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From the President

I have some sad news to pass along. Augusta Archers, after a relationship with the VBA for over sixty years, has decided to withdraw from our organization. This decision came from Augusta Archers' President Sam Day, with the support of some of his fellow officers, after he attended the June VBA Quarterly Meeting. During this meeting, there was a heated discussion about Augusta Archers breaking VBA rules when they held R100 shoots for Rinehart, a manufacturer of 3D targets, during the past three years. Sam lost his temper and walked out of the meeting. I would now like to explain to our membership, and especially Augusta Archers members, what has transpired, and the consequences.

Three years ago, Augusta Archers signed a contract with Rinehart to host R100 shoots for that company. Rinehart puts on several R100 shoots at a state level across the nation. Augusta Archers was chosen as the Virginia hosting club. However, the shoot was held on the same weekend as the VBA State Open. The VBA had reserved this weekend for their shoot and, by the rules in its by-laws, no other club in the state, besides the one hosting the Open, is supposed to hold an event on that weekend. Now I realize that Rinehart chose this date, but, although Sam Day and Augusta Archers knew about the date chosen well in advance, there was no attempt by them to resolve this conflict before the event. Sherwood Archers, who held the State Open, were, naturally, upset because they lost some attendance due to this scheduling conflict. At the June VBA Meeting that year, the Board of Directors, after a lengthy discussion, voted to impose the following sanctions against Augusta Archers for violating this rule: the Fall 3D Classic which they were set to host was given to Sherwood Archers, and August Archers was not allowed to bid on state shoots for the following year.

Then, two years ago, at the VBA September Scheduling Meeting, Sam Day and Sam Lenard put a Rinehart R100 shoot on the scheduling card, which reserved that weekend for them to hold a shoot in their zone. This was fine and proper. However, it clearly states on the scheduling card that a one dollar fee is to be paid to the VBA for every shooter participating in shoots, with the exception of one annual shoot for each club. This is also in the VBA by-laws, and has been for many years. Augusta also chose an additional date for their exempt annual. Although Augusta Archers made over four thousand dollars on the Rinehart shoot, they refused to pay the dollar per shooter fee for that shoot, which would have amounted to about two hundred and thirty dollars. VBA Vice President Terry Ballowe and I took the time to drive down to Augusta Archers to try to deal with this situation. We were hit with statements from Augusta members which included: "what is the VBA," "I am going to do what is in the best interest of my club," and "we took a vote and we are not paying." At the following VBA Quarterly Meeting, a lengthy discussion was again held on this matter and a compromise reached, allowing Augusta to swap their exempt annual with the Rinehart shoot.

Last year, at the September Scheduling Meeting, Augusta Archers scheduled a Rinehart R100 shoot for May 31st - June 1st as their annual, which was fine and proper. This reserved the weekend for them and blocked the other two clubs in their zone from scheduling shoots. After I had drafted the schedule card and sent it out to the clubs for review, I was notified by email from Michelle McMillian of Augusta Archers, to remove the Rinehart R100

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shoot from the card and set an All Deer September shoot as their annual. As you can see on your schedule card, this was done. On May 10th and 11th, Augusta held the Rinehart R100 shoot anyway. Singers Glen had a shoot scheduled on the card for May 11th. They were naturally upset because they lost shooters due to the conflict. Again, it is clearly stated in the by-laws that two clubs in the same zone cannot host the same type of shoot on the same date. As a side note, since this was Mother's Day, Singers Glen did not really want this date but took it because Augusta had reserved June 1st. Sam Day and Augusta Archers had to know by January about this date for the Rinehart shoot and should have known about the conflict. But nothing was said at either the January or March VBA Quarterly meetings, and no effort was made to contact Singers Glen. In fact, no effort was made to notify the VBA or other clubs in their area that Augusta was hosting this event, which the VBA would have been happy to support, and help to resolve any conflicts. These actions brought us up to the June VBA meeting last weekend, where discussion was begun in order to understand and resolve these issues.

I believe that Sam Day is trying to blame the VBA for all these problems and situations. I do not believe he understands what the VBA is and how it operates. I have heard, through the grapevine, that he has spoken badly about the VBA, and he has as much as admitted that he allows and encourages members in his club not to join the VBA. Perhaps I need to explain again to Sam, Augusta Archers members, and to you, what is the Virginia Bowhunters Association.

Basically, the VBA is a group of local archery clubs that have joined together to form a state organization to promote archery in all aspects of the sport and to work together for the benefit of all archers. Many articles have been written about the accomplishments of the VBA, including our archery hunting season, awards programs, scholarships, state tournaments, etc. But that is not really what we are about. I believe we are organized to try to help one another, and help our sport prosper. I have heard Sam say, "If you do not shoot in tournaments you don't need to join the VBA." Again, anyone who says this has missed the point. While I will admit that a fair amount of VBA time is spent on tournaments, this has never been our sole objective. The VBA sets shooting rules and schedules shoots so that the local clubs operate on the same level and do not conflict with one another. Tournament shooting is a large part of the VBA. However, the main purpose of the VBA has always been for the clubs to support one another and the sport of archery in all its complexity. The clubs have set rules to avoid conflicts such as the ones above. While all clubs are not in agreement over all issues, they work by majority votes and strive to do things to help all clubs and the individual members. Over the past 60 years, Augusta Archers has been a part of this and has voted on all these rules.

So why do all the members of the clubs have to belong to the VBA? That is the way it was set up by the clubs; it is in the VBA's Constitution and By-laws. It is really a numbers game. The more members we have, the more influence we have on organizations such as the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Virginia legislature. It also gives us more income to have such things as a scholarship fund and a conservation fund, it allows us to send representatives to the Department of Game meetings, it allows for help with education courses, and with award programs. Need I go on?

With this information in mind, let us get back to Sam Day and Augusta Archers. All the problems and conflicts that have occurred could have been avoided if Sam and Augusta would have communicated with the VBA. The VBA is not opposed to Augusta hosting the Rinehart R100 shoots. In fact, the VBA would like to support the holding of these shoots. It is a good thing for archery, your club, and all archers. I have heard others say, and I believe it also, that it is good that a VBA club was hosting the Rinehart R100 shoots. I encouraged Augusta to put it on the schedule card so all VBA members would know about it. I think if it had been kept there, more VBA members would have attended. Any conflicts could have been worked out in advance. The VBA and its member clubs were there to support Augusta Archers however we could. Rather than trying to work with the VBA and its supporting clubs, I believe Sam Day said to hell with them, we are going to do whatever we want since it will make our club a lot of money.

To the membership of Augusta Archers - I am very sad that your president and other officers have decided to withdraw from the VBA. Augusta has a very long history with the VBA and has been an active club. Personally, I have attended and enjoyed many fine shoots at your club over the years. Although Augusta Archers is no longer associated with the VBA, your individual membership is still valid to the end of the year, and I hope many of you will join and support the VBA next year. To Sam Day, you have said that you will do whatever is in the best interest of your club; I do not believe that withdrawing from the VBA serves that purpose but I do hope for the best for you and Augusta Archers in the future. 🍷

From the Executive Vice President

Hope everyone has had a great spring and a grand start to the summer. I would like to start by saying that the Manahoac Archers did an excellent job with the implantation of the new VBA 3-D rules with our changing to a IBO rules format, there were a couple of small bumps in the road but nothing earth shattering and those problems were addressed at the last VBA quarterly meeting. I knew that in changing to new format would cause some problems but everything was handled and I don't see any major problems for the Fall 3-D classic to be held at Kingsboro in Aug.

The VBA Open was held at Sherwood archery club in Roanoke and they did a great job in hosting the shoot as always. I did not make it down to shoot myself but by everything I was told was positive and they had a good but not a great turnout for the Open.

I would like to stress to the VBA membership that the clubs need your support and by support I mean go to scheduled shoots, the majority of the clubs income is from people attending the club and state shoots. Without this support your clubs can not afford to keep the ranges and targets in good condition, if you have not checked the price of 3-D and Field target material you should, because it is not cheap and without your support your local clubs could disappear forever.

Now onto a subject I would like to not have to address but as a VBA officer I need to put my two cents in even though in the Presidents article all aspects of the problem were pretty much covered. I would like to state that none of the officers wanted the Augusta archers to drop out of the VBA even though they have continually broke the rules of the VBA and sanctions were voted on but not before Augusta's President Sam Day stormed out of the quarterly meeting with an few expletives on the way out the door and later that evening we were informed that they were dropping out of the VBA and I don't see how they could have had a club vote on whether to drop out of the VBA or to accept the sanctions that were voted on in that short of time. I have been to several shoots at Augusta and I would like to say that I have had a great relationship with the members of Augusta and will probably be back to shoot there again but I cannot understand why they have continued to violate the rules that they have been part of instituting, as they have been a part of the VBA for over sixty years, most of the rules they broke were voted into the constitution and bylaws with the help of Augusta Archers. I hope Augusta membership will look at this decision by Sam to withdraw from the VBA and reverse that decision and abide by the rules of the VBA. If you don't like a rule the VBA has there is a way to change the rule and that is by having your club introduce an agenda item at the next quarterly meeting and letting the membership of the VBA decide if it should be changed, this is an organization that is not controlled by the executive board but rather by the majority vote of the membership. With one last point I would like to point out that if the leadership of Augusta Archers had just simply picked up the phone and called someone on the executive board about the issues that took place the board could have met with the club delegates and found a way to accommodate all parties involved and NONE of the violations would have happened, the only shoot date that is locked in stone is the VBA STATE CLOSED which is always held on Labor Day weekend, everything else is subject to CHANGE. At the quarterly meeting Sam repeatedly stated that Augusta archers could not walk away from all of the money that was coming in from the Rinehart shoot and I understand that the flow of cash that comes from that one shoot is important to the club, but one thing that he is not admitting to or does not realize is that the Rinehart shoot will move to a different location soon and that flow of cash will disappear leaving the club out in the cold without the big shoot and the VBA. The VBA wants the Augusta archery club to remain in the organization and will work with the club and Rinehart to hold their shoot but it will only work with a little communication and that is where all of the problems started at, No communication from the club to the VBA.

Executive Vice President

Terry Ballowe 

From the Publicity Director

Another season is here and we are half way through the year with our VBA State Tournaments. We would like to 'thank' everyone who participated at the 3-D Spring Classic hosted by Manahoac Bowmen and the State Open hosted by Sherwood Archers. Since this is the first time the VBA decided to use IBO styles and rules at our 3-D classic tournaments, it was a challenge for many that never shot at a VBA shoot using IBO rules and styles. A lot of lessons were learned, but overall, everyone had fun and enjoyed the tournament. Don't forget to make an effort to attend our last two State Tournaments. The 3-D VBA Fall Classic hosted by Kingboro Bowmen and the State Closed hosted by Singer Glen Bowbenders.

Attendance at our State Tournaments has been on the average. I hear that many kids really enjoy archery. So, bring the kid(s) and enjoy a family outing.

The VBA website is now in its third year. The new templates that are used at state tournament, the hosting clubs have found them to be user friendly and are professionally presented. I would like to complement those clubs for their outstanding job and getting the results to us in an expeditious manner.

As your Publicity Director, it's my responsibility to develop an understanding and good fellowship between the VBA, its clubs, archers and bowhunters. I need your help to promote more clubs, membership, promoting and teaching archery and bowhunting, letting folks know what the VBA does, the benefits and much more. Our website is your avenue to making it work.

The upcoming bowhunting season will soon be here. When getting your equipment ready, keep in mind and most importantly, your treestand & safety harness. Don't forget to read all the information you need to know in the VDGIF 2014-2015 Hunting Rules and Regulations booklet, especially those topics and areas that are new and may affect you! Good hunting and BE SAFE!

Irene Stocksdale 🙌

Daniel Korbini (Massanutten Archers) dream hunting trip to New Zealand



White Fallow Deer taken March 16th

Red Stag taken March 13th



From the NBEF/IBEP Director

Without a doubt, fall is the favorite season for Bowhunters! Whether you are getting ready for that once in a lifetime guided hunt, or looking forward to climbing your best stand on your farm or lease, it is just a great time of anticipation. But as you get ready, one of the things you need to make sure you do is to pull out all of your climbing stands, lock-on stands, climbing sticks, and all the other essential equipment you anticipate using. Now is the time to give them a really good inspection. Look for wear and tear, and make that critical decision as to whether they need to be replaced. Check welds and straps to make sure they still operate as designed by the Manufacturer. When in doubt, replace them with Original Equipment from the Manufacturer (OEM). Never leave anything to chance when it comes to your personal safety!

Spring is also the time to look over all the new equipment being offered to see if it would add value to your hunting set up. Here are a couple that caught my eye this year.

Safety First! One of the most interesting products is an improvement on the Tree Spider Fall Restraint System offered by Robinson Outdoors. You may recall that their Livewire product is designed to automatically lower you safely to the ground if you fall out of your treestand. This year they are offering Tree Spider iHunt - a half dollar sized device that connects between your safety harness and the tether that secures you to the tree when in a treestand. If you fall from your stand, it will trigger a message to be sent to your smartphone and the iHunt app that you install it on. Using your phone's GPS, your exact coordinates will be sent out with an emergency call for help. The iHunt Fall Call works with any and all safety harnesses, and doesn't require any additional fees or charges. All you need is a smartphone that can connect via bluetooth.

A product that I consider to be a "must have" for both vertical and crossbow hunters are lighted nocks. Five years ago there were only a very few choices (Coyote Luminocks and Firenocks come to mind). This year there are offerings from numerous manufacturers in a variety of colors, sizes and designs. The bottom line is that many of today's bows shoot so fast that it is almost impossible to see the flight of your arrow in low light conditions. With a lighted nock, it looks like a laser beam going away from you, so you can see where your arrow hit. You can also walk straight to it and pick it up when you get down out of your stand. Both are critical skills for successfully recovering deer. A really unique innovation is the Helios Lightednocks from Nocturnal. These nocks combine fletching designed to put an aggressive spin on your arrow with a lighted nock, resulting in flight stability as well as the ability to see them. The large number being offered has also driven down the price – you can pick up three for under \$30. Well worth the investment.

One final product is She-Duction Scent Web by Away Hunting. This product resembles the canned spray "strings" that have become popular at parties. The difference is that the "string" contains an all-season scent that is designed to attract bucks during the pre-rut, rut and post-rut.

The string clings to vegetation and remains powerful for up to five days. The spray nozzle shoots the string up to 10 feet, and doesn't wash away in rain or snow. In fact, the manufacturer says it is reactivated by moisture.

Good Hunting!

Bob 

AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEMS VOTED ON AT JUNE MEETING:

(7) Change VBA Rules and Styles, Sect. 1, Outdoor Classifications, Pg. 7; Senior, Silver Senior and Master Senior, by removing the words, “no class breakdown in this division,” and inserting the words in each category, “same class breakdown as adult men and adult women.” Add a heading to this paragraph to read: Male and Female. Effective on passage of motion. **Passed 33-3.**

(8) VBA By-Laws, Art. 3, Sect.3.2, Flight Editor, Pg. 44 of 22; Change last sentence and add a sentence as follows: He/She shall cause this publication to be made available to at least one member of each household of an affiliated club and associated member of this association by regular mail, e-mail or by access to a downloadable copy from the VBA Website. Members wishing to receive the publication by email must request that mode of delivery and provide the editor with an e-mail address. Effective, Jan. 2015. **Passed, unanimous, 36-0.**

(9) Motion to create an Affiliate Membership Classification, Art. 3, Sect.3.3; for corporations, clubs, and/or organizations wanting to affiliate with the VBA, including a fee of \$50.00 with no voting rights. Passed, 32-4.

(10) By-laws, Sect. 15, 2.4, Pg. 13, Sanctioned Tournaments: remove, “for Indoor, Field, Hunter and Paper Animals.” Effective, July 1, 2014. **Passed 34-2.**

(11) By-laws, Sect. 15, 1.10, Registration Fees, Pg. 12, D; remove “Field/Hunter and 3-D”. Add “for any sanctioned tournament.” Effective, July 1, 2014. **Passed, unanimous, 36-0.**

AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING:

(1) Amend Art. 15-Tournaments, Sect. 15, 1.10-Registration Fees, Para. A., first sentence, Page 11 of 22, to read: “Registration fees for the State Open, Closed and Indoor Tournaments shall be \$20.00 each for the first two (2) adult archers, \$5.00 each for the first two (2) youth (under 18) archers, with a maximum of \$50.00 per family.” Effective, Jan. 1, 2015.

Justification: Necessary in order to keep pace with the increased cost of targets and the increased cost of repairing and replacing target butts.

From the field Vice-President

Need Help!!!

Your neighboring clubs need your help to inspect their range, and in return, they will probably inspect yours when the need arises.

As the VBA wants to help everyone be safe on the range, Paul Vogel has agreed to host a short seminar on what to look for when inspecting ranges. Dave Proctor has agreed to let us use the Bowhunters of Rockingham range to give the seminar. It shouldn't take much more than one hour and should be very informative.

It would be an opportune time for your club's directors to take this short seminar because it will be 12:00 Sept 20 before the scheduling session at Harrisonburg. The BOR range is only a few miles further east just off Rt. 33.

Please take this opportunity to help your neighboring clubs and in return your own club to have a safe place to play our sport.

I would love to have a list of names of those that will be attending.

You can e-mail be at barebow@embarqmail.com or phone (434)369-2022 and leave message if I'm not at home.

Remember, the VBA is not the other guy or the officers.....YOU are the VBA.

Cay McManus
Field VP 

VBA 2014 Spring 3D Classic

hosted by Manahoac Bowmen



The Spring 3D Classic Champions



The Spring 3D Classic Overall Winners



VBA Spring 3D Classic 2014

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Best	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	11s
SC	Nadia Finley	FBH	10	0	67	0	67	0
2nd	Mia Kull	FBH	63	0	0	0	63	0
SC	Aria Finley	CUB	48	0	53	0	53	0
SC	Ethan Mullins	YHF	156	0	132	0	156	0
SC	Logan Weller	YMR 13-14	156	0	132	1	156	0
SC	Kelsey Baird	FY	233	5	232	4	233	5
2nd	Kitana Finley	FY	83	0	83	0	83	0
SC	Kevin Clayton	YMR 15-17	245	5	0	0	245	5
SC	Daniel Montgomery	HC	234	4	238	7	238	7
2nd	Gary Gilliam	HC	222	4	0	0	222	4
3rd	Chase Werner	HC	218	1	0	0	218	4
	Jon Savage	HC	215	5	0	0	215	5
	David Chambers	HC	212	2	0	0	212	2
	Bruce Westenfeider	HC	125	0	0	0	125	0
	Jason Jacobs-INC	HC					0	0
	Steve Woodson-INC	HC					0	0
SC	Sara Sanger	FHC	175	1	0	0	175	1
2nd	Lianne Best	FHC	0	0	170	1	170	1
SC	Dale Bakari	MBR	0	0	213	4	213	4
SC	Randy Paterson	MBO	261	13	265	15	265	15
2nd	Allen Painter	MBO	0	0	254	12	254	12
3rd	Chris Carter	MBO	237	5	253	11	253	11
	Tim Branham	MBO	250	8	0	0	250	8
	Brian Eno	MBO	245	8	247	12	247	12
	Charles Ingram, Jr.	MBO	231	4	243	7	243	7
	Brett Hankins	MBO	0	0	242	7	242	7
	Billy Robbett	MBO	216	5	234	6	234	6
	Rob Groves	MBO	0	0	228	5	228	5
	Pat Bulisco	MBO	0	0	224	4	224	4
	Dave Harrison-INC	MBO					0	0
	Tony Jacobs-INC	MBO					0	0
SC	Sarah Ingram	FBO	207	2	207	2	207	2
SC	Denny Baird	MBF	191	0	174	0	191	0
2nd	Jim Little	MBF	176	1	0	0	176	1
SC	John Demmer	RU	231	8	243	6	243	6
2nd	Michael Light	RU	163	1	190	4	190	4
3rd	Denny Cline	RU	180	1	186	1	186	1
	Troy Stoner	RU	175	3	186	0	186	0
	John Mason	RU	0	0	163	5	163	5
	Mark Murray	RU	115	0	0	0	115	0
SC	Grayson Partlow	LB	224	1	225	6	225	6
2nd	Jeff Moore	LB	191	1	177	1	191	1

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Best	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	11s
SC	Paul Vogel	TRD	191	4	234	7	234	7
2nd	Jason Aronhalt	TRD	177	1	0	0	177	1
3rd	Eugene Stagle	TRD	138	1	137	0	138	1
	Preston Finley	TRD	86	0	91	0	91	0
	Carl Mullins	TRD	68	0	84	0	84	0
	Jeffery McManus	TRD	75	1	0	0	75	1
	Webb Babcock INC	TRD					0	0
SC	Jenifer Stoner	FTRD	207	1	215	2	215	2
2nd	Robin Vogel	FTRD	179	0	0	0	179	0
3rd	Charlene Hicks	FTRD	154	1	128	0	154	1
	Charlott Ernst	FTRD	0	0	131	0	131	0
	Cay McManus	FTRD	119	0	122	0	122	0
	Wendy Moore	FTRD	58	0	77	0	77	0
SC	Joel Lecker	MSR	244	7	0	0	244	7
2nd	Danny Alger	MSR	0	0	241	8	241	8
3rd	Darrell Wyant	MSR	0	0	238	5	238	5
	Kirk Groendall	MSR	182	0	0	0	182	0
SC	Phillip Painter	SHC	0	0	246	4	246	4
SC	Ed Curley	MCBH	200	1	187	1	200	1
SC	Teddy Breeden	STRD	196	0	193	3	196	0
2nd	Mieko Murry	STRD	74	0	0	0	74	0

NEW IBO DESIGNATIONS

Pee Wee - Future Bowhunter (FBO)	Adult - Female Bowhunter Open (FBO)
Cub - Cub (CUB)	Adult - Bowhunter fingers (MBF)
Youth - Youth Hunter fingers (YHF)	Adult - Recurve Un-Aided (RU)
Youth - Youth Release ages 13- 14 (YMR 13-14)	Adult - Longbow (LB)
Youth - Female Youth (FY)	Adult - Traditional (TRD)
Youth - Youth Release Ages 15-17 (YMR 15-17)	Adult - Female Traditional (FTRD)
Adult - Hunter class (HC)	Senior - Men's Senior Class (MSR)
Adult - Female Hunter class (FHC)	Masters - Masters Class (MCBH)
Adult - Bowhunter Release (MBR)	Masters - Senior Traditional (STRD)
Adult - Bowhunter Open (MBO)	



VBA Spring 3-D Classic Records

Style	Name	Year	1st Round	2nd Round	Record Score/11's
CUB	Aria Finley	2014	48	53	53
YHF	Ethan Mullins	2014	156	132/1	156
YMR 13-14	Logan Weller	2014	0	228/5	228/5
YMR 15-17	Kevin clayton	2014	245/5	0	245/5
FY	Kelsey Baird	2014	233/5	232/4	233/5
HC	Daniel Montgomery	2014	234/4	238/7	238/7
FHC	Sara Sanger	2014	175/1	0	175/1
MBR	Dale Bakari	2014	0	213/4	213/4
MBO	Randy Patterson	2014	261/13	265/15	265/15
FBO	Sara Ingram	2014	207/2	207/2	207/2
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	Jenifer Stoner	2014	207/1	215/2	215/2
MSR	Joel Leckeer	2014	244/7	0	244/7
SHC	Phillip Painter	2014	0	246/4	246/4
MCBH	Ed Curley	2014	200/1	187/1	200/1
STRD	Teddy Breeden	2014	196	193/3	196

After switching to the IBO rules, there was some confusion at the first State 3D Shoot. The Tournament Committee was asked to address a few issues:

1. The host club will have help for those who need direction on styles and stakes to shoot from. The IBO styles are a little different and have some options to choose from.
 - A. The Future Bowhunter (FBH) is for kids eight years old and younger. This is a non-competitive class where kids shoot ten targets, do not keep score and there is no fee. All participants in this division receive an award for their participation. This is to promote archery and help beginners. If a child wishes to participate for regular awards, he/she may register as a Cub (for children up to twelve years of age).
 - B. IBO has a Bowhunter division with four class breakdowns for the beginning adult archer using hunting equipment. Those shooting in these divisions are not competing with experienced archers and shoot a maximum distance of 35 yards.

So all you Bowhunters come out and try the Fall State 3D Shoot and support your clubs and VBA

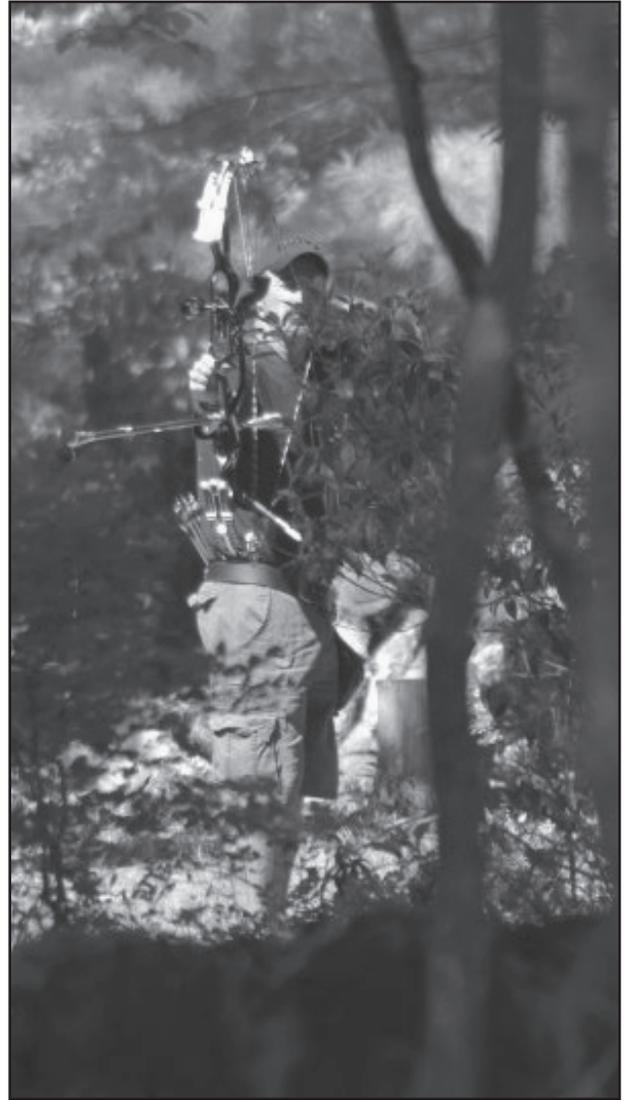
All IBO rules and division can be downloaded from the IBO website for information on classes and styles, the only styles that the VBA does not have that the IBO has is Pros and Crossbows. The Tournament Committee hopes this clarifies the two concerns brought up at the spring shoot.

THE VBA STATE OPEN

HOSTED BY SHERWOOD ARCHERS



The VBA State Open Champions



The VBA State Open Overall Winners



VBA State Open 2014

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	AA	427	8	453	4	880	12
SC	Lesley Winker	AFFS/R	AA	516	33	548	17	1064	50
SC	Charlene Hicks	AFTRAD	AA	317	2	359	2	676	4
2nd	Wendy Moore	AFTRAD	AA	264	0	309	2	573	2
SC	John Boyd	AMBH	AA	396	10	409	3	807	13
1st	Jeff McManus	AMBH	C	190	2	365	1	555	3
SC	Darrin Davis	AMBHFS/R	AA	551	56	547	19	1098	75
2nd	Tom Lynch	AMBHFS/R	AA	533	41	550	27	1083	88
3rd	Dean Carrol	AMBHFS/R	AA	524	45	543	19	1067	64
	Daniel Montgomery	AMBHFS/R	AA	493	22	527	12	1020	34
	Paul Byrd-INC	AMBHFS/R	AA	481	21	0	0	481	21
	Ellis Mellot-INC	AMBHFS/R	AA	0	0	0	0	0	0
1st	Brian Baldrige	AMBHFS/R	A	501	22	543	17	1044	39
SC	Danny Baird	AMFS/F	AA	443	7	515	2	958	9
SC	Randy Patterson	AMFS/R	AA	553	71	569	34	1122	105
2nd	Brad Baker, Jr.	AMFS/R	AA	551	68	564	35	1115	101
3rd	Lucas Kenley	AMFS/R	AA	551	58	561	30	1112	88
	Tim Branham	AMFS/R	AA	543	59	560	23	1103	82
	John Winker	AMFS/R	AA	533	50	561	30	1094	80
	Jim Gregory	AMFS/R	AA	528	53	555	27	1083	80
	Justin Hutchens	AMFS/R	AA	535	47	548	23	1083	70
	Daryle McKenzie	AMFS/R	AA	522	38	556	22	1078	60
	David Greer	AMFS/R	AA	516	36	557	16	1073	52
	Nathan Wolfe	AMFS/R	AA	514	31	545	20	1059	51
	Chris Hite	AMFS/R	AA	498	19	535	9	1033	28
	Scott Ware	AMFS/R	AA	466	13	503	7	969	20
	CD White-INC	AMFS/R	AA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chuck White-INC	AMFS/R	AA	0	0	0	0	0	0
1st	Jeff Bell	AMFS/R	B	475	16	536	10	1011	26
SC	Allen Spangler	AMTRAD	AA	410	3	444	2	854	5
2nd	Jeff Moore	AMTRAD	AA	280	2	364	0	644	2
1st	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	C	136	1	235	1	371	2
SC	Bob Baublitz	SMBB	AA	400	6	392	4	792	10
SC	Brad Baker, Sr	SMBHFS/R	AA	522	42	543	13	1065	55
SC	Locksley Hutchens	SMFS/R	AA	548	71	563	35	1111	106
2nd	Bobby Kenley	SMFS/R	AA	535	51	558	31	1093	82
3rd	Jerry Tice	SMFS/R	AA	537	47	548	22	1085	69
	Marvin Huffman	SMFS/R	AA	474	10	504	3	978	13
SC	Michael Light	SMTRAD	AA	418	8	453	2	871	10

2nd	John Mason	SMTRAD	AA	300	3	413	3	713	6
3rd	Darryl Payne	SMTRAD	AA	237	2	300	1	537	3
SC	Denny Cline	MSMBB	AA	446	9	512	9	958	18
2nd	Howard Faris	MSMBB	AA	430	8	492	2	922	10
SC	Jerry Wenzel	MSMFS/F	AA	435	11	521	8	956	19
SC	Fred Switzer	MSMFS/R	AA	492	28	541	13	1033	41
2nd	Web Babcock	MSMFS/R	AA	322	7	312	2	634	9
SC	Bertha Brugh	SSFFS/R	AA	464	5	520	9	984	14
SC	Harry Kibler	SSMBHFS/R	AA	491	24	530	10	1021	34
SC	Barry Wolfe	SSMFS/R	AA	462	17	532	9	994	26
1st	Jimmy Brugh	SSMFS/R	B	470	13	511	5	981	18
2nd	Roy Forehand	SSMFS/R	B	438	8	484	8	922	16
SC	Michae Hand	SSMTRAD	AA	253	2	308	2	561	4
SC	Witnee Moesch	CFFS/F	AA	357	1	429	3	786	4
SC	Mary Hite	CFFS/R	AA	475	12	478	7	953	19
2nd	Chelsea Neville	CFFS/R	AA	433	7	415	3	848	10
SC	Camden Neville	CMFS/R	AA	503	24	500	15	1003	39
SC	Kelsey Baird	YAFFS/R	AA	445	15	500	1	945	16
SC	Kevin Clayton	YAMFS/R	AA	533	37	554	18	1087	55
2nd	Alex Smith	YAMFS/R	AA	517	38	560	26	1077	64
3rd	Mathew Murphy	YAMFS/R	AA	506	25	536	13	1042	38



State Open Records 1977 to 2014

**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 Stocksdale	1995	446/9	226/3	268	940/12
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2005	468/12	471/9		939/21
AFTRAD	Jennifer Stoner	2012	463/14	243/7	267	973/21
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2009	559/98	571/47		1130/145
CFFS/R	Amy Withers	1989	538	546		1084
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	490/25	515/10		1005/35
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2006	458/0	445/6		903/6
CMBHFS/R	Forrest Belcher	1990	510	260	280	1050
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	473/16	480/3		953/19
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
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/R	Fred Switzer	2014	492/28	259/13	282	1033/41
MSMBB	Danny Cline	2012	474/18	230/7	277	981/25
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

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
SMBH	Robert Baublitz	2009	404	433		837
SMBHFS/R	Ronnie Layman	2012	536/48	263/21	288	1087/69
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
SSFFS/R	Bertha Brugh	2014	464/5	238/9	282	984/14
SSMBHFS/R	Harry Kibler	2014	491/24	246/10	284	1021/34
SSMFS/R	Barry Wolfe	2014	462/17	248/9	284	994/26
SSMTRAD	Mike Hand	2014	253/2	97/2	211	561/4
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
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	Matthew Murphy	2011	472/12	236/11	278	986/23
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

Bids for 2015 VBA State Shoots

Indoor	Spring 3-D Classic	Open	Fall 3-D Classic	Closed
Sherwood	New River	Sherwood	New River	Singers Glen
Belvoir	Kingsboro		Kingsboro	
Kingsboro	Norva		Norva	
Rockingham	Manahoac		Manahoac	

IBO (International Bowhunters Organization) Classes Simplified

Level/Class	Age	Gender	Competitive Status/Stake	Equipment
Level 1 – Non-Competitive				
Future Bowhunter (FBH)	< 8 yrs.	M & F	Non-Comp	Shoot what you bring
Level 2 – Youth Maximum Draw weights: Cub – 40 lbs. , Youth – 60 lbs.				
Cub (CUB)	9-12 yrs.	M & F	Youth – White	Shoot what you bring
Youth Hunter (YH)	13-17 yrs.	M & F	Youth – Orange	Any bow, fixed pins, no magnification or no sights, one stabilizer or one attachment point 12" max., screw in arrow points, min. 2" fletch and 260 fps max., finger or mechanical release.
Youth Hunter Fingers (YHF)	13-17 yrs.	M & F	Youth – Orange	Same as above except finger release.
Youth Release, Ages 13-14 (YMR 13-14)	13-14 yrs.	M	Male Youth – Orange	Shoot what you bring.
Youth Release, Ages 15-17 (YMR 15-17)	15-17 yrs.	M	Male Youth – Red	Shoot what you bring.
Female Youth (FY)	13-17 yrs.	F	Female Youth – Orange	Shoot what you bring.
Youth Traditional (YTRD)	9-17 yrs.	M & F	Cub and Youth in TRAD – White	Recurve or Longbow, fingers release, one nock point, one anchor, index finger must touch arrow the same for all shots, no sights, no draw check, no stabilizers, shoot off the hand or shelf. Alum. or Carbon arrows must have screw in points, min 4" fletch.
Level 3 – Entry Level Adult Maximum Draw weights: Female Classes – 60 lbs. , All other Classes – 80 lbs.				
Hunter Class (HC)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M	Adult, non-championship winner – Yellow	Any bow, fixed pins, no magnification or no sights, one 12" max., stabilizer, one attachment point no V-bars or counter balance, screw in arrow points, min. 2" fletch, finger or mechanical release.
Female Hunter Class (FHC)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	F	Adult, non-championship winner – Orange.	Same as HC.

Hunter Fingers (HF)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M & F	Adult, non-championship winner – Orange.	Same as above except finger release.
Senior Hunter (SHC)	50+ yrs.	M & F	Senior – Yellow.	Same as HC.
Master Hunter (MHC)	60+ yrs.	M & F	Master – Yellow.	Same as HC.
Level 4 – Advanced Amateur - Adult Maximum Draw weights: Female Classes – 60 lbs. , All other Classes – 80 lbs.				
Bowhunter Open (MBO)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M	Adult – Blue	Any bow, no restrictions on sights, stabilizers or style of release.
Female Bowhunter Open (FBO)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	F	Adult – Green	Any bow, no restrictions on sights, stabilizers or style of release.
Bowhunter Release (MBR)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M	Adult – Green	Any bow, no restrictions on stabilizers or style of release. Sight must have fixed references and no magnification.
Female Bowhunter Release (FBR)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	F	Adult – Red	Any bow, no restrictions on stabilizers or style of release. Sight must have fixed references and no magnification.
Bowhunter Fingers (MBF)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M & F	Adult – Green	Any bow, no restrictions on sights or stabilizers. Finger release.
Advanced Hunter Class (AHC)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M & F	Adult – Red	Any bow, fixed pins, no magnification or no sights, one 12" max., stabilizer, one attachment point no V-bars or counter balance, screw in arrow points, min. 2" fletch, finger or mechanical release.
Compound Unaided (MCU)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M & F	Adult - Orange	Compound bow, finger release, no sights. Arrow rest and plunger allowed. Face and/or string walking allowed.
Female Seniors (FSR)	50+ yrs.	F	Senior – Green	Any bow, no restrictions on sights, stabilizers or style of release.
Men's Senior Class (MSR)	50+ yrs.	M	Senior – Green	Any bow, no restrictions on sights, stabilizers or style of release.
Masters Class (MCBH)	60+ yrs.	M & F	Master – Green	Any bow, no restrictions on sights, stabilizers or style of release.

Senior Master Class (SMC)	70+ yrs.	M & F	Senior Master – Red	Any bow, no restrictions on sights, stabilizers or style of release.
Physically Challenged (PCBH)	No age limit specified.	M & F	Disability recognized by American w/ disabilities act. – Orange	Any bow, no restrictions on sights, stabilizers or style of release.
Recurve Unaided (RU)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M & F	Traditional Archer – Orange	Recurve or Longbow, no sights, max. 12" stabilizer, arrow rest and plunger and limb mounted draw check allowed. Arrows must be of the same material and uniform length and weight. Finger release, face and string walking allowed.
Longbow (LB)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M & F	Traditional Archer – White	1 or 2 piece longbow, no sights, no stabilizers attached or built in, no draw checks. Fingers release, one nock point, one anchor, index finger must touch arrow the same for all shots, shoot off the hand or shelf. Arrows must be wood and of identical in length, weight and color.
Traditional (TRD)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	M	Traditional Archer – Orange	Recurve or Longbow, fingers release, one nock point, one anchor, index finger must touch arrow the same for all shots, no sights, no draw check, no stabilizers, shoot off the hand or shelf. Alum. or Carbon arrows must have screw in points, min 4" fletch.
Senior Traditional (STRD)	60+ yrs.	M & F	Sr. Traditional – White	Same as Traditional.
Female Traditional (FTRD)	Adult, 18+ yrs.	F	Traditional Archer – White	Same as Traditional except any arrow/fletch combination and arrow rests allowed.

This chart gives a simplified description of the equipment and age specifications for IBO classes. The IBO Annual Yearbook and the IBO Website both give a more detailed description and explanation of the requirements for each class. Interested archers may wish to review those more detailed sources.

CLASS	STAKE COLOR	MAXIMUM DISTANCE
MBO	Blue	50 Yards
FBO, MBR, MBF, FSR, MSR, MCBH,	Green	45 Yards
YMR(15-17), FBR, AHC, SMC	Red	40 Yards
SHC, MHC, HC	Yellow	35 Yards
YH, YHF, YMR(13-14), FY, FHC, HF, MCU, PCBH, RU, TRD	Orange	30 Yards
CUB, YTRAD, LB, STRD, FTRD	White	25 Yards
FBH - Color unspecified in IBO Rules	Black	15 Yards

Wally and Winnie's Venison Stir Fry

1-11/2 pounds venison, doesn't matter if it is young or old tough buck

1/4 -1/2 cup sherry cooking wine

16 oz. pkg. stir fry veggies

1 pkg. Ramen noodles

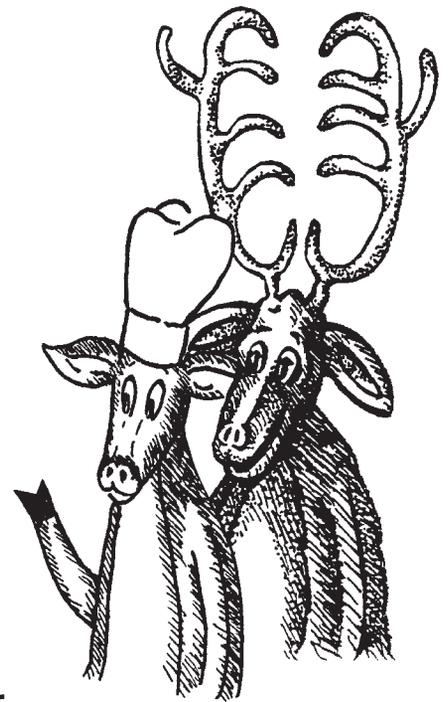
1 TBSP cooking oil

1/2 cup teriyaki sauce

1/4 pound mushrooms

1/2 pound broccoli

Cube or slice venison into strips. Fry lightly in oil over medium heat. Add sherry wine, veggies, mushrooms and teriyaki sauce. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes in skillet, add Ramen noodles and flavoring packet to skillet. Add water if needed.



11th NASP® National Championship in Kentucky Attracts 10,500 Student Archers

The largest archery tournament in the world again returned to Louisville Kentucky's Exposition Center May 8-10, 2014 with over 10,500 archers taking their place on the range for the 11th annual NASP® national tournament. In 2012 this event was certified by Guinness® World Records as the largest archery tournament in the world with 7,804 archers. This year 10,800 archers were registered. The doors officially opened at 3:00pm on Thursday May 8th for the first of three scheduled flights at 4:45PM-8:15PM. Friday; flights are scheduled all day from 8:00am through 8:15pm. Saturday; flights are scheduled from 8:00am through 4:30pm, followed by the tie-breaker, scholarship shoot-off, and the awards ceremony, which were scheduled to begin at 5:00pm. The participating 4th-12th grade student archers traveled to Louisville from 39 states including Alaska. Thanks to the generosity of many NASP® Sponsors, scholarships were awarded to 5 boys and 5 girls totaling \$77,000.

Scholarship Award Sponsors

- Mathews Inc - \$20,000.00
- Gordon Composites - \$20,000.00
- Plano - \$10,000.00
- Morrell Targets - \$10,000.00
- Field Logic - \$5,000.00
- Saunder's Archery - \$5,000.00
- BCY - \$2,500.00
- New Archery Products - \$2,500.00
- NEET Archery - \$1,000.00
- United Bowhunters of Kentucky - \$1,000.00

Several exhibitors displayed their archery products, outdoor equipment, and "kid's stuff" throughout the event. Interactive shooting exhibits provided aerial, pop-up, archery golf, and simulated bow fishing fun.

New this year, in partnership with the International Bowhunting Organization (IBO), a new and exciting event was held in addition to the standard NASP® National Bulls-eye competition. The NASP® IBO 3-D Challenge offered the opportunity for students to experience the fun of 3-D archery in a NASP®-friendly style at familiar shooting distances and equipment. With their NASP® bows and arrows, archers shoot 30 scored arrows, at foam animal-like targets for a possible 300 points—just like the NASP® bulls-eye competition.

Many of the NASP® national tournament archers will meet again at the 2014 NASP® World Tournament in Madison Wisconsin, at the Alliant Energy Center, July 11, 12, 13, 2014. Joining them will be their NASP® peers from Canada, Africa, and the United Kingdom.

Immediately following the World Tournament will be the 2014 NASP® All-Nation All-Star Championship, also being held in Madison, Wisconsin, July 14, 15, 16.

For more information and final results visit: www.naspschools.org

Virginia had representation from 15 schools for the National Bulls-eye and the 3D Challenge. VA Schools included: Northside MS & HS (Roanoke); Northwood MS & Saltville ES (Smyth Co); Elon ES & Amherst ES (Amherst Co); Richneck ES, Gildersleeve MS & Menchville HS (Newport News); Chickahominy (2 teams) MS, Atlee HS (Hanover Co); Burnt Chimney (Franklin Co); Reagan MS (Prince William Co), Home School (Chesterfield Co). Assisting on the Bulls-eye range as Range Officials from Virginia included Karen Holson, VDGIF NASP State Coordinator and Michael Holson, VDGIF CWF Volunteer.

The Reagan MS team finished 66th out of 197 middle school teams in the main tournament. Their score was 3188 which was an improvement from States.

Olivia Stickel, from Reagan Middle School finished tied for 25th in the middle school girls division out of 2024. She was 1 point out of the top 20 and automatically qualifying for the Worlds Tournament and 5 points from 5th place and being on the podium. Olivia also finished 3rd out of 392 girls in the middle school girls division in the 3D IBO Challenge. She did make the podium for this one!

2014 NASP Nationals Results for Virginia

NASP Bullseye:

5th Place Middle School Male:

Jack Palmer-292/300

Chickahominy MS, Hanover CO

IBO 3D Challenge:

3rd Place Middle School Female

Olivia Stickel 285/300

Reagan MS, Prince Wm. Co

Article taken from the May 28, 2014 issue of The VGDIF Outdoor Report 

ELK RESTORATION UPDATE

Update Elk Release Completed April 2014

Wildlife biologists with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) made the final transport to move 45 more elk to Buchanan County from southeastern Kentucky on April 10-11. VDGIF and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources employees trapped elk in January in Kentucky. The elk were tested for infectious diseases and held in quarantine in Kentucky until their historic transport to the release site in the Warfork area of Buchanan County, now firmly established as the “Elk Capital of Virginia”. The elk were placed in an acclimation corral before being soft released into their new habitat. All adult elk wore new GPS telemetry collars so that biologists could monitor their movements following release. These elk will join 16 elk brought to Buchanan County in 2012 and 10 in 2013. The elk previously released near Vansant have multiplied to a small herd of about 40. The release this year will double that number and result in over 100 elk in the release area after calving by June. VDGIF intends to allow the Buchanan County herd to grow to 400 elk. It will take a number of years to reach that number, but limited hunting of bulls can occur before then without slowing herd growth.

VDGIF Regional Wildlife Manager and Elk Restoration Project Leader Allen Boynton notes, “Virginia has been very fortunate to have the support of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Buchanan County during this four year project. The Kentucky wildlife staff have taught the VDGIF biologists how to capture and handle elk. They have spent many hours each winter trapping elk for release in Virginia. We now have a strong partnership with the Kentucky staff in elk management that will benefit our restoration program for years to come.”

Taken from the May 28 issue of the VGDIF's The Outdoor Report 

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By: Andy Hofmann, Refuge Manager- Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge

The Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is part of the Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex, a four refuge complex including Rappahannock River Valley, James River, Plum Tree Island and Presquile NWR's. The Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge was established on May 28th, 1996 as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System to conserve and protect fish and wildlife resources, including endangered and threatened species and wetlands, from the risk of development and destruction. The refuge has an acquisition boundary of 268,000 acres and stretches over 60 river miles from Port Royal in Caroline County to Lancaster County Virginia. Within its acquisition boundary, the refuge is authorized to acquire up to 20,000 acres of high priority lands through fee title purchase or conservation easements. Over the past 16 years, the refuge has grown to more than 8700 acres of valuable habitats protecting and managing habitat for over 230 species of migratory birds. Protected species include neotropical migrants, waterfowl, wading birds, and America's national symbol: the bald eagle. Although the Rappahannock River Valley NWR was established to protect habitat for migratory birds, it is also home to other species of wildlife that use this mosaic of important habitats including White-tailed deer, Wild Turkey, Northern Bobwhite, beaver, river otter, and many others.

The refuge utilizes a variety of habitat management techniques and surveys to improve and maintain quality habitat for the trust resources that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for. Some of these management techniques include reforestation of retired agricultural fields, mowing and prescribed fire of native grasslands, and invasive species control. Refuge staff and researchers also conduct a variety of surveys to monitor habitat quality, wildlife population levels and wildlife response to habitat management techniques, such as breeding bird, duck banding, eagle migration, and vegetation surveys.

In addition to the focus on serving as a sanctuary for migratory birds, the Rappahannock River Valley NWR offers all of the wildlife dependent recreational opportunities identified in the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997: hunting, fishing, environmental education, interpretation, wildlife observation and photography. The refuge is opened to a permitted deer hunt through the Virginia Quota Hunt Lottery System. Hunting opportunities include archery, muzzle loader and shotgun. The refuge has three designated locations for fishing at Wilna pond, Laurel Grove pond and Mt. Landing Creek. Refuge staff, volunteers and partners provide nature walks, tours, school programs, presentations, and participate in community outreach events both on and off refuge. Facilities for wildlife dependent recreational opportunities on the refuge include approximately nine miles of roads, 6 miles of pedestrian trails and a 3.5 mile water trail, informational kiosks, fishing piers, canoe/kayak launch sites, photo blinds and visitor contact area at the refuge headquarters.

Refuge staff realizes that we cannot manage and protect these fragile natural resources, and offer opportunities for the public to gain an understanding and appreciation for these resources alone. So, Rappahannock River Valley NWR also relies heavily on the support of the Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends, volunteers and partners to get the job done. The refuge Friend's Group is dedicated to supporting the National Wildlife Refuge System, and promoting the awareness of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge System through education and support. Many members of the Friends Group also serve as volunteers working on a variety of projects, events/programs and tasks including: construct and maintain facilities- trails, native plant gardens, fishing piers, mowing, etc.; biological surveys and habitat management- bird surveys, tree planting, invasive species control, etc.; visitor services- on and off refuge community outreach events, lead nature walks, school programs, etc. These are just a few of the areas volunteers can get involved. If you care about natural resources and you have an interest in getting involved and seeing how you can help, we encourage you to join the Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends at <http://www.rwrfriends.org/> to stay in tune with happenings on the refuge. It is free to join. Also, don't hesitate to contact the refuge at 804-333-1470 to learn more about volunteering opportunities at the refuge. Rappahannock River Valley NWR not in your area. Well, there are 13 other refuges in Virginia where you may be able to get involved. They can be found at www.fws.gov just by clicking on the map in the left hand corner of the webpage and clicking on the state of Virginia. There you will find the links to all of the National Wildlife Refuges that exist in the state of VA. We hope to see you there soon at one of our upcoming events. ♪



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August 16th and 17th 2014
Lone Star Lakes Park
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- OPEN to all archers
- No VBA membership required
- Must shoot both days for awards
- 25 Target Course, Un-Marked
- \$20 per archer / \$40 per family
- IBO Rules for Shooting Style

Registration Options...

**Online: (closes August 14)*

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**Mail: (p/m by August 5)*

*Ed Bickham, 6353 Godwin Blvd
Suffolk, VA 23432*

**On-Site: Friday, August 15 from
6:00pm-8:00pm at Ed B.'s house*

**On-Site: Saturday August 16
from 7:00am-8:00am at the Range*



Contact: *Andy Willman* 757-679-4888

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VBA 3-D Classic Registration

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

All Archers Welcome.

May shoot one or both days – highest score counts.

Fees: \$20 per person

\$40 max per family

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Check those that apply:

Age: 8 9-12 13-14 15-17 18+ 50+ 60+ 70+ Gender: Male Female

Class: List your IBO Class _____



2014 VBA State Closed Championship

Aug 30 & 31 2014 at Singers Glen Bowbenders

8050 Bowbender Lane Singers Glen VA 22850

\$20.00 per Archer And \$40.00 max Per Family

Make Checks Payable to Singers Glen Bowbenders

This is a two-day event and you must shoot both days

Must be a VBA member to shoot for awards

SHOT GUN START Sat 9am

SHOT GUN START Sun 8am

Pre-registration By Aug 15 2014

Mail pre-registration to Shannon Nesselrodt 403 East Ave Broadway VA 22815

For more info Call Shannon @540-271-2228 NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON CLUB PROPERTY

Food will be prepared by the Rockingham county 4-h shooting sports team will have breakfast and lunch both days we will also have bbq chicken halves for lunch

Novelty 3-d shoot Saturday Evening @4pm \$5.00 for closed Competitors \$10.00 for non-Competitors

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ VBA # _____ CLUB _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ ONE FORM PER ARCHER CIRCLE OR X WHERE APPLIES:

DIVISION: SILVER SR ___ MASTER SR ___ SR ___ ADULT ___ YOUNG

ADULT ___ YOUTH ___ CUB ___ PEEWEE ___ BIRTH DATE FOR YA, YOUTH, CUB, PEE-

WEE _____ SEX: MALE ___ FEMALE ___ SATROUND# _____ SUNDAY DETERMINED

BY SAT SCORES

STYLE: FS ___ FSL ___ BB ___ BHFS ___ BHFSL ___ TRAD ___

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 540-433-9999

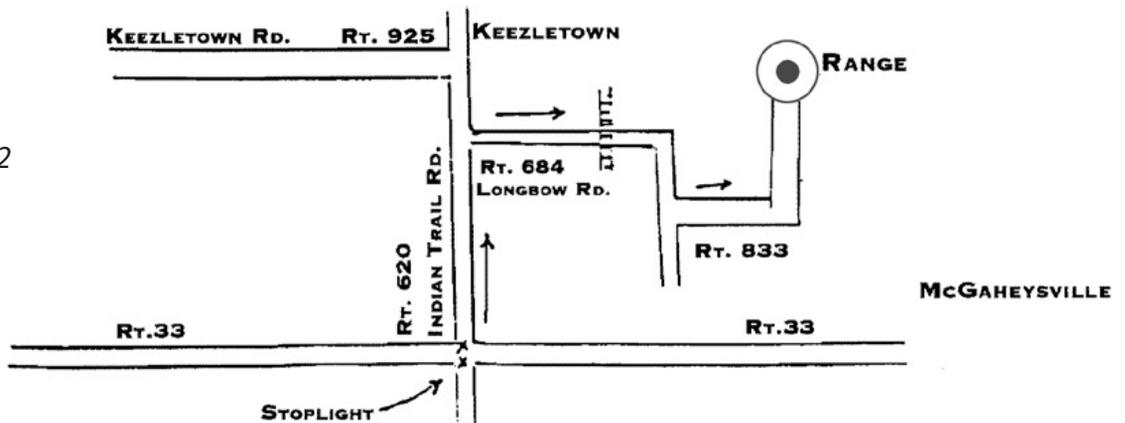
Days Inn
 540-433-9353

Holiday Inn
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Range Address:
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 Keezletown, VA 22832

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September 26th, 27th and 28th, 2014

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Registration Only)

(Registration) Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **DEADLINE**

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission- \$7.00

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ALL TURKEY ENTRIES MUST HAVE A WEIGHT CERTIFICATION COMPLETED. The Awards Presentation will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28th.

Eastern Division entries must be entered in the Eastern Division Show to be eligible for State show.

YOUTH DIVISION—Must be 15 years old or under at time of harvest!

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Gun season runs September 1st to
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 - 4 Day Semi-guided Hunt \$ 1425
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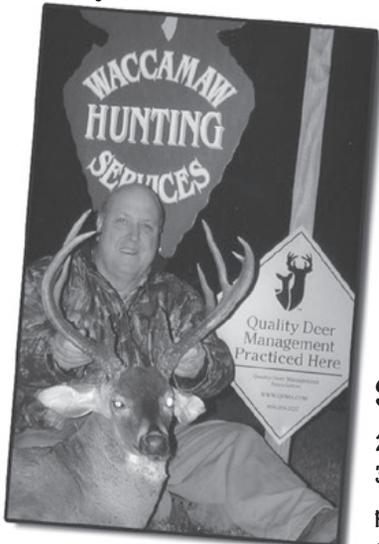
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- 2 Day 1-on-1 Guided Hunt \$ 850
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Better than 95% success rate year
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APPLICATION FOR VBA GAME AWARDS
 VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Date: _____

I, _____, _____, _____
 (Print name as it appears on VBA card) (VBA Number) (Street Address)

_____, _____, hereby certify that I harvested a
 (City and State) (Zip Code)

_____, (Buck) (Doe) (Bear) (Turkey) this year and that I am a member of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc., and in good standing at that time. 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 B.B. Award, check here
- Largest VA Buck by Dressed Weight
- Largest VA Doe by Dressed Weight
- Best Rack Score (in the VA System)
- Largest VA Bear by Dressed Weight
- Largest VA Turkey by Live Weight
- Double Grand Slam for: VA. Bear, Deer, Turkey (circle 2) From Spring Turkey Season
- Triple Grand Slam for VA. Bear, Deer, and Turkey through Deer season, same year.

Pertinent information is provided below:

Signed: _____

VBA Club Affiliation: _____ State Game taken in _____

Date of Bow Harvest: _____ Big Game Tag Number: _____

Weight of Buck/Doe: _____ Weight of Bear/Turkey: _____

(Note: Provide copy of Check Station Transport form or other weight information)

Time of Day: _____ (a.m./ p.m.) Distance of Shot: _____

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

Hunting method: Tree Stand _____ Ground Blind _____ Stalking _____ Other _____

Rack Score Using the Virginia System: _____

Name of Official Scorer (print): _____

(Note: Signed score sheet must accompany this application)

(If possible, include a picture with description of game harvested for publication in FLIGHT.)

Print Name and Signature of Witness: _____
 (Person who saw game after it was harvested)

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HARVEST (BUT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1ST AFTER THE SEASON) TO: VBA EXECUTIVE STATE SECRETARY, MARIE BELL, 1223 JEANETTE AVENUE, VINTON, VA 24179.

Note: If possible, please include a picture of yourself with the game giving the name and description of game on back for identification. First, second and third place awards are available for each size category. The first Bill Bennett award is a Plaque and following awards are cast arrows.



APPLICATION FOR VBA INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Robin Hood Any VBA member that telescopes an arrow in the highest scoring area on the target. (3-D targets and Maple Leaf Animals, the arrow would only need to be in the kill area). The Robin Hood must be shot at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

500 Pin Any VBA member that scores 500 or better at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a field, hunter or field/hunter combination round. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the Executive State Secretary.

Perfect Animal Any VBA member that shoots a 20 or higher on each of the 14 unit animal targets for a total score of 280 or more. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a VBA approved range at a sanctioned VBA shoot. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

Name: _____ VBA Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ E-mail: _____

VBA Tournament: _____ Date: _____

Award Applying for: (please circle below)

Robin Hood Pin | 500 Pin | Perfect Animal Pin

Mail the application along with your witnessed score card and \$5.00 to:
Marie Bell, Executive State Secretary
1223 Jeanette Avenue,
Vinton, VA. 24179

Note: Please make your \$5.00 check payable to "VBA".

2014 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

September 20 scheduling session, 21 meeting

Tournaments 2014

VBA Fall 3-D Classic August 16 & 17
Kingsboro Bowmen

VBA State Closed August 30 & 31
Singers Glen Bowbenders



Conservation Scholarship

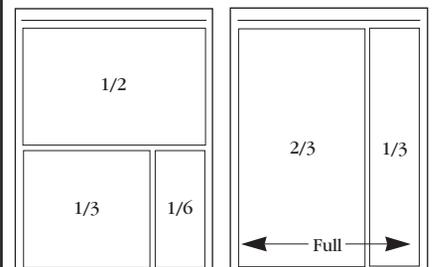
Just a reminder that the VBA has a \$500.00 Conservation Scholarship Available each year [providing funds are available]. Written request for the scholarship must be submitted to the VBA President by March 1st for approval by the directors. VBA members and their immediate family members are eligible.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



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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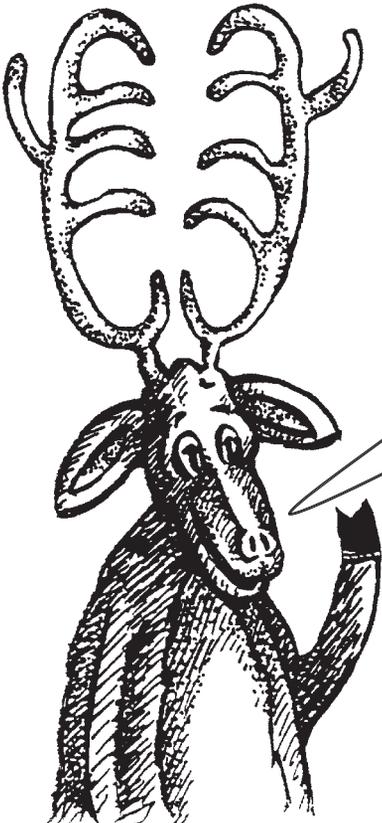
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ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER

NOMINATIONS DUE IN MARCH

The VBA Order of the Golden Feather was created to honor those persons who have given unselfishly of their time and talents toward the betterment of archery and archers. Recipients are persons who possess the virtues of sportsmanship, character, morals, integrity and friendship. As a reflection of the substance for membership, only 80 people have been elected to the Order in the past 71 years.

To be qualified, a candidate must be member in good standing of the VBA at the time of nomination, must have a minimum of ten successive years' membership in the VBA and must be sponsored by three VBA members of good standing or by a VBA Club.

This article is a reminder that candidates must be submitted to the Board of Directors at the March meeting for this year. Nominations must be in writing and be signed by sponsoring individuals or a Club officer. Successful nominees have always performed duties or had an impact outside their immediate club.

Details can be found in Article 16 of the VBA By-Laws.