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# From the President

## *Thoughts From A Tree Stand*

I truly enjoy (and feel honored) to serve as the President of the VBA. While I completely believe the purpose of the VBA is to server all of our archery community, I'm a bowhunter at heart, and the fall is my time! After months of waiting, opening day has arrived! While I didn't get a first day deer, I had a great time sitting up in a tree and watching the world go by. Of course, all that time gives a man time to think, so here are a couple of thoughts on the upcoming season.

**SAFETY.** This should be at the top of every bowhunter's list from the first day of the season until you put away your treestands and reminisce about the season! Every bowhunter should be wearing a modern fall restraint system that includes a suspension relief strap. The number one risk to you is falling out of your treestand, and it doesn't take much. Anyone who has taken my IBEP Class will tell you that I start out by reading an article about a bowhunter just like you and me, who fell 16 feet and died from his injuries. Even if you are wearing a fall restraint system, you must know how to properly use it, or you still risk injury or even death. Always keep and adjust the safety strap so that your hips never fall beneath your platform. That makes it easy to self-recover and get back up if you do slip. It also minimizes the force you will feel when the line pulls tight, as well as keeping you from slamming into the tree. Make it a point to watch the safety video that comes with your tree stand. The manufacturer wants you to be safe and has spent a lot of effort to make their video easy to understand. The bottom line is that we owe it to ourselves, our friends and our families to come out of the woods safe every night, so it's foolish (and irresponsible) not to take advantage of every safety feature you can while hunting. If you own an old one, spend the money to upgrade – it's the best bowhunting investment you will make all season.

**ETHICS.** The definition I teach in my classes is that Ethics is what you do when no one is around. Like when a nice buck comes by 5 minutes after legal shooting time. Or the big one you have been chasing finally appears, but the only shot he presents is outside of the distance you feel comfortable shooting. Or you climb out of your treestand and go to your downed doe only to find it has small antlers you didn't see, and you have to use your last buck tag to make it a legal harvest. In each of these situations, and many more that can occur during a season, you will define your ethics by the choices you make. I truly hope you make the right choices. No matter how difficult they seem at the time, they will be ones that you can live with, and think back on without guilt or regret. I hope every bowhunter develops a deep respect and admiration for what is truly one of the most elusive game animals in the world – a mature whitetail deer. If you do, then taking one by anything other than fair chase just won't be an option, and that will be how you define your ethics as a bowhunter.

**FELLOWSHIP.** While I love my time alone, my best hunts are always with my hunting partners, who have the same passion that I do. It

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**FLIGHT Deadline**  
*The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be January 15, 2018. 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

This issue signals the end of the tournament season and the beginning of the hunting season and I wish and hope everyone who ventures out into the woods has the best hunting you have ever had, I hope everyone has to go out and buy bonus tags. But please remember to be safe out in the woods and when you are up the tree wear your safety harness because I don't know of anybody that can bounce very well from fifteen to twenty feet up a tree, I know I don't bounce well from one foot much less twenty feet.

In this issue you will find a page with the Pa. state chart for estimating the weight of deer using a measurement of the girth of the does chest, this is in there so that you can enter for the VBA's largest doe. If you look at the application for the big game awards you will see that instead of taking your doe to a check station you can now use this system to also gauge the weight of your trophy.

Since the summer issue came out the VBA has been rather busy with Fall 3D championship and the State Closed championship and taking the VBA display to several fairs and the Virginia Outdoor Sports Show, I personally helped with Shenandoah County Fair and had a great time meeting new people and handing out information about the VBA and the local clubs here in the Shenandoah valley, I handed out packets and membership applications to a lot of people.

I would like to take the time to say thank you to Cay McManus for all of the years of service she has given to the VBA as the VBA Field Vice President. She has spent countless hours doing this job with which most people don't realize all that is involved, it starts with the State shoot contracts, making sure the correct awards are available, overseeing the state shoots themselves, coordinating all of the zones and club shoots and making the schedule cards.

And with saying thank you to Cay that means we welcome the next Field Vice President Bakari Dale to the job, Bakari is from Belvoir Archers and I think he will do a great job as our next FVP.

Also in this issue you will see the Double Crown and Triple crown winners listed, neither of these awards are easy to get and I congratulate the winners of these awards and we had two shooters that won both the Double and triple Crown.

Be safe out in the woods and when, not if, you bag the big one please take a photo and send to me so I can make you famous in the next issue of flight. And if you have an interesting idea or article you would like to send for upcoming issues, please do.

Executive Vice President  
Terry Ballowe



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is a shared excitement of the preparation, practice, and the actual hunt that leads to a lifetime of memories and stories that bond us together. I celebrate their successes and they celebrate mine. So don't let yourself get so focused on harvesting a big buck that you forget to enjoy the time in the field with friends and family. Every day in the woods with your hunting partner is a great day, so take time to enjoy each and every one of them!

Good Hunting!

Bob Foster



## From the Publicity Director

My article for this FLIGHT issue is dedicated to Cay McManus. It all started sometime in the Summer of 1993 when I decided to take up archery and joined NORVA. Meeting some wonderful folks, I ran into the Vogel's who took me under their wing. Before I knew it, we were going to many VBA club shoots and this was just the beginning. They introduced me to many archers, but one of their closest friends were Joe & Cay. The next thing I knew, we were all going to club shoots, the VBA State Tournament, and the NFAA Mids and Nationals.

Cay has done a fantastic job over the years. Not only our VBA NFAA Director for five years, but our Field Vice-President for ten years. She is leaving us with a worth of knowledge in archery rules and regulations, such as the shooting classifications, styles, tournament contracts and the clubs' range inspections current. Recently, Cay and Tim Seymour spent many 'long' hours refining the VBA State Tournament Templates. There are a lot of memories and stories that will never be forgotten.

Cay reported at the September's meeting, that since we have gone to IBO rules for the 3-D Spring and Fall Classics', there will be no more "flights." Meaning there will be no more 1<sup>st</sup> places, but SC, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be recognized.

Cay also announced our Double and Triple Crown Winners for 2017. Our Double Crown winners are: Denny Cline (RU), Tony Hall (HF), Jenifer Stoner (FTRD), Regina Stroop (FHC), Paul Vogel (STRD) and Mike Westfall (TRD). Our Triple Crown winners: are Mike Hand (MSMTRAD), Regina Stroop (AFBHFS/R), Logan Weller (YAMFS/R) and Mike Westfall (TRD). All will be recognized at our 2018 VBA Awards banquet.

I would like to 'thank' Ed Bickham, from Kingsboro Bowmen, and Wayne Chadwick, from Dixie Bowmen, who volunteered their time helping me out at the Virginia Outdoor Sportsmen Show (VOSS). Many of our visitors did not know about the VBA or were interested in joining a club close to their area. They learned what the VBA does for archers and bowhunters in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The VBA informative materials were well received and the Promotional items we sold.

At the Shenandoah County Fair, I would like to thank Shannon and his dad for helping me set-up and dismantle the booth at the fair as well as working several evenings. A special 'thanks' goes to Terry Ballowe who spend each evening greeting visitors in the local area. Many visitors showed an interest in joining Shenandoah County Archers, Two River Archery Club and/or the Bowhunters of Rockingham. Many VBA hand-outs were passed out, some Promotional items sold and a lot of membership forms from SCA, TRAC & BOR were distributed.

Prior to the September's general meeting, Dave Dodson, Hunter Education Program Manager, and Mindy Tucker gave a presentation on the Scholastic 3D Archery Program (S3DA) the VDGIF is sponsoring. At the January's 2018 meeting, we hope the clubs will come back supporting this program that will benefit them and the VBA. For further information, go to [www.s3da.org](http://www.s3da.org).

The 2017-2018 Hunting season has begun. Please be careful in your treestand, wear the proper safety harness, be careful when you aim, check for deer ticks and take a youth with you!

Irene Stocksdale 

### *2017 Double and Triple Crown Winners*

#### **Double Crown**

Denny Cline RU, Tony Hall HF, Jenifer Stoner FTRD, Regina Stoop FHC,  
Paul Vogel STRD, Mike Westfall TRD

#### **Triple Crown**

Mike Hand MSMTRD, Regina Stroop AFBHFS/R,  
Logan Weller YAMFS/R, Mike Westfall TRD

## From the Hunting Vice President

It is that time of year again. Trading field Points in for sharp broadheads. With the hunting season approaching I would encourage everyone to go hunting during the three day bear season. We did fight against it but the Game commission didn't want to listen to us. So I would recommend taking your bow and taking advantage of it I know the Bear hunter will. Make sure to send in your Bill Bennett Applications, they can be down loaded on the VBA website. The VDGIF Meetings will be Jan 17 9AM Mar 28 9 AM. Aug 22 9AM at the Henrico Headquarters. I will be at each meeting! I will be taking a delegation of a few members with me. If you would like to go let me know. As always I would like Representation from each club on the hunting committee. If you have any concerns or need my assistance for anything let me know.

Yours in the great sport of Archery and Bowhunting

Shannon Nesselrodt

Hunting VP VBA.



*Wally wants to dedicate this issue's recipe to Dave Burpee since he has a fresh Antelope in the freezer, so this is for you Dave.*

### **Seared Antelope with Tomato Salsa**

This quick recipe can be prepared as an appetizer or as a main course. The antelope backstrap is seared to a medium rare in melted butter and sautéed garlic and pairs well when served with a fresh tomato salsa and grilled flatbread.

- 10 antelope backstrap steaks, 1/4" thick
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 5 tomatoes diced, roughly 4 cups
- 2 garlic cloves chopped
- 2 tablespoons basil chopped
- 1 jalapeno chopped (don't rub your eyes after chopping)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Grilled flat bread
- Kosher salt and pepper

#### **Directions**

Generously season both sides of the backstrap steaks with Kosher salt and pepper. Set aside to bring to room temp before cooking. Chop tomatoes, 1 garlic clove, basil and jalapeno and place in a bowl. Add olive oil and a pinch of salt and pepper. Stir together and let marinade until you are ready to serve. Heat a seasoned cast iron skillet over medium heat. Add butter and remaining garlic clove. Place antelope steaks in butter and garlic and sear about 2-3 minutes, turn and continue to sear on the other side about 2-3 minutes. Remove steaks from skillet and place on a plate. Let rest 5 minutes. Slice and serve with tomato salsa and flat bread.



# VBA 2017 Fall 3-D Classic

Hosted by NORVA



2017 Fall 3D Classic Champions

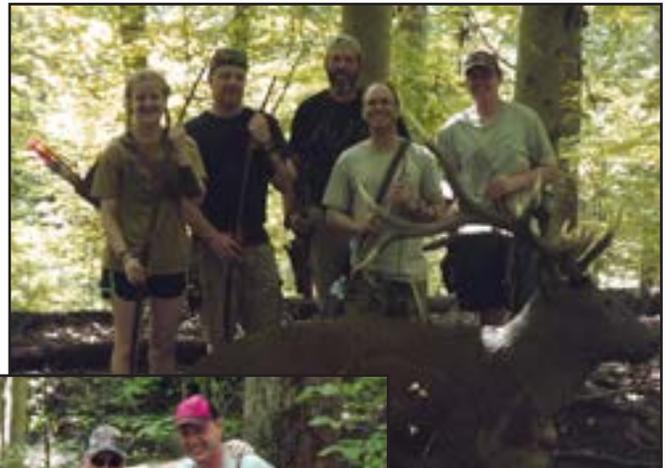


2017 Fall 3D Classic Winners

# VBA Fall 3D Classic 2017

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	11s
SC	Icie Stroop	FBH	25	0	75	0	100	0
SC	Chase Sroop	CUB	96	0	119	0	215	0
	David Justice-INC	CUB	0	0	165	1	0	0
SC	Kurt Finkenstaedt	YH	182	2	183	4	365	6
SC	Nicholas D'Imperio	YMR 13-14	257	11	261	13	518	24
	Joseph Justice II-INC	YMR 15-17	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Marlee Grant	YTRAD	71	0	173	0	244	0
	Alex Plofchan-INC	YTRAD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	B. J. Sonifrank-INC	AHC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Bebe Finkenstaedt	FBO	126	0	133	1	159	1
SC	Regina Stroop	FHC	223	7	243	6	466	13
2nd	Selena Seymour	FHC	192	1	225	6	417	7
3rd	Anne Le Clercq	FHC	177	1	195	5	372	6
	Valerie Clay-INC	FHC	0	0	131	1	0	0
SC	Jennifer Stoner	FTRAD	212	3	252	10	464	13
2nd	Robin Vogel	FTRAD	175	0	215	4	390	4
3rd	Julie Westfall	FTRAD	144	1	207	3	351	4
	Sierra Lopez	FTRAD	94	0	165	0	259	0
SC	Danny Korbinii	HC	220	5	255	13	475	18
2nd	Gerry Petratis	HC	181	3	219	6	400	9
3rd	Billy Wagner	HC	206	1	186	2	392	3
	Milton Detty	HC	195	0	190	3	385	3
	Paul Whitlock	HC	154	0	166	2	320	2
	Kevin Jacobs-INC	HC	37	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Tony Hall	HF	162	0	191	0	353	0
SC	Ron Buzalsky	LB	101	0	148	0	249	0
SC	Darrell Estess	MBO	179	2	206	1	385	3
	Nahn Trang-INC	MBO	176	2	0	0	0	0
SC	Russell Whitlock	MBR	227	5	227	4	454	9
2nd	Joe Wolfe	MBR	204	1	221	3	425	4
3rd	Willy Jr Whitlock	MBR	203	2	219	5	422	7
	Andrew Stiles	MBR	219	2	200	1	419	3
	John McKenzie	MBR	203	2	215	5	418	7
	Max Smith	MBR	208	4	207	2	415	6
	Ron Meinert	MBR	180	4	226	6	406	10
	James Blake	MBR	181	4	191	4	372	8
	Joe Justice-INC	MBR	0	0	171	2	0	0
	Chase Miller-INC	MBR	203	4	0	0	0	0
	Chris Weber-INC	MBR	166	2	0	0	0	0

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	11s
	Mark Andrekovich-INC	MBR	0	0	199	3	0	0
SC	Denny Cline	RU	194	4	214	2	408	6
2nd	Adams Phillips	RU	181	1	208	3	389	4
3rd	Troy Stoner	RU	158	0	190	1	348	1
	Michael Light	RU	140	0	139	1	279	1
	James Glaze-INC	RU	153	2	0	0	0	0
SC	Mike Westfall	TRAD	169	0	207	6	376	6
2nd	David Grant	TRAD	157	1	183	0	340	1
3rd	Mihalis Stephanides	TRAD	74	0	112	0	186	0
SC	Robert D'Imperio	MSR	234	7	232	5	466	12
2nd	Kevin Brown	MSR	191	1	196	2	387	3
SC	Uwe Jacobs	SHC	215	5	234	7	449	12
2nd	Tom Korbini	SHC	224	3	217	4	441	7
SC	John Hoffman	MCBH	198	3	198	4	396	7
SC	Paul Vogel	STRAD	214	2	246	7	460	9
SC	Randy Patterson	MK50	263	15	258	14	521	29
2nd	Billy Robbett	MK50	244	7	239	7	483	14
3rd	Rodney Roberts	MK50	239	9	222	4	461	13
	Clint Snider	MK50	214	1	211	1	425	2
	Chris Pegg	MK50	194	2	206	1	400	3
	Chris Batton-INC	MK50	0	0	0	0	0	0





## VBA FALL 3-D CLASSIC RECORDS

2017 (IBO Rules)

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 D'Imperio	2017	257/11	261/13	518/24
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	2016	236/7	240/10	457/8
HF	Tony Hall	2016	178/1	185/1	363/2
FTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2017	212/3	252/10	464/13
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
LB	Bob Hahn	2016	176/0	154/2	330/2
SHC	Wayne Rasnake	2016	247/7	241/6	488/13
TRD	Paul Vogel	2014	225/0	205/5	430/5
MSR	Robert D'Imperio	2017	234/7	232/5	466/12
MHC	John Hoffman	2016	249/8	217/7	466/15
FSR	Jonell Frantz	2016	239/8	237/7	476/15
MCBH	John Hoffman	2015	211/4	227/4	438/8
STRAD	Paul Vogel	2015	252/10	244/8	496/18
SFHC	Melinda Wilson	2016	252/10	241/8	493/18
MK50	Randy Patterson	2017	263/15	258/14	521/29

# 2017 VBA State Closed

Host: Walton Park Bowhunters



**2017 VBA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONS**



**2017 VBA STATE CLOSED WINNERS**

## VBA STATE CLOSED 2017

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Hunter Round		Animal Round	Total	
				Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Score	Xs
SC	Logan Weller	YAMFS/R	A	521	26	265	20	284	1070	46
SC	Reginia Stroop	AFBHFS/R	AA	511	31	252	15	274	1037	46
SC	Jessica Craig	AFTRAD	AA	402	9	216	3	208	826	12
2nd	Charlene McManus	AFTRAD	AA	376	2	198	2	199	773	4
3rd	Julie Westfall	AFTRAD	AA	346	4	191	2	206	743	6
SC	Jeff McManus	AMBB	B	312	2	163	2	210	685	4
SC	Danny Minick	AMFS/R	AA	548	60	270	23	286	1104	83
2nd	Roman Bond	AMFS/R	AA	535	59	275	29	287	1097	88
3rd	Daryl McKenzie	AMFS/R	AA	541	51	272	28	284	1097	79
	Paul Soucie	AMFS/R	AA	541	52	263	21	283	1087	73
1st	Derrel Lovern	AMFS/R	A	513	30	245	12	279	1037	42
	Shawn Smith-INC	AMFS/R	INC	518	29	0	0	0	518	29
SC	Mike Westfall	AMTRAD	A	428	9	224	3	245	897	12
2nd	Adam Phillips	AMTRAD	A	420	7	198	3	247	865	10
SC	Brenda Bond	SFFS/R	AA	511	34	256	21	277	1044	55
SC	Earl Cash	SMFS/F	A	447	13	215	2	260	922	15
1st	Tony Hall	SMFS/F	B	413	8	211	5	274	898	13
SC	David Estep	SMFS/R	AA	545	59	268	25	288	1101	84
2nd	Bobby Kenley	SMFS/R	AA	538	43	270	24	386	1094	67
3rd	Keith Werner	SMFS/R	AA	528	39	268	26	286	1082	65
	Jeff Warf	SMFS/R	AA	526	37	265	25	286	1077	62
SC	Mike Light	SMTRAD	A	397	6	166	1	242	805	7
1st	Rusty Wood	SMTRAD	C	271	2	164	2	190	625	4
SC	Paul Vogel	SSMBHFS/R	AA	533	40	259	16	281	1073	56
1st	Roger Coleman	SSMBHFS/R	A	480	15	247	14	278	1005	29
SC	Gary Corris	SSMFS/R	A	519	32	257	17	285	1061	49
2nd	Jarrett Frame	SSMFS/R	A	504	28	258	17	284	1046	45
SC	Rob Pecora	SSMTRAD	B	343	5	173	3	224	740	8
SC	Catherine Corris	MSFFS/R	A	495	24	229	7	273	997	31
SC	Howard Faris	MMSBB	AA	455	17	220	4	253	928	21
SC	Kenneth Bomar	MSMBHFS/R	B	411	12	219	8	266	896	20
SC	Lowell Hertzler	MSMFS/R	AA	520	40	261	17	271	1052	57
1st	Marvin Huffman	MSMFS/R	A	500	22	232	9	280	1012	31
	C D Miller-INC	MSMFS/R	INC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Mike Hand	MSMTRAD	A	429	9	201	1	218	848	10
	Mike Campbell	GUEST		554	74	278	34	290	1122	108
	Scott Gumann	GUEST		523	36	260	16	280	1063	53
	Joseph Hendricks	GUEST		510	25	256	21	281	1047	46
	Dale Rucker	GUEST		468	12	235	5	280	983	17
	Sierra Lopez	GUEST		266	1	120	1	197	583	2

## 1980 to 2016 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#Tied Yrs
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 Stocksdale	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	Adam Phillips	216	456/5	231/4	247	934**
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**
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#
CMBB	Bryan Lester	1980	465	481		946#

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
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	Brenda Bond	2017	511/34	256/21	277	1044/55**
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**
SSMFS/R	Carlos (CD) Miller	2016	436/51	269/19	284	1089/70**
SSFFS/R	Catherine Corris	2015	451/10	229/5	267	947/15**
SSMBHFS/R	Paul Vogel	2017	533/40	259/16	281	1073/56**
SSMBHFS/F	David Dobbins	2016	327/6	146/2	232	705/8**
SSMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2016	427/7	207/0	252	886/7**
MSMTRAD	Mike Hand	2017	429/9	201/1	218	848/10**
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	Lowell Hertzler	2016	524/31	261/25	286	1071/56**
MSFFS/R	Cathy Corris	2017	495/24	229/7	273	997/31**

## AGENDA ITEMS

(1) Sect. 15.1.10 Registration Fees, pg. 11, Add section E: A 80% refund will be sent to shooters that prepay, but do not make the shoot. The host club is to keep 20% and send refund within 14 days of shoot to the shooter. Effective Jan. 1018.

Justification: The contracts state refunds to be given according to By-Laws. The current By-Laws have no section for this.

(2) Article 22, pg. 21, Standing Rules, Add Rule 21: The Association shall create a hunting award known as the Dave Proctor Southern Bowhunter Award. It shall be based on an accumulative point system committee. Effective start date, January 2018.

(3) VBA By-Laws, Article 8, pg. 7: Request a pay raise for the Executive State Secretary and Treasurer. \$1.00 more is recommended from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per member. Effective, January 2018.

Justification: To compensate in a small token of appreciation for all the extra duties she performs above and beyond the requirements of her office.

(4) Section 11.5 Family Membership. VBA Dues Breakdown: Change 1<sup>st</sup> member from \$20.00 to \$22.00. Effective January 2019.

Justification: Increase dues to compensate for loss of dollar shooting fee and increase in salary for secretary.

(5) Article 11. Dues, Section 11.1, pg. 9, Bowhunter Members: Dues for calendar year will be changed to \$20.00. Effective January 2018.

Justification: To increase Bowhunter Membership.

(6) Section 15.1.10, Paragraph D, Registration Fees, Pg. 13, Delete: Pertains to one dollar per shooter for any sanctioned tournament. Effective, January 2018.

Justification: Many clubs do not like this fee, so they do not schedule more shoots.

(7) Section 16.5, pg. 16: Order of the Golden Feather: The Order of the Golden Feather proposes the VBA adopt a new award entitled the Silver Arrow Award. Effective, January 2018.

Justification: There have been instances where OGF nominees have done excellent work over an extended period of time at the Club and Region level, but for various reasons, primarily a lack of service at the State or National level, have not been accepted into the Order. The OGF membership feels that these individuals should be eligible for an appropriate award that recognizes their accomplishments and service to the VBA.

# ANTELOPE HOLE IN ONE?



I went on an antelope hunt and a golf game broke out.

Sounds too weird to be true and of course it isn't, but the truth is not far removed. First, the details.

Three friends (Bob Seltzer, John Peeler and Jack Denbow) and I have fallen into the wonderful habit of hunting antelope in Wyoming every odd year. The others have been on several trips, this was only my fourth. I had been fortunate to harvest antelopes on my previous three trips and looked forward to another opportunity. My earlier encounters were all good animals with one scoring close to Pope and Young, but so far "the big one" had eluded me.

The night before the hunt we drew blinds (all of which were situated near water holes) out of a hat and I drew one named West Solar. Arriving at the blind just past sunup, I discovered the blind was aptly named for the nearby solar panel that powered a well pump. About 30 minutes after settling in the blind, the parade of antelopes began. Over the next 2 hours six NICE bucks came to water. And, naturally, each time fate intervened. Fate included: three antelopes in the first group sent the smallest (still NICE) to water first and he spotted me so they all ambled off, a fourth antelope watered head-on, another watered quartering towards, and the sixth (the smallest of all the animals) presented a broadside shot, but I was not up to the task and missed.

I was using a Great Northern Ghost recurve with wooden arrows, but no excuses. I must have found the panic button and mashed it because the arrow went right over the vitals area and cleared the animal's back. My only consolation is that it was a clean miss.....

More than a dozen does watered in the next few hours and about 3PM I was still bemoaning my fate and kicking my butt when I glanced out the shooting window and saw a NICE buck about 100 yards away. By now

I had determined the modis operandi at the watering hole was for the animal to stand about 100 yards away on the high ground and extensively survey the waterhole over an extended period of time. I had made the mistake earlier of watching the animal move to water and then taking up a shooting position and naturally was spotted as I moved.

This time I immediately moved to a back corner to where I could only see the water's edge. I knew that from this location the buck could not see me and I would be able to see his legs when he started to drink, at which time I could take one step and come to full draw. It took about 20 minutes – 20 VERY LONG minutes -- in that corner not knowing if he had left but finally I spotted his legs moving to water. Unfortunately, at the same time, a doe moved to water and was looking directly into the blind through the other shooting hole. If I moved quickly, she was sure to spot me.

I debated whether to pass the shot but decided to take a slow step and draw. If the doe did not alert, I was good to go. If she did alert, I would not shoot but wait for another opportunity. Just as I completed my move and draw, I could sense her movement from the water but the buck had not moved so I released what turned out to be an 11-yard shot. The J&M Traditions arrow with a 145-grain eclipse broadhead flew true and looked solid on the quartering-away buck. He ran off and I last saw him go over a small rise about 200 yards away. I did not see him come up the far side and began to worry. It was possible he had not been hit as hard as I thought and had turned left or right and kept on going out of sight.

It is important to note at this point in the story that all our trips are to the same location – the Werner Ranch about 45 minutes north of Douglas. JJ and Connie are terrific hosts, Connie is a great cook and JJ spares no efforts to put you on antelope. He and his brother-in-law Mark Woolard, who helps him each hunting season, are terrific guides.

I called JJ and Mark and over the next 90 minutes they scoured with binos the area around the small rise as well as any other paths the buck may have taken. Finally, Mark took his vehicle to very near the last spot I saw the buck and got out to walk the ground. He had not gone far when he found my animal dead – and this is where the golf analogy comes into play. He had died on his feet at a full run and slid into a three-foot hole where he was invisible to any view except from directly above. Yes, I had done it. An antelope hole in one.

The buck scored 69  $\frac{3}{8}$  that evening so there is a good chance the final dried score will exceed the Pope and Young minimum of 67. If not, no worries. I wanted an antelope and the fact it was a NICE one was only icing on the cake.

I should add that the hunters also included Pierre Malko and his wife Dani (one of Bob's daughters). They brought their three youngest daughters along to enjoy the ranch experience and see some historic sights going to and coming from the hunt. Pierre and Dani had both harvested antelopes on previous hunts and this time they took turns each day with one going to the blind and the other staying in camp to entertain/watch/corral the enthusiastic youngsters.

The final hunt tally was hunters six, antelope zero. We packed all the antelope into two large coolers and Dani/Pierre and the girls flew home while the four guys drove to complete the 3,800-mile round trip.

A side benefit of this trip was that the ranch was located in the zone that included a full eclipse of the sun. Fabulous to watch the process while sitting on the porch with a glass of Crown Royal.

The next trip is August 2019 and I am already anticipating a great journey with friends.

# THE VBA TROPHY ROOM



**Randy Armentrout - BOR**



**Ethan Armentrout - BOR**



**Alex Maggos - Belvoir**

# From The VGDIF WebSite

## Nine New CWD Positives Confirmed in Frederick County

Nine new cases of **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)** were detected in Frederick County during the 2016 deer hunting season. Seven were deer harvested by hunters and two were killed by vehicles. All of the new cases were detected in the same general areas as previous cases. In total, 22 CWD-positive deer have been detected in Virginia since CWD was first discovered in western Frederick County in fall 2009.

In 2015, the Virginia CWD Containment Area was expanded to include all of Frederick, Clarke, Warren, and Shenandoah counties. Approximately 1,500 deer from these counties were tested for CWD during the 2016 hunting season. The Virginia CWD Containment area borders are expected to remain the same for the fall 2017 hunting season. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) plans to collect CWD samples from the Containment Area on the first two Saturdays of the 2017 firearms deer season.

VDGIF appreciates the assistance of deer hunters in Frederick, Clarke, Warren, and Shenandoah counties for the excellent cooperation during CWD sample collection this past fall. VDGIF would also like to thank the cooperating road-kill contractor and deer processors for their assistance and looks forward to continuing these partnerships in 2017.

CWD has been detected in 24 states and three Canadian provinces. The disease is a slow, progressive neurologic (brain and nervous system) disease found in deer, elk, and moose in North America which ultimately results in death of the animal. It is spread through urine, feces, saliva, and other body fluids. Symptoms do not appear for several years and include staggering, abnormal posture, lowered head, drooling, confusion, and marked weight loss. There is no evidence that CWD can be naturally transmitted to humans, livestock, or pets, but the Centers for Disease Control advises against eating meat from CWD-positive animals as research continues. Regulations pertaining to CWD, maps of impacted states, and more information about the disease and what VDGIF is doing about it can be found on the **[VDGIF website](#)**.

*March 14th, 2017*

# VGDIF

## Public Meetings

Date	Meeting
October 18, 2017	<b>Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
October 18, 2017	<b>Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
October 18, 2017	<b>Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
October 19, 2017 9:00 AM	<b>Board of Game and Inland Fisheries</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
January 16, 2018	<b>Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
January 16, 2018	<b>Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
January 16, 2018	<b>Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
January 17, 2018 9:00 AM	<b>Board of Game and Inland Fisheries</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
March 27, 2018	<b>Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
March 27, 2018	<b>Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
March 27, 2018	<b>Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
March 28, 2018 9:00 AM	<b>Board of Game and Inland Fisheries</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
August 21, 2018	<b>Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
August 21, 2018	<b>Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
August 21, 2018	<b>Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228
August 22, 2018 9:00 AM	<b>Board of Game and Inland Fisheries</b> Location: 7870 Villa Park Dr, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228

# VBA State Indoor Sectional Championship



Hosted by

## The Belvoir Bowhunters

*"Excellence in Archery & Bowhunting"*



To enter Fort Belvoir, all non-DoD affiliated passengers of every vehicle must undergo a personal background check using the person's social security number. Allow up to one hour (usually faster) to process through Tully Gate, depending on the line at the gate. All must have a state/federal issued picture ID.

**Directions:** Exit US Route 1 (Richmond Highway) at the traffic signal at Pohick Road. This intersection is the Tully Gate entrance to Fort Belvoir. Drive up Pohick Road to the security control point/visitor center and process through base security. Proceed south on Pohick Road to the first traffic light at Theote Road and turn right. Proceed approximately 1/2 mile to a stop sign at Warren Road and turn right. Proceed about 1/2 mile and turn right at the bottom of the hill. The archery range is in Outdoor Recreation, the long, white building (Bldg 778) on the right.

**Fort Belvoir Outdoor Recreation  
Indoor Archery Range**

10155 Johnston Rd, Bldg. 778  
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

### FEB 24 & 25, 2018

Registration or payment contact Larry Readal at  
(757) 469-8700 or lreadal@gmail.com

Mail-ins must be received by Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 2018,  
5108 Remington Dr  
Alexandria, VA 22309

Make check payable to Belvoir Bowhunters  
Credit Card payment is acceptable

### Registration

FRI 6:00 – 8:00 pm FEB 23rd 2018  
SAT 7:00 – 8:00 am FEB 24th 2018

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Opening Ceremony:	8am	1st: 8 am – 11 am
1st:	9 am – 12 pm	2nd: 11 am – 2 pm
2nd:	12 pm – 3 pm	3rd: 2 pm – 5 pm
3rd:	3 pm – 6 pm	

**VBA membership required to receive awards**

Fees : \$20.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for youth (under age 18); \$50.00 maximum per family  
Fill out completely – please print clearly and only form per person

### STATE INDOOR SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

VBA # \_\_\_\_\_ HOME CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Circle those that apply:

Division: Peewee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Silver Senior Master Senior  
 Gender: M F Style: FS/R FS/F BHFS/R BHFS/F BB BH TRAD Don't Know  
 Round Preference: SAT: 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> SUN: 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Round As Needed)

Guest are non VBA Members or without a VBA Card. Cubs and Pee Wees Shoot at 10 Yards – Indoors Only, Events are Shotgun Starts



# 2018 VBA State Indoor Sectional CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Bowhunters of Rockingham

February 24 & 25, 2018

**BOWHUNTERS  
OF  
ROCKINGHAM**

## Registration:

Friday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> round  
Until noon for 3<sup>rd</sup> round

## PreRegistration: (Recommended)

By mail: Must be received by 2/22/2017

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

## Shooting schedule: Saturday

1<sup>st</sup> round 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
2<sup>nd</sup> round 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

# Kingsboro Bowmen



**Hosts**

**2018**



## VBA Indoor Championship

**February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day Line Times: 9am, 12pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day Line Times: 8am, 11am**

***\*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Line Time may be added if needed\*\****

***\*\*Can shoot both days, highest score counts\*\****

### Shooter Fee:

**\$20 per person,**

**\$50 max per family**

### Registration:

**Online @ [www.kingsborobowmen.com](http://www.kingsborobowmen.com)**

**On-site: Saturday**

### Location:

**Wilcox Bait & Tackle**

**9501 Jefferson Ave, Newport News VA 23605**



**For Additional Information:  
Tricia Holloman – 540-809-3790**

**Website: [www.kingsborobowmen.com](http://www.kingsborobowmen.com) Facebook: Kingsboro Archery**

# 2018 VBA STATE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

## Hosted by Sherwood Archers

### February 24th & 25th

[www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com](http://www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com)

email: [swarcher11@gmail.com](mailto:swarcher11@gmail.com)



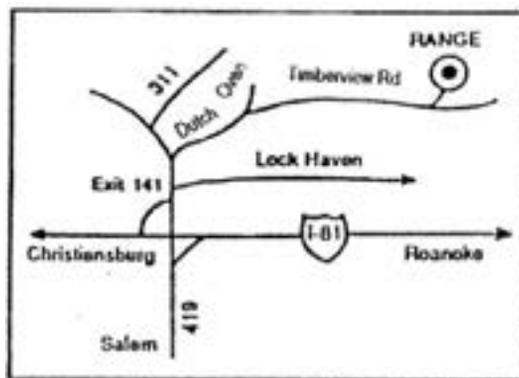
### New Time Schedule!

- >>> Shotgun start 9:00am or 1:00pm both days.
- >>> Must register no later than 30 minutes prior to start time.  
(No Friday night registration)
- >>> Must be a VBA member for awards. Please bring your VBA card.
- >>> Shoot one or both days (1 or 2 rounds) and take your best score.
- >>> Shooting fee is \$20 per adult, \$5 for 1<sup>st</sup> 2 youth, maximum \$50 per family.

*Snacks and Lunch available.*

### Places to Stay

- La Quinta Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717 Exit 141
- Bay mount Inn (3 miles) 540-795-2114 Exit 141
- Holiday Inn Express (3 miles) 540-562-3229 Exit 141



**Mail in Pre-registration; Make checks payable to:**

**Sherwood Archers**  
 c/o Bill Shumate, Treasurer  
 1619 Mountain Heights Dr.  
 Salem, VA 24153 **Phone:** 540-389-3369 or 204-2643

**Robbie Whittaker Trn. Chrm.:** 540-797-4008  
**Club:** 540-366-3701

### Registration for VBA State Indoor Championship

*Please print clearly*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ VBA # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle those that apply*

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

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

**Round Preference:**   **Sat.:** 9:00am   1:00pm   **Sun:** 9:00am   1:00pm   **Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Indoor Archery Tournament

Hosted by

**Kingsboro Bowmen**

## January 20, 2018

Wilcox Bait and Tackle Archery Range, Newport News VA

**Format: 600 Round**

**60 Arrows at Vertical 40cm 3 Spot**

2 Classes

**Money Class: \$25 Shooter Fee**

(50% cash back, 1-5 Shooters pays 1 place,  
6-9 shooters pays 2 places,  
10+shooters pays 3 places)

**Trophy Class: \$15**

(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

Shooting Times: 9am, 1pm

18 shooters per Shooting Time

Contact Tricia Holloman @ [chris\\_n\\_tricia@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_n_tricia@hotmail.com)

**To Sign Up!**

# NEW RIVER BOWHUNTERS AND THE

## VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO THE

# 2018 SPRING 3-D CLASSIC

(Marked Distance)

## April 14th & 15th

- This is a two-day event and you may shoot one or both days - highest score counts.
- Shotgun start 9AM and 1PM Saturday; 9AM and 1PM (if necessary) Sunday
- NEW VBA Rules - IBO Classes. If you do not know your IBO class, please list equipment used
- 25 targets each day, marked distance

Registration Times

Friday: 6-8PM

Saturday & Sunday:

7-8AM Morning Round

7AM-Noon for Evening Round

For Additional Information

Tony Hall: (276) 233-0814

Lloyd Overfelt: (276) 233-3829

Larry Bouchard: (276) 233-0641

Places to Stay

Hampton Inn: (276) 238-4605

Grayson Inn: (276) 773-3313

Holiday Inn: (276) 728-0204

Knights Inn: (276) 236-5117

VBA 3-D Classic Registration

(Pre-registration form **MUST** be postmarked by  
Saturday, April 4th)

(Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and include only one person per form)

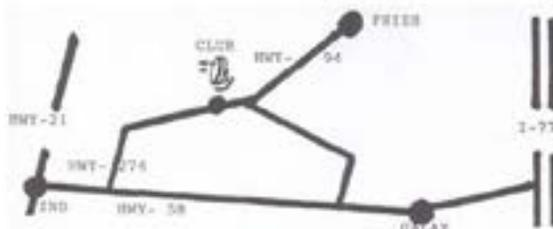
Fees: \$20 per person, \$40 max per family  
Mail to Tony Hall, 167 Coral Lane, Galax, VA 24333

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Limited primitive camping at club - first come, first serve basis

Check those that apply:

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



Gender: Male  Female

Class (List your IBO Class): \_\_\_\_\_

Round Preference: Sat: Morning  Afternoon   
Sun: Morning  Afternoon



# KINGSBORO BOWMEN 2018 Event Schedule



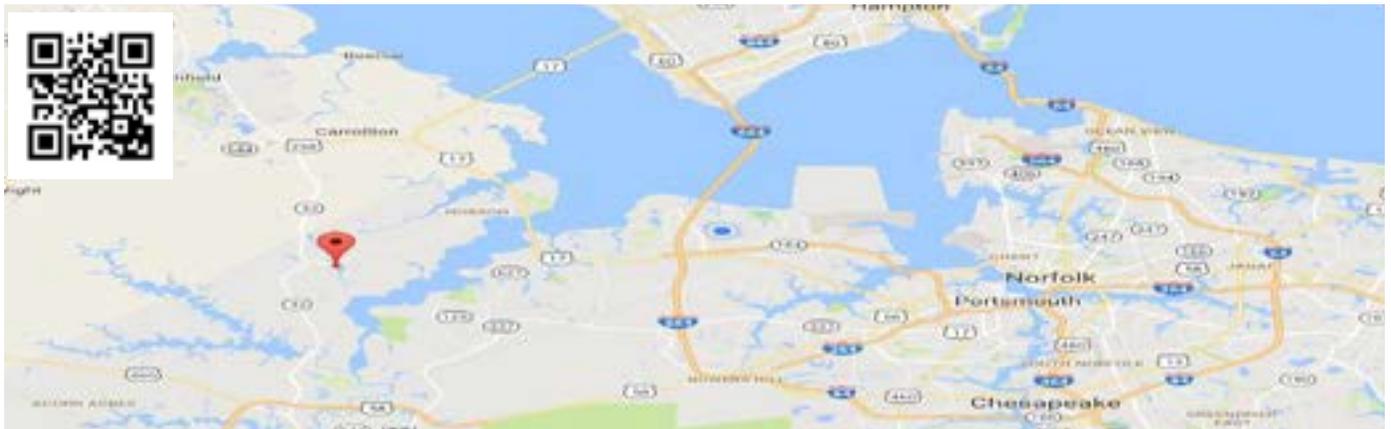
- January 20 Kingsboro Indoor (Wilcox Indoor Range)
- February 24 & 25 VBA Indoor Championship (Wilcox Indoor Range)
- March 25 3D Shoot Target Archery (Lone Star "Lake of the Woods Round")
- April 29 NC/VA ASA Qualifier (3D)
- May 20 NC/VA ASA Qualifier (3D)
- August 26 Charity 3D Shoot "Hunters for the Hungry"
- September 30 September Showdown (3D) Target Archery



**\*\*Casual Registration - 8-11am\*\***

**Range Location:**

401 Kings Highway, Suffolk, Va 23432



Website: [www.kingsborobowmen.com](http://www.kingsborobowmen.com)



Facebook: KingsboroArchery



# 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 Association, Inc., (VBA)**, and in good standing at that time. All animals, Carp & Gar must have been taken between February 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and February 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year. I hereby submit an application for one or more of the following VBA awards:

- Bill Bennett Award (bear, deer, turkey from any state) **If first BB Award check here.**
- Largest VA Buck **by Virginia Scoring System**
- Largest VA Bear **by Virginia Scoring System** Largest Carp by length \_\_\_\_
- Largest VA Turkey (**Bearded**) **by Virginia Scoring System** Largest Gar by length \_\_\_\_
- Largest Doe by Pennsylvania (PA) Girth System
- Double Slam for VA Bear, Deer, Turkey (circle 2)
- Triple Slam for VA Bear, Deer and Turkey

Pertinent information is provided below:

VBA Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Bow Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_ State Game Taken In \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Bear Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Turkey Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Scorer (print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Must use the guidelines from the Virginia Scoring System. Please reference [www.VPSA.org](http://www.VPSA.org) or [www.vbarchers.com](http://www.vbarchers.com). Signed score sheet must accompany this application and a copy of the DGIF game tag or confirmation number. All Turkey entries must have weight certification submitted with the entry.**

*(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 (CUT OFF DATE IS MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>)**  
**MAIL TO:** VBA EXECUTIVE STATE SECRETARY, MARIE BELL, 1223 JEANETTE AVENUE VINTON, VA. 24179

**Note:** First, second and third place awards for Buck, Doe by Weight, Turkey and/or Bear. The Carp and Gar winner(s) will receive first place award only. The first Bill Bennett award is a Plaque and following award are cast arrows.

# 2018 VBA Calendar of Events

## VBA meetings

Jan. 13 and 14  
 Banquet April 7, meeting April 8  
 June 9 and 10  
 Scheduling meeting Sept 15  
 Meeting Sept 16

## Tournaments 2018

VBA Indoors Feb 24 & 25  
 Spring 3D April 14 & 15  
 Open May 26 & 27  
 Fall 3D Aug 18 & 19  
 Closed Sept 1 & 2



## Conservation Scholarship

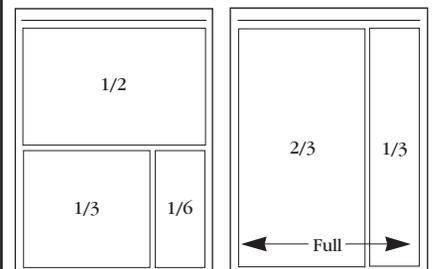
Just a reminder that the VBA has a \$500.00 Conservation Scholarship Available each year [providing funds are available]. Written request for the scholarship must be submitted to the VBA President by March 1st for approval by the directors. VBA members and their immediate family members are eligible.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



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## **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.