. My how times have changed!

The VBA is planning to be at several county fairs over the summer. The Bergton Community Fair in Bergton-Rockingham, will be held on August 8th to 12th, the Pr. William County Fair in Manassas on August 11th to 19th and the Shenandoah County Fair in Woodstock on August 25 thru September 2nd. We also plan to be at the Virginia Outdoor Sportsmen Show (VOSS) that will be held the weekend of August 11th thru the 13th. Hope to see you there!

An important article in Cay's June report: she asked the Directors to remind all the clubs and archers of the new rule changes are, regarding shooting rules:

Since the VBA has gone to IBO for the State 3-D's, there have been additions to what rules govern the shoot. PeeWees has become a competitive division. The Spring Classic maximum yards is 60. The Fall Classic (unmarked) is 50 and the know class is 50 for men and 45 for women, and must be declared at the time of registration. There are no money shoots, Pros or Team competition at the State level. The VBA rules have provided, that water will be available at every 7th target. This rule was installed before bottled water was available and water was always free. It should still be free with the clubs using cups and water coolers or bottled water.

The new Cabela's in Gainesville is very interested in conducting a large-scale outreach campaign to their shared customer/constituents. Cabela's would like to have monthly Hunter Education & Boater Education classes in their store, as well as Educational Clinics that will focus on strengthening outdoor skills for both their staff and the public at large. If anyone needs to take any of these classes, contact them.

The VDGIF reported that a total of 18,860 turkeys were harvested in Virginia during the 2017 spring gobbler season. The 2017 harvest was 9% higher than the 2016 harvest. This year's harvest was the third highest harvest in modern times! More details can be found on the VDGIF website and the Outdoor Report.

Also, the department is accepting applications for their next Conservation Police Officer Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The deadline to apply is 11:59 PM on Wednesday, July 5, 2017. If you know anyone that would like to become a CPO, contact Ray Hudgins at the Henrico headquarters.

Some of you may have heard, that Olin Bare passed away on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at age 65, while bicycling in nature on the Chessie Trail. He is survived by his son, Zachary Benjamin Seal of Colorado, and his longtime companion Stephanie Neofotis. He was born in Lexington at Stonewall Jackson Hospital to the parents Geneva Irene Bare and William Campbell Bare.

He was a member of the Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) for years. Olin accomplished much throughout the years as a Traditional archer and bowhunter. At the 2016 VBA Spring 3-D Classic, he won the State Championship; in 2015, he placed 3rd; and, in 2012 shot with other Traditional archers. He is known to harvest several does (in 2017 and in 2014), and a bear in 2013. Olin wrote many articles for the VBA FLIGHT. The articles can be found in the following issues: Winter 2016, Vol. 59, No. 1 on "ISHI, from the Yani Tribe;" the Winter 2013, Vol. 56, No. 1 on "A Bear Story;" the Spring 2011, Vol. 54, No. 1 on "Hear He, Hear He;" the Winter 2010, Vol. 53, No.4 on "A River Buck;" the Fall 2010, Vol. 53, No.1 on "A Very Traditional Archer"" and the Summer 2010, Vol. 53, No. 2 on "A Coyote Hunt." The VBA sends our condolences to his family and friends. We will all miss him!

Archery season will soon be here! Make sure that you have taken all precautions in your preparation into the woods and in your treestand. Don't forget to take a kid with you as they will enjoy the outdoors too!

Irene Stocksdales



IN MEMEORY OF OLIN BARE

The modern day archer could learn much from a man born in the wild and lived 50 yrs. in the woods before contact with western civilization. The last of the Yani tribe walked out of the woods to be discovered at a ranch in Orville, California in 1911. Ishi means "man" in the Yani language and that is what he called himself because there was no one else left in his tribe to hear his real name. Since he had no ID the sheriff put him in jail. This caused quite a stir at the time. No other Indians could communicate with him. Anthropologist from the University of California heard of the wild man. Professor Waterman who had been documenting western costal Indian tribes was sent to investigate and was able to speak the Yani language that was thought to be extinct. Permission was given by the U.S. Dept. Of Indian Affairs to take Ishi to the University of California for study. Residing professor Dr. Saxton Pope was assigned as Ishi's physician. For the next 4 yrs. Dr. Pope documented everything he could about Ishi before Ishi died in 1915 from tuberculosis from which he had no immunity. This collection of knowledge is not to be forgotten because there is really very little known and documented from reliable sources. Ishi and Dr. Saxton Pope influenced Arthur Young who in turn taught Fred Bear how to make archery equipment. In 1961, Glen St.Charles who worked for Fred Bear at Bear Archery, became Chairman of the Pope & Young Club to Honor a Scoring System for Bowhunters. We must remember and learn from those who spent their life with the bow and arrow. Ishi, Saxton Pope, Arthur Young, Fred Bear and others who lived by the bow would be grateful that a great family sport is still practiced today.

Olin Bare

Bids for 2018 VBA State Shoots

VBA state Indoors

Kingsboro, Fort Belvoir, Sherwood, Bowhunters of Rockingham

VBA Spring 3-D

Bowhunters of Rockingham, New River

VBA Open

Sherwood

VBA Fall 3-D Classic

Norva

VBA State Closed



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?



Do you have a great idea for improving Archery or Bowhunting across Virginia? If so, we would love to hear from you! Write them down and send them into the VBA Secretary. Adding your name is optional, but we won't have any way to get in touch with you if you don't add it!

VBA 2017 Spring 3D Classic

hosted by Bowhunters Of Rockingham



2017 Spring 3D Classic State Champions



2017 Spring 3D Classic Overall Winners



VBA Spring 3D Classic 2017

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Best	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	11s
SC	Ryan Brown	FBH	228	6	0	0	228	6
2nd	John King	FBH	134	0	0	0	134	0
3rd	Steven Shifflett	FBH	91	0	0	0	91	0
	Icie Sroop	FBH	48	0	69	0	69	0
	Aubrey Shull	FBH	15	0	0	0	15	0
	Shania King - INC	FBH	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Michael King	CUB	212	3	0	0	212	3
2nd	Chase Stroop	CUB	109	1	125	0	125	0
SC	Chris King	YH	248	4	256	12	256	12
2nd	Hunter Lilly	YH	213	5	226	4	226	4
3rd	Jacob King	YH	215	3	0	0	215	3
SC	Parker Harris	YMR 13-14	240	8	250	11	250	11
SC	Brittany Corbin	FY	196	1	0	0	196	1
SC	Jeremy Dean	HC	258	8	259	13	259	13
2nd	L. J. Knight	HC	226	7	248	8	248	8
3rd	Cody Lam	HC	246	4	0	0	246	4
	Josh Shull	HC	230	7	0	0	230	7
	Donald Hanger	HC	210	4	226	1	226	1
	Steve Stroop	HC	221	4	219	5	221	4
	Danny Korbini	HC	213	3	0	0	213	3
	Wade Colton	HC	200	1	0	0	200	1
	Milton Detty	HC	199	2	0	0	199	2
	Paul whitlock	HC	150	0	178	3	178	3
SC	Regina Stroop	FHC	252	8	266	16	266	16
2nd	Sabrina Sonifrank	FHC	218	3	0	0	218	3
3rd	Gina Colton	FHC	183	2	0	0	183	2
	Joanna King	FHC	129	1	0	0	129	1
SC	Tony Hall	HF	188	3	176	2	188	3
SC	Kirby Gillespie	AHC	254	10	241	9	254	10
2nd	Austin Knicley	AHC	247	8	0	0	247	8
3rd	B. J. Sonifrank	AHC	240	8	221	5	240	8
	James Lambert	AHC	233	6	0	0	233	6
	Jeremy Price	AHC	220	2	228	4	228	4
	John McKenzie	AHC	214	3	225	5	225	5
	Tyler Anderson	AHC	199	2	0	0	199	2
SC	Shannon Nesselrodt	MBR	243	5	0	0	243	5
2nd	Richard Danyliw	MBR	234	8	0	0	234	8
3rd	Josh Roby	MBR	222	2	232	4	232	4
	Russel Whitlock	MBR	228	6	209	4	228	6
	William Whitlock	MBR	224	3	210	5	224	3
	John Parker	MBR	198	1	201	2	201	2
	Ron Meinert	MBR	193	1	0	0	193	1
SC	Randy Patterson	MBO	252	11	0	0	252	11
2nd	Riley Cox	MBO	248	9	242	6	248	9
3rd	Mathew Housden	MBO	228	5	244	7	244	7
	Jeremy Price	MBO	230	5	241	5	241	5

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Best	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	11s
	Hunter Whellbarger	MBO	240	7	0	0	240	7
	Timothy Stiltner	MBO	236	4	0	0	236	4
	Greg Cottrell	MBO	235	6	0	0	235	6
	Clint Wheelbarger	MBO	235	5	0	0	235	5
	Dwayne Hensley	MBO	204	6	235	5	235	5
	Rick Kelly	MBO	233	9	0	0	133	0
	Josh Saufley	MBO	210	4	232	4	232	4
	Jason Grubbs	MBO	230	6	0	0	230	6
	Zane Rigney	MBO	225	4	226	6	226	6
	Joshua Shifflett	MBO	207	7	215	2	215	2
1st*	Jamie Painter	MBO	214	3	204	4	214	3
2nd*	Robert Garber	MBO	195	4	207	3	207	3
2nd*	David Kile	MBO	187	4	207	3	207	3
	Stone Painter	MBO	201	4	184	4	201	4
	Allen Smith	MBO	199	3	201	3	201	3
	Chris Batton-INC	MBO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Karin Eppard	FBO	211	2	227	6	227	6
2nd	Amber Shifflett	FBO	200	4	191	5	200	4
3rd	Nadine Mohler	FBO	184	3	189	4	189	4
	Lisa Shifflett	FBO	164	2	0	0	164	2
SC	Denny Cline	RU	191	1	195	2	195	2
2nd	Troy Stoner	RU	187	2	155	1	187	2
3rd	Michael Light	RU	147	1	174	0	174	0
	Adam Phillips	RU	0	0	168	1	168	1
	Nate Brown	RU	149	1	0	0	149	1
	Jeff McManus	RU	134	1	133	1	134	1
SC	Michael Westfall	TRD	180	0	176	2	180	0
2nd	Adam Phillips	TRD	178	1	0	0	178	1
3rd	Terry Ballowe	TRD	147	0	0	0	147	0
SC	Jenifer Stoner	FTRD	226	5	215	3	226	5
2nd	Robin Vogel	FTRD	191	0	178	0	191	0
3rd	Cay McManus	FTRD	186	1	173	0	186	1
	Jessica Craig	FTRD	147	1	166	2	166	2
	Charlene McManus	FTRD	155	2	164	2	164	2
SC	Dale Michael	MSR	218	3	203	2	218	3
2nd	Terry Dorman	MSR	214	5	0	0	214	5
SC	Patrick Eppard	SHC	256	10	230	8	256	10
2nd	Joe Heavner	SHC	250	8	253	11	253	11
3rd	Franklin Jones, Jr.	SHC	239	9	0	0	239	9
	Patrick Donegan	SHC	197	2	233	4	233	4
	Tom Korbini	SHC	211	4	0	0	211	4
	David Edmonds	SHC	210	3	0	0	210	3
SC	Danny Alger	MCBH	230	3	249	7	249	7
SC	Ronnie Layman	MHC	242	8	243	6	243	6
2nd	John Hoffman	MHC	228	5	242	4	242	4
3rd	Billy Burkholder	MHC	240	6	236	6	240	6
	Phil Lam	MHC	228	5	0	0	228	5
	Webb Babcock	MHC	160	3	130	0	160	3
	Bill Swick	MHC	148	1	0	0	148	1

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Best	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	11s
SC	Paul Vogel	STRD	220	5	223	7	223	7
2nd	Mike Hand	STRD	150	1	180	4	180	4
3rd	Tom Bohl	STRD	157	0	0	0	157	0
	Olin Bare	STRD	96	0	134	0	134	0
SC	Lowell Hertzler	SMC	239	6	0	0	239	6
2nd	Bob Lyons	SMC	180	1	0	0	180	1



VBA Spring 3-D Classic Records

Using IBO format, starting Spring 2014

Best round counts for placement and records

Style	Name	Year	1st Round	2nd Round	Record Score/11's
FBH	Rylan Brown	2017	228/6	0	228/6
CUB	Parker Harris	2016	238/3	238/9	238/9
YH	Chris King	2016	258/10	267/17	267/17
YHF	Ethan Mullins	2014	156	132/1	156
YMR 13-14	Chris King	2015	254/14	255/11	255/11
YMR 15-17	Kevin clayton	2014	245/5	0	245/5
FY	Kelsey Baird	2014	233/5	232/4	233/5
HC	Jeremy Dean	2017	258/8	259/13	259/13
FHC	Regina Stroop	2017	252/8	266/16	266/16
HF	Tony Hall	2016	191/3	215/11	215/11
MBR	Shannon Nesselrodt	2017	243/5	0	243/5
AHC	Kirby Gillespie	2017	254/10	241/9	254/10
FBR	Regina Stroop	2016	232/7	0	232/7
MBO	Randy Patterson	2016	267/17	0	267/17
FBO	Karin Eppard	2016	241/6	238/6	241/6
MBF	Denny Baird	2014	191	174	191
RU	John Demmer	2014	231/8	243/6	243/6
LB	Grayson Partlow	2014	224/1	225/6	225/6
TRD	Paul Vogel	2014	191/4	234/7	234/7
FTRD	Robin Vogel	2015	206/6	228/6	228/6
FSR	Jonell Frantz	2016	234/6	0	234/6
MSR	Clarence Roten	2015	252/10	241/6	252/10
SHC	Patrick Eppard	2017	256/10	230/8	256/10
MCBH	Joel Lecker	2016	256/13	0	256/13
MHC	Ronnie Layman	2017	242/8	243/6	243/6
STRD	Paul Vogel	2015	0	246/10	246/10
SMC	Lowell Hertzler	2017	239/6	0	239/6
SFHC	Melinda Wilson	2016	234/5	0	234/5

THE VBA STATE OPEN

HOSTED BY NORVA



2017 VBA State Open Champions



2017 VBA State Open Overall Winners

VBA State Open 2017

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	A	444	5	471	4	915	9
SC	Regina Stroop	AFBH	AA	519	42	532	17	1051	59
SC	Resa Combs	AFFS/R	AA	500	28	540	14	1040	42
2nd	Sara Paulus	AFFS/R	AA	492	17	530	11	1022	28
SC	Jessica Craig	AFTRAD	AA	379	5	587	5	966	10
2nd	Brynnen Hahn	AFTRAD	AA	283	3	502	1	785	4
SC	Mitch Stonesifer	AMBHFS/R	AA	536	0	556	28	1092	28
2nd	Blake Perry	AMBHFS/R	AA	539	53	548	24	1087	77
1st	Thomas Miller	AMBHFS/R	A	506	35	540	17	1046	52
2nd	John McKenzie	AMBHFS/R	A	491	19	528	14	1019	33
INC	Wayne Rasnake	AMBHFS/R	A	499	0	0	0	499	0
INC	James Blake	AMBHFS/R	A	484	20	0	0	484	20
INC	Chris Weber	AMBHFS/R	A	454	0	0	0	454	0
SC	Daryl McKenzie	AMFS/R	AA	528	47	567	32	1095	79
2nd	Lucas Kenley	AMFS/R	AA	539	47	553	30	1092	77
3rd	Billy Robbett	AMFS/R	AA	540	52	550	22	1090	74
	Robert Joyce	AMFS/R	AA	533	36	547	23	1080	59
1st	Ryan Johnson	AMFS/R	A	523	42	555	22	1078	64
2nd	Ken Wilkinson	AMFS/R	A	501	19	524	10	1025	29
3rd	Darrell Lovern	AMFS/R	A	509	32	500	21	1009	53
INC	Brian Wensel	AMFS/R	A	503	30	0	0	503	30
INC	Trent Larsen	AMFS/R	B	488	20	0	0	488	20
INC	Adam Phillips	AMTRAD		0	0	0	0	0	0
1st	Bob Hahn	AMTRAD	C	236	1	303	1	539	2
INC	Brian Hahn	AMTRAD	C	51	1	0	0	51	1
SC	Mike Westfall	AMTRAD	A	421	9	463	5	884	14
SC	Sarah Ryan	CFBHFS/R		489	17	510	3	999	20
SC	John Mason	SSMBB	AA	466	11	507	5	973	16
SC	David Dobbins	SSMBHFS/F	C	285	1	375	0	660	1
SC	Paul Vogel	SSMBHFS/R	A	509	38	537	14	1046	52
2nd	John Hoffman, Jr.	SSMBHFS/R	A	500	25	536	19	1036	44
SC	Ron West	SSMFS/R	AA	536	46	544	15	1080	61
2nd	Steve Moore	SSMFS/R	AA	509	31	535	14	1044	45
1st	Kevin Brown	SSMFS/R	A	498	29	507	8	1005	37
INC	Dennis Wallace	SSMFS/R	B	483	17	0	0	483	17
SC	Chase Stroop	CMBH		260	1	301	2	561	3
SC	Denny Cline	MSMBB	A	460	15	489	9	949	24

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
2nd	Howard Faris	MSMBB	A	442	6	487	5	929	11
SC	Lowell Hertzler	MSMFS/R	AA	539	52	546	21	1085	73
SC	Mike Hand	MSMTRAD	A	404	8	695	5	1099	13
SC	Icie Stroop	PWFBH		74	0	98	2	172	2
SC	Jonell Frantz	SFFS/R	AA	501	23	536	14	1037	37
SC	Robin Vogel	SFTRAD	AA	440	9	727	3	1167	12
SC	Uwe Jacobs	SMBHFS/R	A	479	15	561	8	990	23
SC	Tom Lynch	SMFS/R	AA	548	57	554	27	1102	84
2nd	David Estep	SMFS/R	AA	542	61	554	19	1096	80
3rd	Robert Kenley	SMFS/R	AA	535	47	495	26	1030	73
1st	James Hutchison	SMFS/R	A	502	30	535	15	1037	45
SC	Rusty Wood	SMTRAD	A	356	0	390	3	746	3
2nd	Michael Light	SMTRAD	A	370	4	374	3	744	7
3rd	Terry Ballowe	SMTRAD	A	379	5	340	2	719	7
SC	Logan Weller	YAMFE/R	AA	530	45	552	22	1082	67



State Open Records 1977 to 2017

Records are posted with 28 Field, ½ Hunter & ½ Animal
until format changes

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

1996 = 5/3 targets at Open only

1976 & earlier = 5/3 targets 1999 to 2001 = 28F/28H/14A; didn't use for records

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
AMFS/R	Randy Patterson	2014	553/71	277/34	292	1122/105
AFFS/R	Ginger Hamlin	2007	531/56	556/24		1087/80
AMFS/F	Steve Overfelt	1994				1054
AFFS/F	Debi Barker	1990	510	254	278	1042
AMBB	Rick Stark	2009	489/17	531/13		1020/30
AFBB	Cay McManus	2007	476/16	524/12	280	1000/28
AMBH	Howard Faris	1997	482/20	526/8		1008
AFBH	Cay McManus	1982	438			888
AMBHFS/R	Tim Ewers	2007	555/72	565/33		1120/105
AFBHFS/R	Stacy Pruitt	2005	517/35	542/20		1059/55
AMBHFS/F	Jim Herin	2004	512/25	541/11		1053/36
AFBHFS/F	Irene Stocksdales	1995	446/9	226/3	268	940/12
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2005	468/12	471/9		939/21
AFTRAD	Jennifer Stoner	2016	460/13	248/17	270	978/30
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2009	559/98	571/47		1130/145
CFFS/R	Chelsa Neville	2016	536/47	265/22	283	1084/69
	Amy Withers	1989	538	546		1084
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	490/25	515/10		1005/35

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2006	458/0	445/6		903/6
CMBHFS/R	Forrest Belcher	1990	510	260	280	1050
CFBHFS/R	Sarah Ryan	2017	489/17	238/3	272	999/20
CMBHFS/F	Hunter Davis	2007	541/53	536/25		1077/78
CFBHFS/F	Denya Pecora	1992	452	233	276	961
CMBB	Keith Thompson	1977	469	474		943
CFBB	Hope Wymer	2006	293/0	315/3		608/3
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2010	320/2	359/1		688/3
PWFBHFS/R	Icie Stroop	2017	74/0	33/2	65	172/2
MEMBHFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2013	443/7	235/12	278	956/19*
MSMBHFS/R	Harry Kibbler	2013	497/21	254/18	276	1027/39*
MSMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2015	461/15	230/4	269	960/19
MSMFS/R	Lowell Hertzler	2017	539/52	263/21	283	1085/73
MSMBB	Danny Cline	2012	474/18	230/7	277	981/25
MSMTRAD	Mike Hand	2017	404/8	205/8	245	854/16
PWMTRAD	Benjamin Torres	2009	365/5	408/1		773/6
PWFTRAD	Alexis Cambell	2011	142	65/1	168	376
SMFS/R	Locksley Hutchens	2014	548/71	274/35	289	1111/106
SFFS/R	Jan Lockwood	1992				1050
SMFS/F	Richard Merkel	1997	507/28	517/8		1024
SFFS/F	Bev Hunter	1995				723
SMBB	Robert Walker	1994				1027
SMBH	Robert Baublitz	2009	404	433		837
SMBHFS/R	Ronnie Layman	2012	536/48	263/21	288	1087/69
SFBHFS/R	Melinda Wilson	2016	456/13	225/7	269	950/20
SMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2009	474/17	525/13		999/30
SFBHFS/R	Jane Mabe	1992				910
SMTRAD	Michael Light	2014	418/8	199/2	254	871/10
SFTRAD	Robin Vogel	2017	440/9	477/3	250	1167/12
SSFFS/R	Bertha Brugh	2014	464/5	238/9	282	984/14
SSMBHFS/R	Paul Vogel	2017	509/38	256/14	281	1046/52
SSMBHFS/F	David Dobbins	2017	285/1	151/0	224	660/1
SSMBB	John Mason	2017	466/11	229/5	278	973/16
SSMFS/R	C. D. Miller	2015	533/44	267/21	285	1085/65
SSMFS/F	Dennis Wallace	2016	515/35	246/13	280	1041/48
SSMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2016	415/8	217/5	248	880/13
YAMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2009	538/92	561/30		1099/122
YAFFS/R	April Chamberlain	1993	509	506		1015
YAMFS/F	Stacy Knighten	1989	473	509		982
YAFFS/F	Kellie Fisher	1992	242	143	238	623
YAMBHFS/R	Nathan Kline	2004	516/32	540		1056
YAMBHFS/F	Chris Willard	1992	432	233	272	937

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
YAFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2013	308/1	164/3	244	716/4*
YAMBB	Daran Eastridge	1983				825
YAMBH	Kendal Hall	1997	360/3	420/1		780
YAMTRAD	Kris Black	2009	149/1	224/1		373/2
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	550/59	564/21		1114/80
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1992	494	266	280	1040
YMFS/F	Keith Faris	1982				995
YFFS/F	Lori Dodson	1990	393	216	238	847
YMBB	Victor Riggleman, Jr	1987	364	466		830
YFBB	Sara Lavenhar	2005	368/2	433/5		801/7
YMBHFS/R	Chris King	2015	509/32	247/11	278	1034/43
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2012	415/5	217/5	253	885/10
YMBHFS/F	Nick Willard	1992	420	213	238	871
YMTRAD	Zach Stoner	2011	241/4	131/0	118	490/4
YFTRAD	Maggie Grimmett	2016	166/2	91	92	349/2



HOW TO CLEAN SKULLS WITHOUT HORNS FOR PRESENTATION

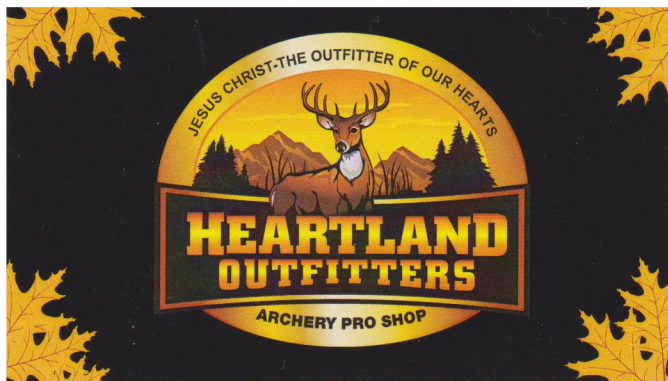
Supplies needed

- 1 Five gallon bucket with snap lid
- 1 Bottle brown lysol disinfection
- 1 Spaghetti strainer (do not use the wife's she won't think its funny believe me i know)
- 1 Bottle 40% by volume hair peroxide comes from hair salons (this comes in paste and liquid i prefer liquid)
- 1 Small paint brush
- 1 Small wash pan (as above do not use the wife's she will not find it funny)
- 1 Small wire brush
- 1 Can mod-podge acrylic sealer gloss or matte. (Found in crafts supplies)
- 1 Small bottle elmer's glue white
- 1 Box latex gloves
- 1 Or more skulls this is how i do bear skulls

I use latex gloves for all the next steps! First remove skull from animal. Remove skin and most of flesh and eyes with knife. This next step is of utmost importance. Freeze till hot weather i start my skulls in june.

Now comes the part that will get you a divorce if done too close to the house, or kicked out of the home owners association if too close to the neighbors house, mine are still mad, good thing i never liked them any way. If you don't listen its on you this was a warning, my wife hates it when i do skulls!!! Remove skull from freezer, place in five gallon bucket cover with warm water to within inches of top of bucket if skull wants to float weight it down, i use a clean rock to hold mine down. Place lid on bucket and seal drill or poke small holes in lid to release gases. Take bucket up wind and a far piece from home hang in tree off ground to prevent dog's and critters from turning it over. Leave in tree. Check on bucket or buckets if doing more than one skull often to be sure critters have not messed up the buckets. Leave in the hot weather for two months. During this time bacteria will set up in the bucket and eat almost all the flesh from the skull making an awful stink. After two months remove skull from bucket by pouring it through the strainer. The reason for this is the teeth fall out of the skull during the decay and are easily lost be careful. Rinse with clean water use the gloves for this. With wire brush remove any remaining flesh in most cases it is very small amounts if any. Next, place skull in fresh water in the washed out bucket add to this water two table spoons of the brown bottle lysol. Be sure to cover the skull completely, let set over night remove and rinse be careful of the teeth i lost a many of them when i started to do this. The skull will now smell only of the lysol set skull in sun and let dry keep up out of reach of animals. Next place skull in small wash pan or similar container. Pour small amount of the peroxide over skull and brush over skull (waring do not get this on skin it will burn also removes color from clothes) if you do get it on you rinse with water quickly. Place skull in sun to bleach and dry. This step is repeated till as white as you like. Now sit down and figure out were the teeth go and glue in place, once this is done we are in the home stretch. As an after thought if the lower jaws come apart just glue them back together some times the bacteria eats them apart. Now spray the whole skull with the mod-podge sealer. This sealer won't turn yellow like some do. Now your trophy is ready for display. And you just saved a couple of hundred bucks to spend on more archery equipment. There are quick ways to do this. But this way works well and is simple and cheap and i have always had more time than money. Save the remaining supplies for the next time they go a long ways. Good luck.






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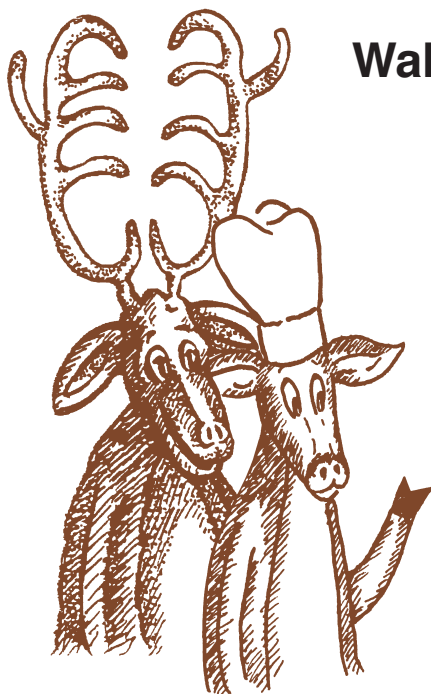
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| ¼ tsp dried , crushed sage leaves | ¼ tsp celery salt |
| ¼ tsp dried oregano leaves | ¼ tsp pepper |
| 2 small tomatoes, peeled, halved and seeded | |

Heat oven to 325 degrees. In a bowl combine all of the ingredients except the tomatoes, pat ½ mixture into pan, arrange tomatoes on meat mixture leaving ½ inch around the edges of the pan. Spread rest of the meat mixture over the tomatoes, pressing the edges to seal.

Bake about 1 ¼ to 1 ½. hours

NEWS FROM DGIF

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries announced a total of 18,860 turkeys harvested in Virginia during the 2017 spring gobbler season. The 2017 harvest was 9% higher than the 2016 harvest. This year's harvest was the third highest harvest in modern times. The record harvest occurred in 2015 where 20,580 birds were taken. The second highest harvest occurred in 2013 (19,265 turkeys). These record, or near-record setting, season harvests support data showing that wild turkey populations are at record levels for modern times (Fig. 1). Virginia's wild turkey has increased 2.7% annually over the past 10 years. However, with moderate reproduction over the past 5 years, the turkey population has plateaued near these record levels. Crude population estimates put Virginia's turkey population at a range between 185,000 – 195,000 birds.

Although the spring harvest increased 9%, annual changes in spring harvest must be viewed cautiously because of the influence of unpredictable environmental and biotic factors. Hunters encountered unusually warm conditions in the early and middle weeks of the 2017 season. In contrast, spring hunters faced cold, windy, and wet weather in the early weeks of the 2016 season. Both circumstances, unseasonably warm or cold, may serve to suppress hunting success rates. Between the two extremes, unseasonable warm weather may have been a better alternative for hunters as the 2017 season posted a gain. The warm weather did not hold throughout the season as cold and wet conditions prevailed at the end of the 5-week season. The worst weather scenario, cold and snow, greeted hunters in some western highlands near the end of the season!

Figure 1: Spring wild turkey harvest in Virginia, 1961-2017.

The harvest on Saturdays accounted for 30% of the season bag while the harvest on Sundays accounted for 12% of the season total. Clearly, weekends contribute significantly to our spring harvest and the weather can moderate hunter success on these key hunting days. The proportions of the total harvest that occurred on Saturday's and Sunday's this year were nearly identical to 2016.

Youth and Apprentice hunters took advantage of their Weekend Season and tagged 627 birds, a 5% increase over 2016. Recruiting new hunters is a key expectation noted in our Wild Turkey Management Plan; growing the Youth and Apprentice Season harvest to a higher level is a positive sign. The Department's Wild Turkey Management Plan can be read at the following link: www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/turkey/management-plan/.

Two-year-old birds typically make up an important component of the harvest as these young adults are believed to gobble frequently and respond to hunters' calls more than any other age class. Therefore, good reproduction 2 years prior to the spring season is believed to be an important foundation for harvests and gobbling activity. Recruitment in 2015 was near the survey average so little change in the 2017 harvest was expected (Fig. 2).

Figure 2. Wild turkey brood reproduction based on staff field sightings in August. Virginia's public lands are an import destination for many resident and non-resident hunters. With 1,664,110 acres of land in Virginia, the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests offer tremendous gobbler hunting opportunities in the Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains of western Virginia. In 2017, the spring gobbler harvest increased 26% on the George Washington National Forest acreage and 56% on the Jefferson National Forest!

Among regions, Virginia's Tidewater counties have the highest harvest rates (0.93 gobblers/sq. mile of forest range). Westmoreland County is Virginia's Turkey Capital with 2.6 gobblers harvested per square mile of forest range in 2017! Ranking second is Northumberland County with 2.1 birds harvested per square mile of forest range. Order of the other regions is as follows: 2nd – Southwest Mountain (0.82 gobblers/sq. mile forest range), 3rd – South Piedmont (0.63 gobblers/sq. mile forest range), 4th - North Piedmont (0.57 gobblers/sq. mile forest range) and 5th – North Mountain (0.49 gobblers/sq. mile forest range).

County harvest totals are available on the Department's web site at the following link: www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017-spring-gobbler-harvest.pdf.

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THE VBA ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER (OGF) NEEDS YOUR HELP.

The OGF has undertaken a project to update its historical records. To date, all that exists is a list of the OGF members – active and deceased – and a photo of most individuals, but not all.

The active members have been asked to provide some historical information about themselves but obviously the same request cannot be made to deceased members. This is where your help is most urgently needed.

Associated with this article is a list of the deceased OGF members, including the month/year they were inducted and their home VBA club. You are earnestly requested to forward any information you may know about an individual or individuals or that your club might have in its records. The goal is to produce a maximum of one page about each person with **information that highlights their archery career and also provides insight into their personal and professional life.**

The OGF does not want you to have the burden of producing the final product, so don't worry about the format, style of writing or any other aspect. Anything you can provide will be helpful, even if it is just a couple of sentences. All input about an individual from various sources will be combined into a one-page narrative.

A photo or photos would also be very much appreciated, especially if a few words are also provided about the event. The photo can be any size up to 8x10 and can be provided digitally if desired.

Please send all input via email to burpeed@verizon.net or via mail to:

Dave Burpee
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Springfield, VA 22153

If easier, call Dave at 703-913-0508 to provide information. He will take notes and do the writing.

Please act on this request quickly. If you are like most folks and don't do it NOW, it won't get done.....

THANK YOU in advance for your support. These OGF members gave their heart and soul to the VBA. It would be nice to repay their efforts in this small way by including them in the history with more than just a name on a list.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER

(Current as of January 5, 2017)

DECEASED MEMBERS

NAME	DATE	CLUB	NAME	DATE	CLUB
James Oglethorp	Sep 60	Princess Anne	Hugh Darnell	Jan 71	NORVA
McKelden Smith	Sep 60	Augusta	Elmer Ray "Emo" Moore	Jan 72	Warwick
William M. Bennett, III	Sep 60	Triangle	Warren "Tic" Cowles	Jan 72	Prince William
Harry Bunting	Sep 60	Chesapeake	William K. Bolt	Jan 73	Prince William
Robert Gillespie	Sep 60	Dixie	Ralph Stevens	Jan 73	Princess Anne
H. T. Harland	Sep 60	Richmond	Nina Enders	Jan 74	Princess Anne
Robert Monteith (Posthumous)	Sep 60	Richmond	William Enders	Jan 74	Princess Anne
R. C. Thompson	Sep 60	Richmond	Eugene F. Henderson	Jan 75	Princess Anne
Joseph Parker	Jan 61	Chesapeake	Horace Shultz	Jan 76	Two Rivers
Ross Garletts	Jan 61	Rockingham	Mertie Shultz	Jan 76	Two Rivers
Grady Armentrout	Jan 62	Augusta	Harry Benton	Jan 77	Princess Anne
Edna Gillespie	Jan 62	Dixie	Stewart Bradford	Jan 77	Prince William
Eugene Limerick	Jan 62	Manahoac	W. H. Smiley, Jr.	Jan 81	Princess Anne
Martin L. Smith	Jan 63	Princess Anne	Virginia Dillow	Jan 82	Wythe
Ted Grefe	Jan 64	NORVA	Walter Dillow, Sr.	Jan 82	Wythe
Pat Hamilton	Jan 64	Richmond	Denny H. Fry	Jan 84	Princess Anne
G. B. Booth, Jr.	Jan 65	Augusta	Mary Fry	Jan 86	Princess Anne
C. J. Woods	Jan 65	Augusta	David Proctor	Jan 88	Rockingham
Norman Ashburn	Jan 66	Chesapeake	Ellroy Russell	Jan 89	Princess Anne
Blonnie B. Bailey	Jan 66	Triangle	Kenneth E. Sorrels	Jan 90	Bear Creek
Doris L. Woods	Jan 66	Augusta	Donald P. Frenier	Jan 91	Dixie
James Caldwell	Jan 67	Blue Ridge	Robert Day (Posthumous)	Jan 95	Prince William
Jerome Keyes	Jan 67	NORVA	Dewey J. Reynolds	Jan 96	Seminole
William T. Marshall	Jan 68	Warwick	Joseph Bowers	Jan 97	Two Rivers
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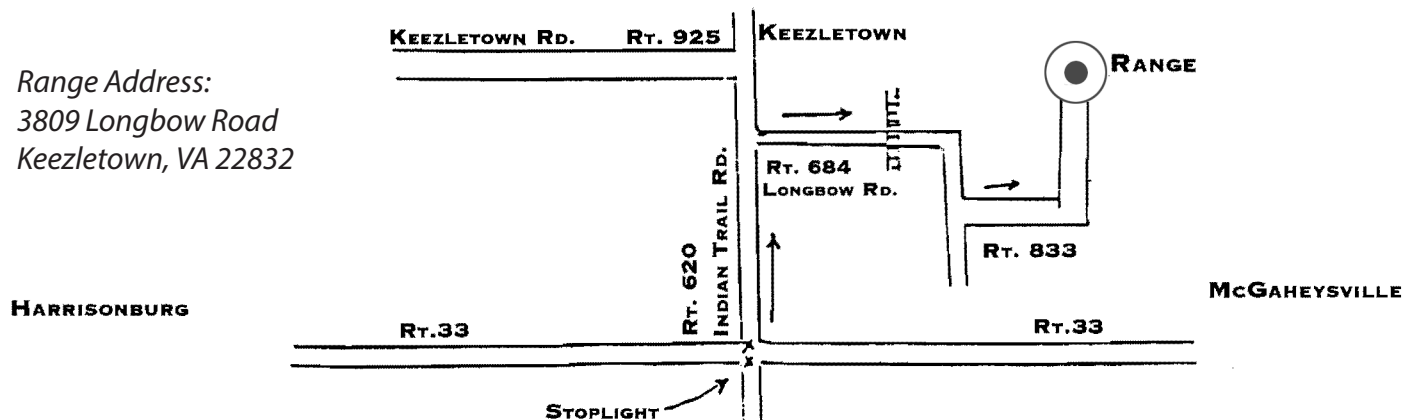
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VBA State Closed Sept 2 & 3

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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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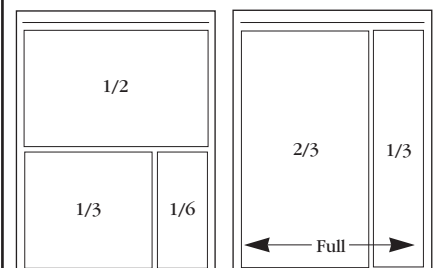
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NOMINATIONS DUE IN MARCH

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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.