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From the Editor

From the Editor,

Last week an email was forwarded to me that I felt should be shared with the VBA members:

“a couple months ago i got a letter from vba defending itself against
> another organization....why waste my time with this?how about sending me a
> letter telling me about all the great things vba is doing for me?? but
> wait,maybe you cant because there is none, or maybe you just dont have
> anymore money for postage because that money-pit flight magazine took it
> all! i pay my hard earned money to you every year because my club requires
> it,not because i want to,and this allows me to compete in the spring and
> fall championships against others who dont even have to pay for a
> membership,...tell me,on the front lines fighting for my bowhunting
> rights,what have you done for me lately???instead of listing scores from
> the past events,how about some useful info,whats going on in the world of
> bowhunters rights,what are you doing to save my money, maybe drop the
> money-pit back to bi-annually?? you are raping the clubs you represent and
> myself as well and i dont appreciate it”
>

Hopefully, by addressing this person's comments and concerns, it may also help any other member having similar questions or concerns. I'm not sure if this person attends any of his club meetings, but if he did, some of his issues could have already been addressed.

The quarterly publishing of the FLIGHT magazine is required by our by-laws. At one time it was published bi-monthly, and the membership decided to make it a quarterly magazine. Yes, the FLIGHT could be published fewer times per year if the membership chose to do so. A club would have to bring that request to a quarterly meeting as an agenda item, and it would require a majority vote by the rest of the VBA clubs to amend that part of the by-laws.

With the inception of the Spring & Fall 3D Classics, it was decided by the membership to leave these shoots open to non-VBA shooters to promote more competition and to expose more shooters to the VBA for future growth of the association. And yes, these shoots could be changed to allow only VBA members to compete if voting clubs chose to do so.

Your issue about what the VBA does for the bowhunter is listed on page 22 in this issue, and it doesn't stop there. Every year the VBA sends representation to most of the VDGIF meetings that are open to the public just to make sure nothing falls through the cracks that might affect our bow season. In fact, the VBA will have representation at the March 27 and June 5 meetings even though there are no items pertaining to bowhunting on the agenda. So, in short, the VBA is alive and well in protecting your bowhunting privileges.

I'm not aware of any other target or bowhunting group in Virginia that is “on the front lines fighting for YOUR bowhunting rights!”

Finally, if the FLIGHT is truly a waste of your reading time, I would suggest that you contact Marie Bell and have your name removed from the mailing list. You can do your part in helping the VBA save money for printing and mailing costs. Thanks for your comments.

Good shooting,

Dave

Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Summer issue of FLIGHT will be June 15, 2007. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your newsletter and we encourage your contributions!

From the Publicity Director

Greetings Everyone! Can we really blame the ground hog this year for dumping more than four inches of snow in parts of northern Virginia and causing the State Indoors to be cancelled on the second day? After all was said and done, 124 archers had fun and made it home safely. Coming up will be the State 3-D Spring Classic (marked), hosted by Manahoac Bowmen, on April 21st & April 22nd and the State Open Championship, hosted by Sherwood Archers, on May 26th & 27th. More information and details can be found in this issue of FLIGHT and on the VBA website.

VBA Twelfth Annual Awards Banquet. Although this year's awards banquet had a smaller attendance than in the past, we enjoyed the camaraderie, telling bowhunting stories, and the delicious meal. We kicked the banquet off with a very nice presentation by E. W. Grimes, President of the Maryland Quality Deer Management Association, who discussed how to manage and maintain deer growth and population.

After the presentation, Kevin Reedy thanked the Belvoir Bowhunters, Bowhunters of Rockingham, Staunton River Archers and Sherwood Archers for their raffle donations and for those who submitted their silent bids for the prints and hunt of their choice.

Dave Burpee presented the Order of the Golden Feather to Vic Matthews from BBH. Dave has graciously volunteered to assume the OGF duties which Clinton Western has had since 1974.

Cay McManus presented Double Crown awards to Karin Eppard, AFFS/R, Cay McManus, AFTRAD, David Dobbins, AMBHFS/F, Mathew Dobbins, YAMBHFS/F and Matthew Turney, CBHFS/R. The Triple Crown winners were Lucas Kenley, CMFS/R, Cay McManus, AFBB, David Dobbins, SMBHFS/F and Matthew Dobbins, YAMBHFS/F.

Back to Kevin as he presented the Big Game award to Ricky Simmons for the largest gar at 17 lbs., a turkey at 17 lbs., the largest doe at 147 lbs., and a buck at 192 lbs. The largest bear award went to Wesley Goff. The largest deer by rack was taken by Randy Armentrout at 156 3/8, followed by Terry Dorman at 151 1/8 and then Steve Morgan at 137.11.

Double Slam winners were Wesley Goff for whitetail deer and bear and Ricky Simmons for whitetail deer and turkey.

In acknowledging clubs with the greatest increase in membership, we decided to break it down into two divisions. In the clubs with 100 or fewer members, New River Bowhunters had 26% increase, Pr. William Archers had 45.6% increase, Massanutten Archers had 52.4% increase, and Buggs Island Archers had 73.3% increase. In clubs with 100 or more members, Bowhunters of Rockingham had 15.9% increase, and Sherwood Archers had 16.4% increase.

The Bill Bennett awards went to Steve Morgan, Greg Shifflett, Ricky Simmons, Peter Acker, Randy Armentrout, Ethan Armentrout, Everette Cline, Jr., Terry Lee Dorman, Robert W. Yager, Jr., Wesley T. Blank, Gerald T. Blank, Hunter Heavner, Jason Wilfong, Dennis Wilfong, Robert E. Conner, Bertha Brugh, Greg Brown, Curtis Lewis, Dennis F. Scott, Tony Hall, Wesley Goff and Tim Burroughs.

Four beautiful prints were presented to the silent auction winners, and the PSE bow went to Paul Vogel. Lastly, was the 'Big Game' turkey hunt, which went to Bob Seltzer.

Congratulations to all of you!

On a Few More Topics. The U.S. Sportsmen Alliance requested the participation of the VBA in their youth event, Trailblazer, on April 28th in the Radford Area and on June 9th in Haymarket. Kevin Reedy from New River and Joyce & Maxie Cameron from Two Rivers have been contacted to organize their club members to help with these events.

The National Wild Turkey Federation, Virginia State Chapter, and the Women in the Outdoors, in conjunction with the VDGIF, will be holding their First Annual Family Outdoor Festival on May 19th & 20th at Colonial Downs Race Track in New Kent. Outdoor events such as archery, recreational shoot, outdoor cooking, ATV and many other fun activities are planned. They have asked me to manage the Archery Village that will be very similar to the DU Festival that was held in Virginia. Please let me know if you can volunteer to help with this event. To sign up, go to their website - www.vanwtf.com.

Jerry & Mary Wenzel from Manahoac Bowmen are offering their Summer Beginner Archery Program on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. for twelve weeks starting in May through August. The cost is \$5.00/lesson or \$50.00 for 12 weeks. Contact Jerry at 540-854-0245 for further information and details.

The 2007 Va. General Assembly Legislation has decided to take no action at this time regarding 'Hunting on Sundays.'

Preliminary reports show that hunters experienced another successful hunting season in 2006-2007. The bear harvest numbers continue to move upwards as the bear population continues to grow. The deer harvest was 223,198, higher than the 10 year average but not as high as the record of 235,944 set in 2003-2004. The fall turkey harvest was down due to a number of factors. The extended deer season in certain Northern Virginia counties was successful. Extensive testing has revealed no CWD in Virginia white-tail deer population. For further summary and details, check the VDGIF website.

The Hunters for the Hungry reported that they donated 356,054 pounds of venison in 2006 from the generous hunters of Virginia, which exceeded last year's record-breaking total by 16,000 pounds.

Yours in Archery ~~ Irene Stocksdale

THE VBA TROPHY ROOM



**Doug Kline with a Boar
killed in Oklahoma**

**Gregg D. Brown with his
125 lb liveweight 8 Pt Buck
taken Nov. 18th 2006 in
Buckingham County, VA**



Why Do You Hunt?

By Craig Torres

If you are rurally deprived like me, you live in suburbia, commute to a city, and work in an office full of people who have never eaten game or handled a firearm, much less a bow. As fall comes around and I block out four days off, word gets around that I am going hunting. Usually, this raises some curiosity if not suspicion around the office.

If my colleagues are omnivores, I can convincingly walk them through some of the nasty practices of mass farming, the need to control deer populations, and the benefits of providing meat for the family table. My inquisitors might walk away satisfied. That's too bad. Because that barely covers why I hunt. If somebody really wanted to know, I would have to say: "If you have three minutes, I'll tell you why." And this is what I would say.

My dad died when I was 11. My family moved to El Paso, Texas. We lived in a rural area known as Ysleta within easy reach of cotton fields and the Southern Pacific train tracks which I could follow on my Honda 50 motorcycle out into the desert. The desert enthralled me. The paradox of life thriving in mesquite, sand and heat held secrets I was anxious to learn. Soon, I would have my very own guide.

One Apache, Three Lessons

My cousin at the time dated a guy named Mike Bogdan, who was a rifle hunter. He was also part Mescalero Apache. Mike had been bitten by a diamondback rattler one night in the desert. He bled his leg out and bore the fever on his own, too deep into the wild to venture driving back. At the time, I secretly admired this rite of initiation. He also introduced me to a few basic concepts of hunting with a rifle and pistol during our day and night forays into the desert.

The first lesson was this: As you step into the wild, be quiet. Listen. See. Nature is speaking to you in full volume. The second lesson was that the taking of life for food had to be done with the greatest reverence. And the third lesson: A bow, rifle or fishing rod was a bridge to nature, and helped define man's place in it.

That last statement would surely raise some eyebrows, if not some anger back in the office. It contains some sharp-edged ideas about the difference between humans and animals. I would briefly try to explain that folks who try to control the deer population with birth control, or try to make pets out of wild creatures are trying to recreate nature on their terms. They fail to appreciate wild things for what they are. That attitude is a stumbling block for reasonable discussion. So, I would get back to my story.

Treasure in a Jeep

We moved back to California when I was 13 and my mom remarried. I gained an older step-brother named Henry, who took me on a giant step into the world of hunting and hunters.

With Henry, I learned the fourth, and maybe best, lesson of all. It came with time, and I had a lot of fun on the way. There were certain things I could always find in the cab of Henry's Jeeps or trucks: live ammunition and live bird dogs; some kind of tail-feather, hide or antler; and maybe cold beer. It was a treasure chest!

My first trips with Henry were duck hunts in California's Great Central Valley in blinds owned by his friend Billy Walker. The first time I turned a bird in flight with a call, I gasped with incredulity. I knew, maybe just at that moment, I would hunt the rest of my life.

After the hunts, Henry and Bill would stop in at a bar named Dutch Miller's. "I'll bring you a sandwich," Bill would say to me as he and Henry walked away from the car. "That's what my dad told me when I was your age, and now it's my turn to tell you."

Later, I began to understand what this was all about.

The Fourth Lesson

I began to learn that Henry had to do a fair amount of pleading with his hunting buddies to let me tag along. Among these men, who were some of the most seasoned and experienced hunters I have ever met, I had to earn my place. As a clumsy, 13-year-old boy that wasn't easily won nor was it easily given. This was the fourth lesson: Hunting forms unique bonds among people who share experiences in the field. It is built on deep trust with someone who can read your thoughts, instincts, and general moods, and fit between them like a key in a door lock. These friendships aren't easily intruded upon by newcomers or new brothers in this case.

Within a year or two of eating sandwiches in the car, I had finally killed my first beautiful mallards. I remember thinking their feathers were so beautiful that it was a shame to pluck them. I earned my entry to Dutch Miller's where I could sit elbow-to-elbow with hunters and listen to their stories. The ceiling was covered - every smoke-stained inch of it - in deer antlers.

I was around for the early part of my brother's hunting adventures. While my career took me away to Mexico and South America for nearly a decade, he would go on to build a trophy room of elk, mule deer, blacktail, and boar. I missed all of that, and, to this day, I am not sure if trading a life of hunting adventure with my brother for a career was the right decision.

Passing on the Gift

When I moved back to the U.S. in 2000, I slowly picked up hunting again. It was Henry who told me in a phone call one day to pick up the bow.

Henry fell off a crane two years ago and suffered spinal injuries that now impair movement in his hands and legs. I had hoped Henry would teach my sons how to hunt. Near our home in California, there is a piece of land he leases where cougar, blacktail, and boar run through hills covered in live oak, bay, and oat grass. I want to visit those hills with my sons and Henry when we go back home this summer. Passing on this gift I received from Henry, and from hunters like Mike the Apache and Billy Walker has taken on a little more weight.

So, if you were to ask me why I hunt, I would have to say this: I hunt because the mastery of wild things amazes me. I hunt because I enjoy being in a natural order that never lies about what it is. I hunt because the bonds I form with people in the field are among the strongest friendships I have. I hunt because I have three sons who may not get to sit in a duck blind with their Uncle Hank, and as he gave to me I must give to them. I hunt because it is the most dignified way to eat.

This September, my 7-year-old son Sebastian and I did some scouting in the Virginia woods. We stepped off the hard-pack road, dipping into the shadowy tree canopy. We descended to the bottom of a ravine where we studied a wash for tracks.

Squatting, Sebastian looked at me, and I looked at him, as we both saw the script of fox feet in the sand.

Quiet.

Listen.

See.

Nature speaking in full volume.

Agenda for the June 2007 Meeting

1. **Motion:** Move the June VBA meeting in conjunction with the State Open for 2008.
Reason – to allow an open meeting for VBA members at large.
2. **Motion:** Set the VBA State Open shoot to be held every year on the 1st weekend in June after Memorial Day effective 2008.
Reason – The VBA State Closed is set for Labor Day weekend. Having the Open on Memorial Day takes both long weekends in the summer for VBA shoots. This has been voted on in the past, but not established in the By-laws, and there has been some confusion in recent years. This motion would set the weekends to avoid any further confusion.

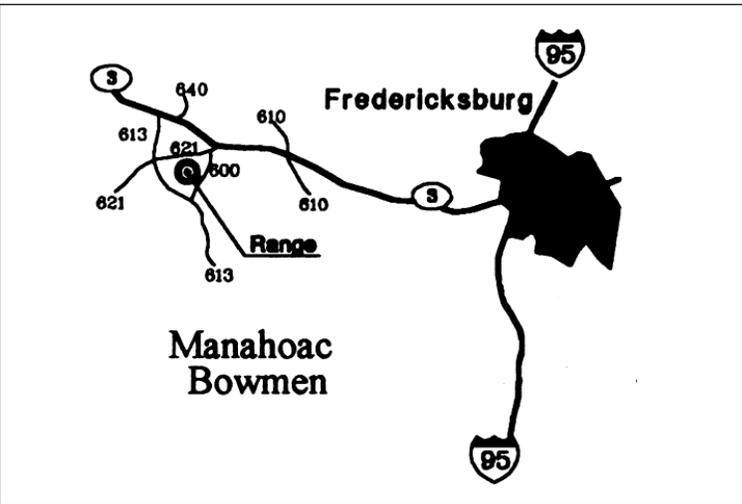
MANAHOAC BOWMEN AND THE VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO THE **2007 SPRING 3-D CLASSIC** (Marked Distance) April 21st & 22nd

- This is a two-day event and you must shoot both days
- Shotgun start 9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. Saturday; 9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. (if necessary) Sunday
- VBA rules apply
- 25 targets each day, marked distance

Registration Times
Friday night: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

For additional information
Jarrett Frame: (540) 373-2278
Roger Almond: (540) 854-9825

Places to Stay (Fredericksburg)
Best Western: (540) 371-5050
Hampton Inn: (540) 371-0330
Limited primitive camping at club



Breakfast will be served at the range 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

VBA 3-D Classic Registration
Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and only one person per form

All Archers Welcome.	Must shoot both days.	Mail to:
Fees: \$20 per person	\$40 max per family	Jarrett Frame
		123 Ferry Road
		Fredericksburg, VA
		22405

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Club: _____ The Flight system will be used to determine classes.

Circle those that apply:

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult **Gender:** M F

Style: FS FS/F BHFS BHFS/F BH/BB TRAD

Round Preference: **Sat:** Morning Afternoon **Sun:** Morning Afternoon (if applicable)

2007 VBA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted By

Sherwood Archers May 26th and 27th



Registration Times

Friday: 6:00-8:00pm
Saturday: 7:00-8:00am

Registration Fees

\$20 per archer
\$40 per family

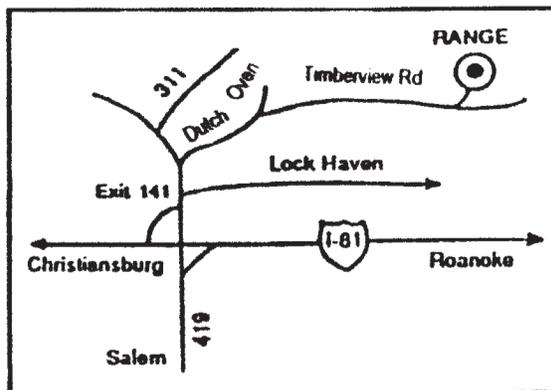
Pre-registration is requested to save time Sat. morning.

VBA membership is NOT required. Members, bring your cards to record scores.

**We'll shoot 28 field the 1st day and 14 hunter/14 animal the 2nd.
Must shoot both days to receive awards.**

PLACES TO STAY

- Baymount Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717
- Quality Inn (3 miles) 1-800-458-4949
- Holiday Inn Exp (5 miles) 1-800-holiday
- Primitive Camping at Sherwood (restrooms & showers)
- Call if you need more information.



Make checks payable to Sherwood Archers.

Mail to: *Sherwood Archers*
C/o Auvray Shumate
1619 Mountain Heights Drive
Salem, VA 24153

Phone: 540-389-3369
Club: 540-366-3701

Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and one person per form.

All archers welcome to shoot. Must shoot both days.

Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family

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

State Open Championship Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VBA #: _____ Home Club: _____ Average: _____

Circle those that apply:

Division: Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior **Guests** **Gender:** M F

Style: FS FS/F BHFS BHFS/F BH BB TRAD **Class:** AA A B C Must have 2 previous scores, otherwise, shoot AA. 2-4 scores=best score. 5 or 6 scores=avg of best 2. 7 or more= avg of 3 highest of last 7.



**14708 Mount Olive Road
Centreville, Virginia
Sunday, June 17, 2007**

**2-D African Animals - One scoring arrow per Target.
Shot from NFAA Animal stakes**

Registration 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Initial Round: \$8.00 - Additional Rounds: \$2.00 until 3 p.m. - Cubs: Free

**Shooting Styles: Fixed Sights/Release, Moveable Sights/Release, Fixed Sights/Fingers,
MoveableSights/Fingers, No Sights and Traditional**

Awards: Plaques for Adults, Medals for Cubs

Open to ALL Archers — No Membership Requirements

Come on out for a good time on the range!

Food Service Available

**Cub Run Archers of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA
Call 703.631.4498 for Directions**

VBA State Indoor Sectional Hosted by Sherwood Archers and Belvoir Bowhunters

Note: Sunday's shoot (Day Two) was cancelled due to a snow storm and the closing of Ft. Belvoir. Consequently there are no scores for Day Two. Also, there was a tie in the AMBB style

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Total		
			Score	X's	I/Oxs	Score	X's	I/Oxs
Class C								
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	181	5	0	181	5	0
Class A								
SC	Stacy Pruitt	AFBHFS	299	37	4	299	37	4
2nd	Kay Core	AFBHFS	297	32	5	297	32	5
Class C								
1st	Dodi Turney	AFBHFS	269	14	2	269	14	2
Class A								
SC	Bertha Brugh	AFFS	290	21	3	290	21	3
Class B								
1st	Kathy Burroughs	AFFS	284	24	4	284	24	4
Class A								
SC	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD	252	9	0	252	9	0
Class B								
1st	Debbie Jordan	AFTRAD	197	3	0	197	3	0
Class C								
SC	Chris C. Willard	AMBB	272	14	3 (shoot off winner)	272	14	3
2nd	Michael Stuart	AMBB	272	14	3	272	14	3
3rd	Mike Brown	AMBB	252	5	2	252	5	2
Class A								
SC	Tim Ewers	AMBHFS	300	58	7	300	58	7
2nd	Greg Sisk II	AMBHFS	300	57	7	300	57	7
3rd	Darren Davis	AMBHFS	300	56	6	300	56	6
	Jeremy Dean	AMBHFS	300	55	7	300	55	7
	Vic Ziliani	AMBHFS	300	53	1	300	53	1
	Vance Cave	AMBHFS	300	52	7	300	52	7
	Greg Peterfish	AMBHFS	300	52	6	300	52	6
	Michael Shupe	AMBHFS	300	51	5	300	51	5
	Kent Stigall	AMBHFS	300	51	4	300	51	4
	Danny Alger	AMBHFS	300	50	5	300	50	5
	Roger Pruitt, Jr.	AMBHFS	300	45	4	300	45	4
	Jason Burner	AMBHFS	299	43	4	299	43	4
	Eugene Manalo	AMBHFS	299	42	6	299	42	6
	Brandon Smith	AMBHFS	299	42	6	299	42	6
	M.A. Tony Reese	AMBHFS	299	37	4	299	37	4
	Bobby Daniels	AMBHFS	299	37	1	299	37	1
	Reese Hensley	AMBHFS	298	34	3	298	34	3
Class B								
1st	Justin Robey	AMBHFS	296	37	5	296	37	5
2nd	Pat Hamp	AMBHFS	294	36	2	294	36	2
3rd	Greg McDermott	AMBHFS	292	34	3	292	34	3
	Larry Kirby	AMBHFS	292	23	0	292	23	0
	Thomas Williams	AMBHFS	291	23	5	291	23	5

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Score	X's	I/Oxs
			Score	X's	I/Oxs			
	Kevin Brown	AMBHFS	290	30	1	290	30	1
	Greg Sisk	AMBHFS	290	26	1	290	26	1
Class C								
1st	Gus Ruetenik	AMBHFS	284	26	2	284	26	2
2nd	Craig Torres	AMBHFS	268	14	1	268	14	1
3rd	Troy Kirby	AMBHFS	257	19	0	257	19	0
	Karl Vaughn	AMBHFS	255	12	1	255	12	1
	Gary Sehen	AMBHFS	215	3	0	215	3	0
Class B								
SC	James Little	AMBHFSF	276	17	3	276	17	3
1st	James Spurgeon	AMBHFSF	230	4	0	230	4	0
Class A								
SC	Russell Ogden	AMFS	300	60	7	300	60	7
2nd	Mike Campbell	AMFS	300	59	8	300	59	8
3rd	Brad Baker, Jr.	AMFS	300	55	5	300	55	5
	Allen Painter	AMFS	300	53	5	300	53	5
	William Hamlin	AMFS	300	53	5	300	53	5
	W. Scott Hale	AMFS	300	52	5	300	52	5
	Bobby Kenley	AMFS	300	52	4	300	52	4
	Isaac Mack	AMFS	300	51	2	300	51	2
	Vince Stanmyer	AMFS	299	50	6	299	50	6
	Terry Ballowe	AMFS	298	46	7	298	46	7
	Rex Reichert	AMFS	298	42	5	298	42	5
	Tim Burroughs	AMFS	298	40	5	298	40	5
	Mike O'Keefe	AMFS	298	40	3	298	40	3
Class B								
1st	Doughlas MacFarlane	AMFS	295	26	3	295	26	3
2nd	Robert Bourdage	AMFS	294	37	4	294	37	4
3rd	Montea Jessee	AMFS	293	34	2	293	34	2
	Darrell Hunt	AMFS	293	32	0	293	32	0
	Alan Chadd	AMFS	289	34	3	289	34	3
Class C								
1st	Daniel Bednarski	AMFS	277	26	0	277	26	0
Class B								
SC	Roger Pruitt, Sr.	AMFSF	285	24	3	285	24	3
Class C								
1st	Patrick Vogel	AMFSF	281	25	1	281	25	1
2nd	Earl M. Cash, Jr.	AMFSF	278	16	1	278	16	1
3rd	Mark Covington	AMFSF	277	21	0	277	21	0
	Jarrett Frame	AMFSF	266	11	0	266	11	0
	George Dalton	AMFSF	223	4	1	223	4	1
Class A								
SC	Carl Lattimer	AMTRAD	279	13	2	279	13	2
Class C								
1st	Jerry Jordon	AMTRAD	206	2	0	206	2	0
2nd	Wesley Dalton	AMTRAD	199	6	0	199	6	0
3rd	Terry Coghill	AMTRAD	193	2	0	193	2	0
	Ronnie Emerson	AMTRAD	181	3	0	181	3	0
	Joe McManus	AMTRAD	142	1	0	142	1	0

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Total		
			Score	X's	I/Oxs	Score	X's	I/Oxs
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT								
SC	Hope Wymer	CFBB	222	8	0	222	8	0
SC	Jessica Cash	CFFSF	278	12	1	278	12	1
SC	Brian Roling	CMBB	278	22	4	278	22	4
SC	Dewey Cash	CMBH	187	1	0	187	1	0
SENIORS/PROS/GUEST								
SC	Matthew Turney	CMBHFS	285	15	1	285	15	1
2nd	Grady McDermott	CMBHFS	245	6	0	245	6	0
3rd	Dakoda Cash	CMBHFS	208	3	1	208	3	1
SC	Hunter Davis	CMBHFSF	299	36	7	299	36	7
2nd	Nicolas Torres	CMBHFSF	179	3	0	179	3	0
SC	Jake Dean	CMFS	299	49	8	299	49	8
2nd	Lucas Kenley	CMFS	299	46	2	299	46	2
SC	Sebastian Torres	CMTRAD	92	1	0	92	1	0
SC	Mary Wenzel	SFFS	280	18	2	280	18	2
SC	Jerry Wenzel	SMBB	184	3	0	184	3	0
SC	Bruce Kieffer	SMBH	290	25	5	290	25	5
SC	Stan Parmentier	SMBHFS	298	28	0	298	28	0
2nd	Webb Babcock	SMBHFS	297	41	4	197	41	4
3rd	Steven W. Oldham	SMBHFS	297	39	3	297	39	3
	Ed Bickham	SMBHFS	293	30	2	293	30	2
	James (Wilt) Baker	SMBHFS	284	19	4	284	19	4
	Stephen Richards	SMBHFS	274	11	1	274	11	1
	Charles Martens	SMBHFS	258	12	1	258	12	1
	Don Kowatch	SMBHFS	258	10	1	258	10	1
SC	David Dobbins	SMBHFSF	273	19	3	273	19	3
SC	Joe Janocka	SMFS	300	51	7	300	51	7
2nd	Alan Hines	SMFS	299	50	7	299	50	7
3rd	Stan Parmentier	SMFS	297	40	4	297	40	4
	Thomas Gallaher	SMFS	297	39	4	297	39	4
	Jim French	SMFS	296	38	2	296	38	2
	Jimmy Brugh	SMFS	290	30	0	290	30	0
	Tom Wilhelm	SMFS	274	24	1	274	24	1
SC	Vic Matthews	SMFSF	274	20	2	274	20	2
SC	John Czekala	SMTRAD	227	5	1	227	5	1
2nd	Russell Hatchl	SMTRAD	194	5	0	194	5	0
3rd	Jim Clippard	SMTRAD	192	6	1	192	6	1
	Michael Hand	SMTRAD	185	6	0	185	6	0
Class C								
SC	Matthew Dobbins	YAMBHFSF	207	4	0	207	4	0
Class A								
SC	Brandon Armstrong	YAMFS	296	37	4	296	37	4
Class C								
SC	Lucy Niedbala	YFTRAD	80	0	0	80	0	0
Class A								
SC	Jonnathan Manalo	YMBHFS	298	42	3	298	42	3

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Total		
			Score	X's	I/Oxs	Score	X's	I/Oxs
Class B								
1st	Chriis Williams	YMBHFS	255	9	2	255	9	2
2nd	Brandon Aubrey	YMBHFS	247	6	0	247	6	0
3rd	Conner Aubrey	YMBHFS	240	7	1	240	7	1
Class A								
SC	Ben Nguyen-Zhu	YMFSF	267	17	0	267	17	0
	Tracey King	GAMBHFS	297	29	2	297	29	2
	Travis Montgomery	GAMBHFS	251	12	2	251	12	2
	Dennis Shrewsbury	GAMFS	299	42	4	299	42	4
	Wesley Stigall	GSMBHFS	298	43	4	298	43	4
	Brandon Reyes	PRO-AMFS	300	60	5	300	60	5
	Kendal Woody	PRO-AMFS	300	59	7	300	59	7





State Champions (Sherwood)



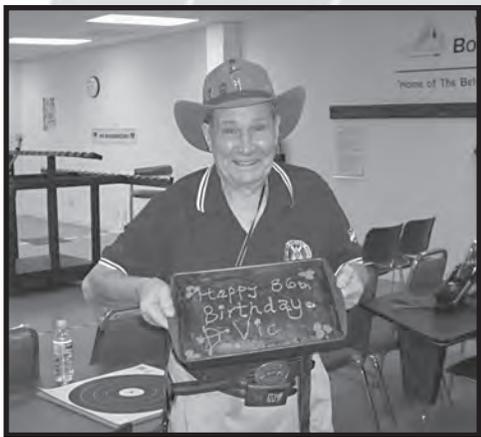
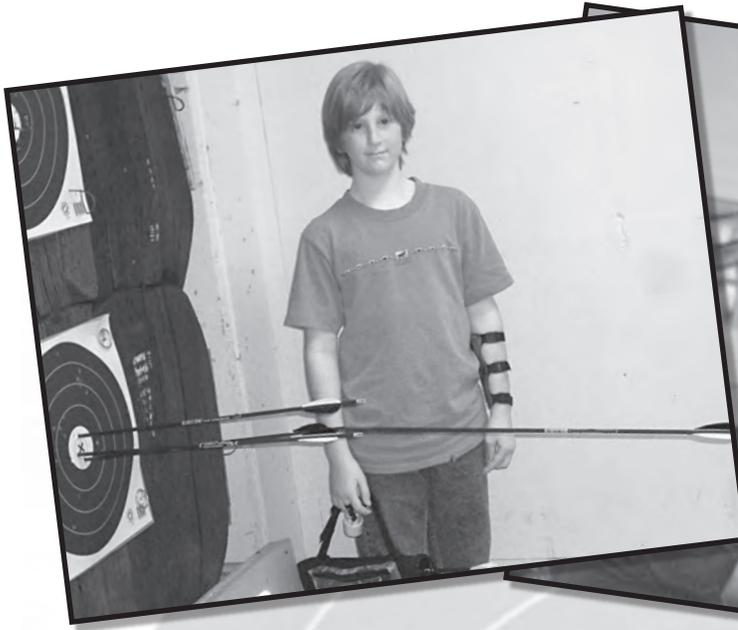
State Champions (Belvoir)

2007 VBA

State Indoor Sectional Championship



Overall Winners (Sherwood)



Vic Matthews Celebrates his 86th Birthday at the State Shoot



1st ANNUAL ALL TRADITIONAL 3-D

AUGUSTA ARCHERS

JUNE 2nd & JUNE 3rd

CLASSES

Traditional – arrow must be shot from shelf, no sights, stabilizer or weights of any kind

Longbow – same as above

Recurve Un-aided – only a plunger or stick on rest is allowed

(String or Face Walking, clickers, draw checks, mechanical or electronic devices will not be allowed)

AGE GROUPS

Senior (50-up) - Adult (18-49) - Young Adult (15-17) - Youth (13-14) - Cub (9-12)
Future Bowhunters (8-under)

Augusta Archers' First Annual All Traditional 3-D shoot will have two 20-target 3-D courses all Rinehart targets. Recurve and longbows only. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 2nd and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 3rd. We will also have a 14-target field round and 14-target animal round. We will be having a 14-target coon shoot on Saturday night. We will have novelty shoots and other fun activities. Also, on Saturday evening we will be having a pig roast. Awards will be given out for best 40-target 3-D score, best target round, and best combined 3-D and target score. Cost will be \$20 for the weekend or \$15 for Saturday and \$10 for Sunday (12-under ½ price). Coon shoot will be free for all shooters who have competed. Primitive camping is available. Motels within three miles of the club. Come join us for all the fun for the whole weekend.



Information Contact:
Dennis Wilfong (540) 849-8351



VBA 2007 Banquet



Big Buck Award Winners for 2006
Terry Dorman 2nd, Randy Armentrout 1st, Steve Morgan 3rd



David Dobbins and Cay McManus
accept awards for both
Double and Triple Crown Achievement



David Burpee (right) presents the
O.G.F. Award to Vic Matthews



Guest Speaker E. W. Grimes
informs the VBA members about
the Quality Deer Management
Association



Ed Bickham making his sales pitch that buying
raffle tickets is a good investment



Joe, Paul and Terry discussing the
world's political issues



Tina and Eileen take your money and give you a smile

The VDGIF Public Comment Process

By

Dave Burpee

Chairman, VBA Hunting Committee

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) has a new process to seek public comment on changes to department regulations. VBA members who want to participate in the process need to monitor the VDGIF website at www.dgif.virginia.gov.

The key change is that there will no longer be regional meetings throughout the state to solicit comment. These meetings cost the VDGIF a lot of manpower and money to plan/execute, and their reward for an expensive process was VERY MINIMAL participation by hunters and the general public. So, in effect, apathy by hunters has caused the new system.

This year, the process began with the VDGIF staff studying issues and drafting preliminary recommendations during the January – March period. They presented their draft results at the DGIF Board meeting in Richmond on March 27. Members of the public attended and added issues that should receive attention.

These draft issues will be open for public discussion from April 10 to June 15. During this period, the public can suggest other topics for consideration. The staff will then present final recommended changes to the Board on July 17.

The final proposed changes will be open for public comment from July 24 to September 24. The staff will then present the final items to the Board on October 16 and the Board will approve or disapprove the recommendations. If approved, changes will be effective in 2008 on January 1, March 1, or July 1 depending on the season being impacted.

The public will be able to comment on-line at the VDGIF website, via e-mail, via letter, via attending a Board meeting or by inviting a Board or staff member to attend a group meeting.

Some of the topics that are under consideration are authorizing electronic ignitions for in-line black powder firearms, reintroduction of elk into Buckingham County, extending the rabbit season, revising the fall turkey hunting dates, allowing the use of leashed dogs to track deer, and closing the squirrel season on wildlife management areas during archery seasons.

This is just a sample of items that may eventually be posted to the VDGIF website. The VBA Hunting Committee will stay engaged and keep you informed, but the committee recommends that members also watch the site for developments of interest to particular clubs or to individuals.

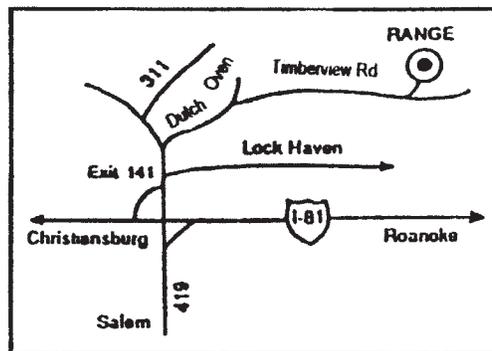


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May 5 & 6, 2007

Multi-Casual Registration
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We may have a Cookout and/or a Coon shoot Sat.

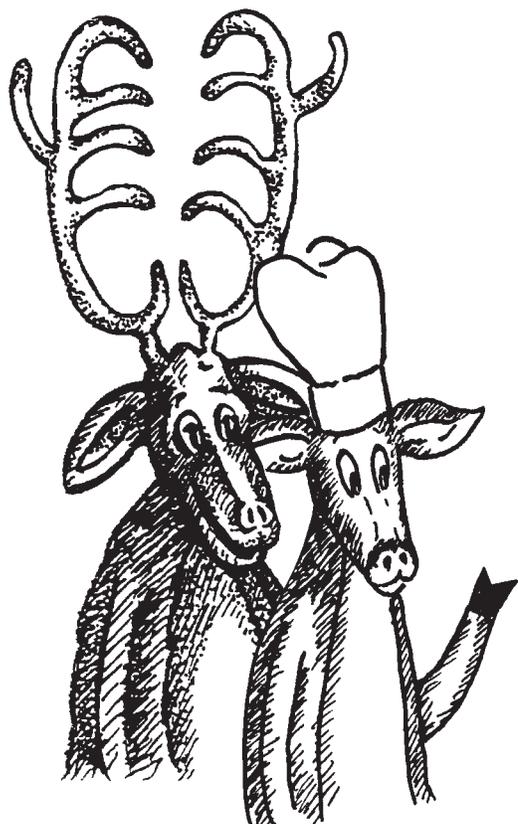
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 Club: 540-366-3701



14 Field, 14 Hunter both days
 There is NO animal round.
Trophies Awarded in all classes Sun.

PLACES TO STAY

- Baymount Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717
- Quality Inn (3 miles) 1-800-458-4949
- Holiday Inn Exp (5 miles) 1-800-holiday
- Primitive Camping at Sherwood
 (restrooms & showers)
- Call if you need more information.



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Place turkey in large resealable plastic bag; add salad dressing. Seal bag and turn to coat. Refrigerate overnight, turning occasionally. Drain and discard marinade. Grill turkey, covered, over indirect medium heat for 45-55 minutes or until juices run clear and meat thermometer reads 170 degrees.

VBA State Closed September 1st and 2nd

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FRONT ROYAL, VA



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Food will be served during registration and
during competition.

MOTELS

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LOTS OF EVENTS ON SATURDAY

- B-BQ Chicken Dinner served on Saturday evening by Terry Ballowe.
- Novelty and/or Coon Shoot Saturday after Tournament.
- Music entertainment provided Saturday Night.

Limited Primitive Camping at Range

Contacts for more Info:

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 Maxie Cameron 540.635.8128
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All archers welcome to shoot. Must shoot both days.

Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family

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

State Open Championship Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

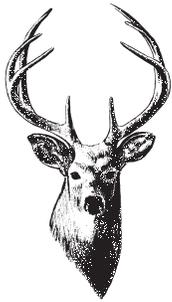
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VBA #: _____ Home Club: _____ Average: _____

Circle those that apply:

Division: Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior **Guests** **Gender:** M F

Style: FS FS/F BHFS BHFS/F BH BB TRAD **Class:** AA A B C Must have 2 previous scores, otherwise, shoot AA. 2-4 scores=best score. 5 or 6 scores=avg of best 2. 7 or more= avg of 3 highest of last 7.



Staunton River Archery Club



2007 Tournaments

All 3-D awards will be trophies or plaques
 1st place winners may opt for SRAC Scores
 ASA Rules Apply to All 3-D Shoots

3-D Tournaments

- Jan 13th & 14th
- Feb 10th & 11th
- Mar 17th & 18th
- Apr 21st & 22nd
- May 26th & 27th
- June 23rd & 24th
- July 21st & 22nd
- Aug 18th & 19th
- Sept 8th & 9th

Registration for 3-D

Saturday and Sunday 8am – 2:00 pm

3-D Entry Fee

\$12.00, Practice \$8.00, Club \$5.00

Classes

- Money Class, Open, Unlimited, Seniors (50 & older)
- Hunter (A&B), Ladies, Young Adult (15-17)
- Traditional, Youth (12-14), Cubs (11 & Younger)

VBA Field Tournaments

- April 29th Field
- Aug 28th Hunter

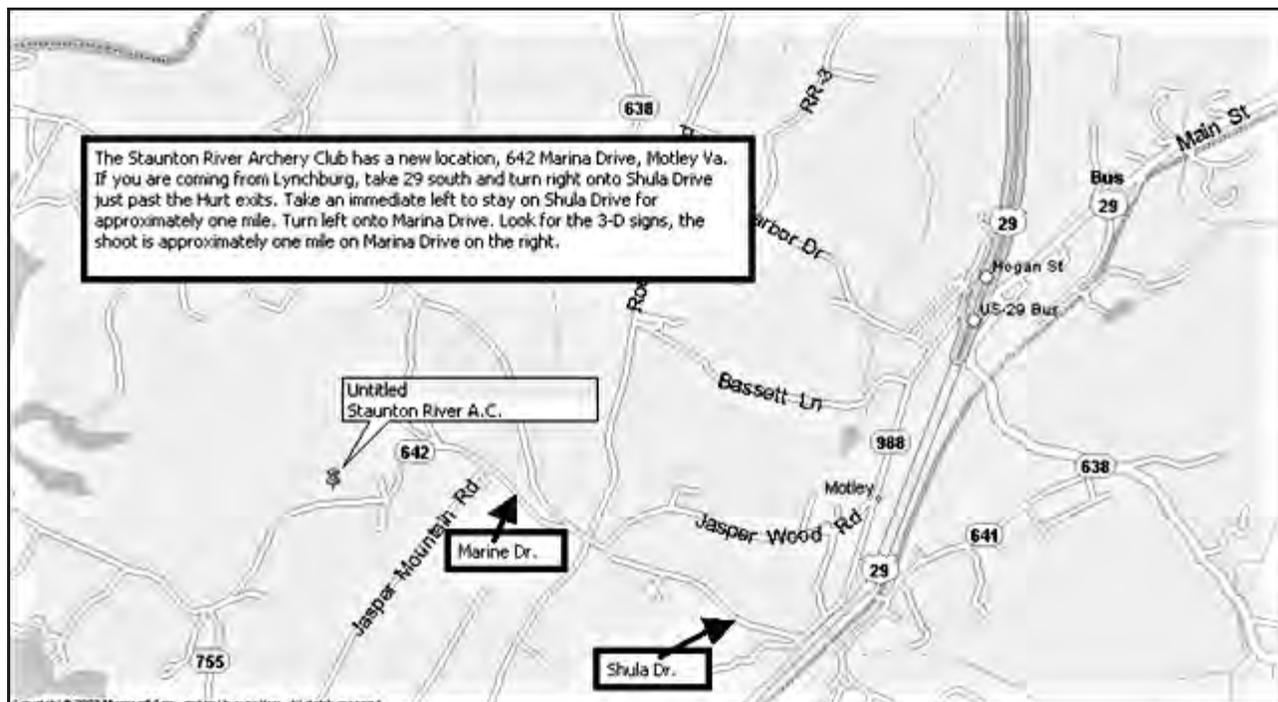
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Mark Covington	434-324-7654
Steve Shields	434-656-6822
Billy Moore	434-656-8181
Bob Costa	434-324-4463

Shooter of the Year

Shooter with the six highest scores added together for the highest total per class will win Shooter of the Year award. Shooter of the Year award will be given at the September 9th tournament.



WHAT HAS THE *VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION* DONE FOR THE BOWHUNTER IN VIRGINIA?

Listed below is a sampling of hunting related projects the Virginia Bowhunters Association, working with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, has accomplished for the bowhunters in Virginia.

1. 1949 – North River area (16 square miles) in Rockingham County was the first area opened to bowhunting in Virginia.
2. 1953 – “Big Levels” in Augusta County open to bowhunting.
3. 1956 – Opening of a state-wide bowhunting season.
4. 1985 – Separate archery license for the bowhunters, allowing two additional deer to be harvested.
5. 1994 – Additional week of bow season. Opening date of archery season moved from the second Saturday in October to the first Saturday in October.
6. 1994 – Legal to harvest turkey with a bow during the early archery season.
7. 2003 – Legal to harvest a black bear during the early archery season state-wide.
8. 2005 – Opposed VDGIF wanting to legalize the use of crossbows in the regular archery season. (The VBA lost their fight against the crossbow, and in October, 2005, Virginia had its first state-wide crossbow season during the regular archery season).

The VBA has not only worked to acquire new and additional hunting privileges for the Virginia bowhunter, but also continues to work at keeping the privileges we already have.

2007 VBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VBA Meetings

June 9-10
September 22-23

State Tournaments

Spring 3-D Classic - April 21-22
Manahoac

State Open - May 26-27
Sherwood Archers

Fall 3-D Classic - August 18-19
Belvoir Bowhunters

State Closed - September 1-2
Two Rivers Archery



TWO RIVERS ARCHERY CLUB 2007 SCHEDULE

April 29 F/H Pin
May 13 300 Round Pin
June 23-24 Annual F/H T. Coon Shoots Fri/Sat Nite
July 8 Dutch & Mertie Memorial F/H T.
Sept. 1-2 VBA State Closed
 BBQ Chicken Dinners on Sat. evening

PRINCE WILLIAM ARCHERS

will cancel the pin shoot on June 10, 2007, due to a conflict with another shoot. Also, their scheduled shoot on July 22 will be a field/hunter round and not a 3D.

2006 Double Crown Winners

Karin Eppard	AFFS/R
Cay McManus	AFTRAD
David Dobbins	AMBHFS/F
Matthew Dobbins	YAMBHFS/F

2006 Triple Crown Winners

Lucas Kenley	CMFS/R
Cay McManus	AFBB
David Dobbins	SMBHFS/F
Matthew Dobbins	YAMBHFS/F



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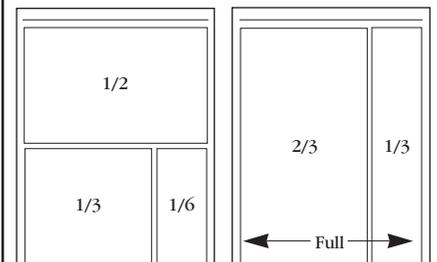
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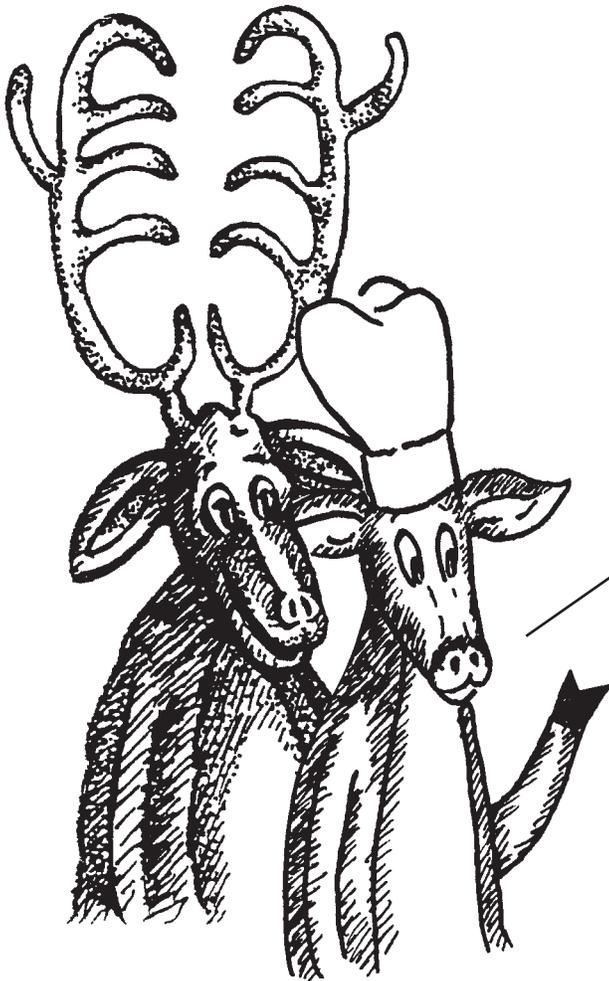
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