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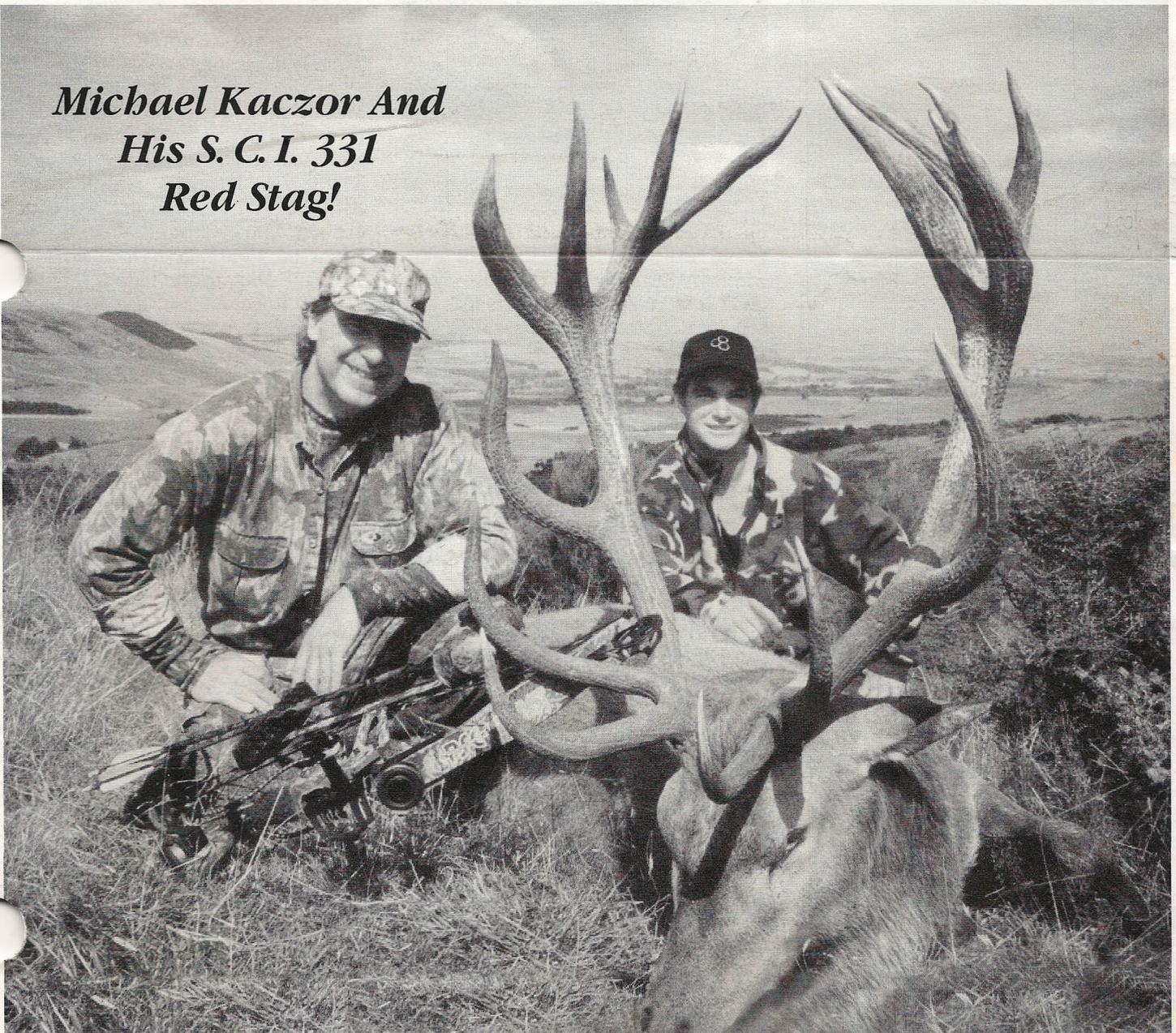
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Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Fall issue of FLIGHT will be September 16, 2003. 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 you to participate!

From The Publicity Director

When will the rains end? Yes, it's been a wet and soggy spring for both the two hosting clubs and those that attended the 3-D Spring Classic and the State Open. Although the attendance so far is down from last year, everyone managed to make it through the raindrops and enjoyed seeing those dedicated tournament shooters. Hopefully, we will have brighter skies for the State Closed at New River Archers and the 3-D Fall Classic at Kingsboro Bowmen.

New Legislation

On Wednesday, June 18, Governor Mark Warner signed legislation that will allow a voluntary donation of \$2.00 when hunters purchase their next year's hunting licenses. This legislation is being referred to as the "David Horne Hunger Relief Bill" as a tribute and honor to David's lifetime of service to those in need. Also in attendance was Lieutenant Governor Tim Kaine, who upon learning of the need for this legislation, had the bill drafted for his 2003 legislative package. The chief patrons of this bill were Delegate Vic Thomas and Senator Ken Stolle.

Hunters for the Hungry Raffles

The Hunters for the Hungry will have two raffles this year. Funds from these raffles will go to support the processing fees for animals that are donated to feed the hungry. The first item to be raffled is an Arctic CAT ARV 250cc, including a winch and trailer valued at \$4,000. Raffle tickets for the ATV will be sold at \$10 per ticket. The second raffle is the hunt of a lifetime — a five-day, five-night muzzleload one-buck hunt at Rocky Branch Plantation in Pine Mountain, Georgia. The winners will hunt with the "Team Realtree" photographers and hunt with either David Blanton or Mike Waddell. The package includes meals, lodging and licenses. The value of this hunt is \$3,500. Raffle tickets are available at \$30 per ticket. Please contact Bob Seltzer (703-493-6705) if you would like to buy raffle tickets. They will be available through the end of July.

Ducks Unlimited Archery Village

The Ducks Unlimited folks have called upon VBA to help administer their "Archery Village" program this

year at the Great Outdoors Festival in Dinwiddie/Petersburg the weekend of September 19-21. I have been asked to coordinate and chair this event, provided I can get "committed" volunteers who are qualified to teach archery. The Archery Village will be set up and conducted similarly to the way Paul runs his archery education program. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer.

VBA Archers Attend Tournaments

I would like to congratulate our Virginia archers who attended the NFAA Indoor Nationals, the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Sectional and the Atlantic City Tournament, as noted in the NFAA Archery magazine.

At the Nationals, we had Colleen McGowan, AFBHFS; Rick Stark, AMBB in second place; Bobby Norris, Larry Bass, Joel Hugill, and Robert Huffman, AMFS; Vic Matthews, Master SMFSL; Barry Velarde, SMFS in first place; and Steven Stark, Roger Willett, Mel Shrewsbury and Darryll Diehl, Pro MFS.

At the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Sectional we had Roger Willett, Pro MFS in second place; C. W. Nesselrodt, Bob Clark and Matt Faulkner, AMFS; Ken Norris, AMBHFS, in second place; Jim Herin, AMBHFS in first place; Russ Hatchel, Senior MTRAD; Vic Matthews, Master SMFSL in first place; Wendy Bridge, AFHFS in second place; Betty Hamlin, SFFS; Nichole Stark, YAFFS; and Jim Branning, YAMFS in second place.

At the Atlantic City Tournament, we were represented by Ginger Hamlin, AFFS in second place and Jessica Musser in third place; Brian Tate, David Gills and Robert McGovern, AMFS; Darryll Diehl received \$1,000 for first place and Ken Norris received \$250 for second place in the AMBHFS. Roger Willett, Compound Unlimited, received \$750 for sixth place in Flight 2; Steven Stark in Flight 2 and Richard Leftwich received \$400 for first place and Melvin Shrewsbury in Flight 3; Joel Hugill and William Hamlin in Flight 5; Rick Stark, AMFSL; Barry Velarde, Senior FS received \$125 for fifth place; and Betty Hamlin, SFFS.

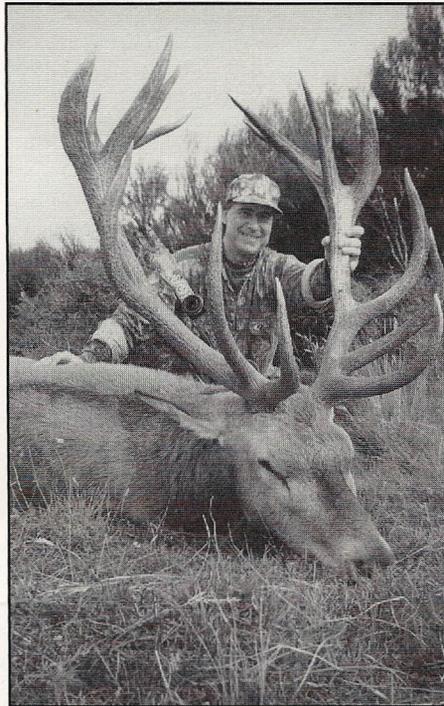
In the Unlimited Compound Market 3-D tournament, Steven Stark received \$500 for first place. Our collegiate

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A Second "Kiwi" Season

As every hunter knows with the end of the season, it will be a long off-season until that special rush and thrill of adrenalin flows again. For me the 2002-03 season was both pleasant and productive, with two whitetails harvested for the second year of my bowhunting experience. Now when most were cleaning and putting up their equipment, I was just getting started with a more intensive regimen. After conferring with Guide Billy Sandulak of Leithen Valley Trophy Hunts at the Chantilly Sport Show held in late January of this year, we worked out the details of my upcoming bowhunt - stand placement, heights, distances, blinds, and other situations likely to be encountered. Next it was getting the bow fine tuned and checked thoroughly by Bow Pro Kelly Racz of R&R Archery in Lewes, Delaware. Then came the hardest part, the routine of gym work on upper body strength and endurance at a time of year when hunting memories begin to fade on a soft couch near a warm fire. In addition, I worked out a schedule of regular practice at either NORVA or my good friend's backyard range in Annandale, Virginia. I don't think that I will ever forget the cold, after work practices in the snow, numbed fingers, or the cackle of my friend's wife Mary asking me if I wanted to use their snow shovel to get back and forth to the target area! Usually I was lucky to get in 20 minutes practice before it was too dark to see properly. Mary would then offer up much kindness in hot tea to soothe both the limbs and the mind for when practice did not go very well. Still, I was determined to use the practice sessions to work out the bad habits. It would not be long until March when I would be flying into late summer on the south island of New Zealand to take on my greatest hunting challenge to date and come face to face with some of the world's largest Red Stags!

The expectations got me started on researching and learning all about the Red Deer, *Cervus elaphus*, on best approaches and times to hunt. In comparison to the animals that we hunt in North America, the Red Stags are like a cross between the best attributes of a whitetail deer and an elk! Their primary sense, smell, can range up to several



miles in the right prevailing wind conditions. Their hearing is almost as good, and with monochrome sight can detect movement out to 300+ yards, and well defined shapes at 50 yards or more. When alarmed, they are big and strong enough to book into the next valley over rough terrain before you can think about another shot. Even with their size they can be so visible with binoculars, yet so distant from effective weapon ranges! Although sight would seem to be their weak point, I did find out on my first trip that it could be frustratingly difficult to get within decent telescopic range, much less a reasonable bow range of 30 yards. It would be a great challenge to get up on these Red Stags, almost the size of a bull elk. I selected March for the pre-rut period when the stags are "thick-necked," apt to be less "smart," and establishing territories before the hinds come into estrus. After the hinds do come into "heat" the biggest stags break off into herding them much like the way elk do. With all those eyes around it is almost impossible to get in really close.

When my plane touched down in Auckland in March of this year, I wondered if all the preparation was enough to be successful, but it didn't really matter for me — just getting away from the office and being there again at Leithen

Valley would be ample reward. And New Zealand — you cannot beat the people, hospitality, economics, or scenery. After a tour of the wine country in Marlborough and a short stay in the quaint resort area of Queenstown, I finally made it back "home" to Leithen Valley in time for a short evening viewing of the terrain and animals. Not only was the weather completely cooperating, but on my arrival the stags all began to roar. The "Roar" is really something to witness, and not unlike the "bugle" of an elk, only distinctly different in the vocalization. It starts out like a low glottal bellow that whines out into a classic roaring sound, sometimes followed by short, heaving "ungh's." Magnificent to watch and listen to at 300 yards, but it can be hair-raising to the back of the neck at just 15 yards! In a way I imagine that this is part of the intended purpose. After viewing some splendid stags and an elk, I spent the rest of the evening unpacking my gear and checking out my bow — everything made it without a hitch.

My first day out came easy with my guide taking me to a blind set-up over a wallow in one of the many dissected valley draws of prime hunting land. Relief in these erosive alluvial hills runs about 700-1000 yards of gentle to steep slopes with prime NZ grasses, tussocks, bush, and occasional group of trees. It can create some ideal ambush sites, and this is what I was counting on. The first morning was genuinely superb for both weather and game watching. The best treat was in observing one bachelor herd of 4-5 year old stags play/dominance fight up and down over two hill tops — just like viewing a wildlife TV adventure in your backyard!

Later in the refurbished blind we looked out over this new "hot spot" and started to get a little sleepy from a long enough first day out. Suddenly, a bellow-roar came from immediately behind us, nearly making me jump right out of my boots. I believe they refer to this as a NZ wake-up call! As I turned to look over my shoulder, I could see the huge antler rack hovering over the bush, a probable 390 or better class stag that we had seen the night before. With my body twisted into a pretzel and shivering from the tension, I watched him go past a hole in the

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A Second "Kiwi" Season, *Continued from page 3*

bush at eight yards, actually making eye contact for a moment. To my great relief, the acorn scent that clung to my Mossy Oak Shadow Leaf camo did not affect his sensitivity to our presence. I turned and readied myself for the shot — all he had to do was exit the bush out to the left and he was mine at less than 20 yards. Fat chance, for he was big for a reason — he went right instead! Another unsuccessful shooting situation later got me so wired and tired that we called it a day.

The next morning at sunrise I found myself with outfitter Alan Stewart, who resembles and acts so much like Crocodile Dundee that one is tempted to call him Mick! He dropped me off at a spot he had scouted the evening before and then took off to flank and possibly pressure a nice Gold Medal stag that had bedded in this level draw bottom with patches of dense brush. As I quickly looked around for an ambush site, a flicker of movement and the realization that I had a stag slowly making his way towards me at about 300 yards. I slowly retreated to brush over cover and set up on one knee. I blended in well with the



cover and had just enough in front of me to break up any outlines. The wind was right and I watched the stag make his way, stopping periodically to look around before moving on. He stopped at 30 yards looking right at me, then continued slowly eyeing me before looking around. My heart started racing at the sight of that stag in the early morning sunlight in what seemed like an eternity

for that animal to get within a 16 yard shot that I planned on. Just as he passed I started to pull back on my bowstring when he obviously caught the movement in his peripheral vision and he bolted forward to my utter dismay and chagrin. I just couldn't believe the set up that I had just blown! In typical Kiwi fashion, however, Alan suddenly popped up with inquiry of seeing a stag running away with no arrow in it! One look at my face and it was, "Not to worry; we'll get another one." The patience of my guide and hosts was enormous in my book, and very much appreciated. I spent the rest of the morning in one of Guide Billy's tree stands and had the pleasure of watching a mature hind with yearling hind and stag come to within 18 yards. Could have drawn back and got one, but my conscience over "Mom" got to me. Later, my NZ hosts reminded me that the hind meat is a bit more tender than the stags!

That afternoon Billy took me to another ambush set up, near the corner of an old sheep fence line and a favorite pass-

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archers from James Madison University were Megan Bowker, Kristen Haug, Nichole Kimball, Stephanie Pylypchuk, Kelly Clark, Katina Weiss, Adam Wheatcroft, Bobby Parr, Caleb Heller, Ian DeVivi, James Kim, Josh Miller, Andrew Holben, Ryan Segura and Michael LeFleur.

Upcoming VDGIF Events

The upcoming dates for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) events for women and the family are as follows:

- **Family Sea Kayaking Day**, Saturday, June 28 — Chickahominy Lake, New Kent
- **Mother and Daughter Outdoors**, Saturday - Sunday, August 2-3 — Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox
- **Virginia Outdoors Weekend**, Friday - Sunday, September 12-14 — Westmoreland State Park in Montross
- **Women's Upland Game Bird Hunt**, Saturday, November 15, Catlett
- **Generation Deer Hunt**, Saturday, November 22.

These events are well worth attending and you will enjoy meeting others who share your interests.

VDGIF Hunter Education

For all IBEP and Hunter Education instructors who would like to increase their knowledge, the VDGIF offers "Advanced Training Workshops" at the Appomattox Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center three times a year. Classes are offered in Shotgun, Rifle, Muzzle-loading, Archery, Range Operations, Woodsmanship, Treestand Safety, Teaching Hunter Education, GPS Orienteering, Animal Tracking, ATV Training, Turkey Hunting Techniques, Outdoor Cooking, Survival, Flyfishing, Map & Compass, Women & Family Dynamics, Trapping, Organizing/Improving Your Hunter Ed Class, Hunter Ed Alternative Delivery and Ethics. There is no charge for attending these workshops. The lodging facilities are rustic and meals are included. I encourage and highly recommend that

our instructors attend these workshops. Let me know if anyone is interested and would like further details.

VBA expresses thanks to two of our members who were called upon to serve our country and help support our troops in Iraq. Ralph M. Huppert, Jr. of Belvoir Bowhunters and Joseph Wood of NORVA. We wish them both a safe return to their families and loved ones.

Finally, VBA would like to extend our condolences to the families and friends of Frank McGurgan of Manahoac Bowmen, who passed away on Sunday, April 20, and Mac Hodges of Cub Run Archers who passed away on May 6. Both were dedicated archers who spent much time helping out with their club events.

That's all for now, folks. Have a nice, safe summer!

—Irene Stocksdaile

In Memoriam

Frank McGurgan, Manahoac Bowmen — April 20, 2003

Mac Hodges, Cub Run Archers — May 6, 2003

Congratulations To Our Tournament Winners!



◀ VBA Spring 3-D Classic Champions (21)

VBA State Open Champions (18)



◀ VBA State Open Overall Winners

IBEP Training Dates, Summer & Fall 2003

Schedule as of 6/20/03. A minimum of 12 students is required to conduct the course. Updated information can be found at our website, www.geocities.com/~vbarchers/, or e-mail Al Baughman at beinsured@juno.com. The NBEF website, www.nbef.org, has listings of all IBEP schedules by state.

FORT BELVOIR

Coordinator: Bob Seltzer
 July 19, 2003
 August 16, 2003
 Sept. 13, Sept. 21, 2003
 Oct. 12, Oct. 26, 2003
 November 9, 2003
 Classes run from 8 am – 5 pm.
 Nominal fee for facility usage.
 Pre-registration is required.
 (703) 805-3714, 9 am – 5 pm.

FORT A. P. HILL

Coordinator: Irene Stockdale
 September 27, 2003
 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 No fee.
 Pre-registration is required.
 Check in at MP station for location of classroom.
 (703) 670-5003, 6-9 pm.

LYNCHBURG/NEW LONDON RURITAN CLUB

Coordinator: Al Baughman
 August 9, 2003
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 No fee.
 Pre-registration is required.
 (434) 525-7427, 7-9 pm, or e-mail beinsured@juno.com

MARTINSVILLE, SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Coordinator: Capt. Eddie Cassady
 August 23, 2003
 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 No fee.
 Pre-registration is required.
 (276) 656-5301, 9 am - 5 pm.

CALL TO REGISTER NOW!

VBA Spring 3-D Classic – 2003, Hosted By Cherokee Archers

| Rank | Name | Style | Class | Day 1 | | Day 2 | | Totals | |
|--|------------------|---------|-------|-------|----|-------|----|--------|----|
| | | | | Score | Xs | Score | Xs | Score | Xs |
| SC | Katy Carlson | AFBB | | 59 | | 90 | | 149 | |
| SC | Kay Core | AFBHFS | | 243 | | 248 | | 491 | |
| 2nd | Teresa Covington | AFBHFS | | 154 | | 114 | | 268 | |
| SC | Karin Eppard | AFFS | | 256 | | 259 | | 515 | |
| 2nd | Angela Goad | AFFS | | 251 | | 246 | | 497 | |
| 3rd | Teresa Robinson | AFFS | | 202 | | 235 | | 437 | |
| | Shirley Jordan | AFFS | | 209 | | 208 | | 417 | |
| SC | Robin Vogel | AFTRAD | | 209 | | 238 | | 447 | |
| 2nd | Cay McManus | AFTRAD | | 150 | | 175 | | 325 | |
| 3rd | Debbie Woofter | AFTRAD | | 108 | | 157 | | 265 | |
| | Kathleen Ernst | AFTRAD | | 119 | | 105 | | 224 | |
| SC | Pat Snow II | AMBB | | 232 | | 235 | | 467 | |
| 2nd | Chris Willard | AMBB | | 230 | | 222 | | 452 | |
| 3rd | John Harless | AMBB | | 217 | | 214 | | 431 | |
| | David Gallimore | AMBB | | 203 | | 194 | | 397 | |
| | Mark Covington | AMBB | | 181 | | 177 | | 358 | |
| C H A M P I O N S H I P F L I G H T | | | | | | | | | |
| SC | Robby Moore | AMBHFS | | 256 | | 265 | | 521 | |
| 2nd | Frankie Farley | AMBHFS | | 247 | | 264 | | 511 | |
| 3rd | Patrick Eppard | AMBHFS | | 255 | | 252 | | 507 | |
| | Taylor Linkous | AMBHFS | | 246 | | 250 | | 496 | |
| | Albert Furrow | AMBHFS | | 244 | | 240 | | 484 | |
| | Cory Sadler | AMBHFS | | 230 | | 248 | | 478 | |
| | Danny Law | AMBHFS | | 217 | | 254 | | 471 | |
| | Brad Baker | AMBHFS | | 220 | | 251 | | 471 | |
| | Jimmy Halstead | AMBHFS | | 225 | | 246 | | 471 | |
| | Joe Nale | AMBHFS | | 236 | | 233 | | 469 | |
| | Everett Wilson | AMBHFS | | 227 | | 241 | | 468 | |
| | Timmy Hancock | AMBHFS | | 229 | | 223 | | 452 | |
| | Charles Hilliard | AMBHFS | | 217 | | 232 | | 449 | |
| | Mike Turner | AMBHFS | | 209 | | 225 | | 434 | |
| | Gary Compton | AMBHFS | | 236 | | 197 | | 433 | |
| F I R S T F L I G H T | | | | | | | | | |
| | Edward Stevens | AMBHFS | | 207 | | 218 | | 425 | |
| | Joel Williams | AMBHFS | | 198 | | 220 | | 418 | |
| | Ricky King | AMBHFS | | 177 | | 236 | | 413 | |
| | Kip Good | AMBHFS | | 181 | | 217 | | 398 | |
| | Mark Combs | AMBHFS | | 180 | | 209 | | 389 | |
| | Terry Ward | AMBHFS | | 204 | | 180 | | 384 | |
| | Doug Bailey | AMBHFS | | 178 | | 163 | | 341 | |
| | Brian Johnson | AMBHFS | | 163 | | 171 | | 334 | |
| | William Bradley | AMBHFS | | 248 | | 0 | | 248 | |
| | David Sartin | AMBHFS | | 124 | | 0 | | 124 | |
| SC | Earl Cash | AMBHFSL | | 192 | | 196 | | 388 | |
| 2nd | Bill Draper | AMBHFSL | | 147 | | 164 | | 311 | |
| 3rd | Chris Sartin | AMBHFSL | | 108 | | 90 | | 198 | |

VBA Spring 3-D Classic – 2003 (continued)

| Rank | Name | Style | Class | Day 1 | | Day 2 | | Totals | |
|------|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|-------|----|--------|----|
| | | | | Score | Xs | Score | Xs | Score | Xs |
| SC | Brian Bailey | AMFS | | 254 | | 276 | | 530 | |
| 2nd | Derek Nester | AMFS | | 270 | | 258 | | 528 | |
| 3rd | Larry Core | AMFS | | 248 | | 264 | | 512 | |
| | Rusty Short | AMFS | | 248 | | 256 | | 504 | |
| | Barry Spurlock | AMFS | | 256 | | 248 | | 504 | |
| | Joel Hugill | AMFS | | 258 | | 237 | | 495 | |
| | James Rice | AMFS | | 229 | | 262 | | 491 | |
| | Bobbie Flinchum | AMFS | | 234 | | 254 | | 488 | |
| | Mark Huff | AMFS | | 241 | | 243 | | 484 | |
| | Matt Faulkner | AMFS | | 221 | | 256 | | 477 | |
| | Danny Bobbit | AMFS | | 206 | | 0 | | 206 | |
| SC | Denny Baird | AMFSL | | 184 | | 245 | | 429 | |
| SC | Paul Vogel | AMTRAD | | 239 | | 246 | | 485 | |
| 2nd | Craig Ernst | AMTRAD | | 225 | | 225 | | 450 | |
| 3rd | Jerry Jordan | AMTRAD | | 205 | | 226 | | 431 | |
| | Joe McManus | AMTRAD | | 221 | | 199 | | 420 | |
| | Howard Faris | AMTRAD | | 200 | | 216 | | 416 | |
| | Allen Spangler | AMTRAD | | 194 | | 210 | | 404 | |
| | Darrell Payne | AMTRAD | | 174 | | 210 | | 384 | |
| | Tom Dalton | AMTRAD | | 157 | | 208 | | 365 | |
| | Roy Forehand | AMTRAD | | 165 | | 180 | | 345 | |
| | Joe Gormley | AMTRAD | | 157 | | 183 | | 340 | |
| | Don Bedner | AMTRAD | | 134 | | 160 | | 294 | |
| SC | Alex Ernst | CMBB | | 126 | | 175 | | 301 | |
| 2nd | Erik Carlson | CMBB | | 141 | | 154 | | 295 | |
| SC | Mark Gallimore | CMFS | | 276 | | 250 | | 526 | |
| SC | Chris Halstead | CMFS | | 198 | | 231 | | 429 | |
| SC | Justin Ernst | CMFSL | | 216 | | 241 | | 457 | |
| SC | Steven Carlson | PWMBB | | 207 | | 212 | | 419 | |
| SC | Barry Velarde | SMFS | | 261 | | 263 | | 524 | |
| 2nd | Marvin Groseclose | SMFS | | 223 | | 256 | | 479 | |
| 3rd | James Brugh | SMFS | | 215 | | 213 | | 428 | |
| | Stan Parmentier | SMFS | | 156 | | 212 | | 368 | |
| SC | A. L. Self | SMFSL | | 186 | | 182 | | 368 | |
| 2nd | Pat Snow | SMFSL | | 143 | | 142 | | 285 | |
| SC | Brad Baker | YAMFS | | 245 | | 242 | | 487 | |
| 2nd | Gary Compton, Jr. | YAMFS | | 166 | | 201 | | 367 | |
| SC | Patrick Vogel | YAMFSL | | 201 | | 191 | | 392 | |
| SC | Charlotte Ernst | YFBB | | 129 | | 128 | | 257 | |
| SC | Josh Snow | YMBB | | 205 | | 224 | | 429 | |
| SC | Travis Gormley | YMFS | | 196 | | 239 | | 435 | |
| 2nd | Eric Flinchum | YMFS | | 164 | | 209 | | 373 | |
| SC | Alex Carlson | YMFSL | | 55 | | 97 | | 152 | |

T H A N K S T O A L L W H O P A R T I C I P A T E D !



Jason Newman



Elvie Shifflett and son Greg



Kay Core

HUNT SCRAP 20



John Castaneda

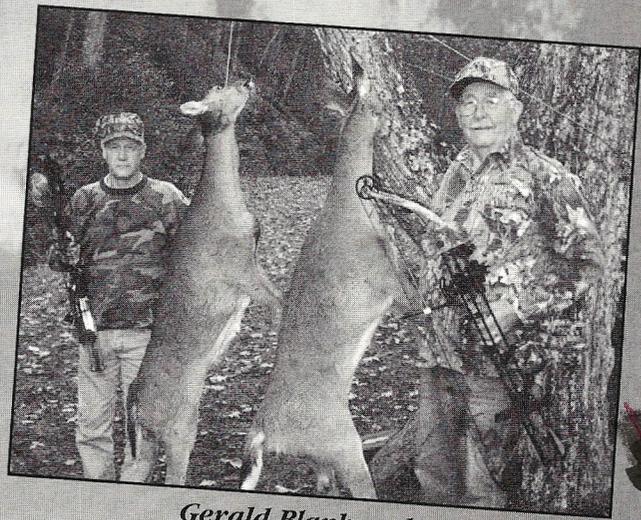


Tony Phipps and his son Adam

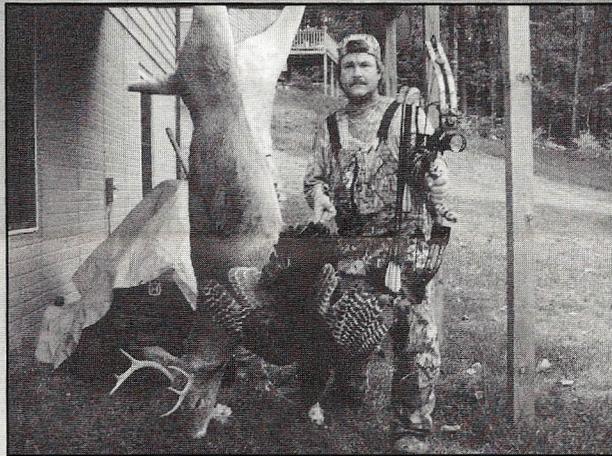
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Gerald Blank and Owen Shifflett

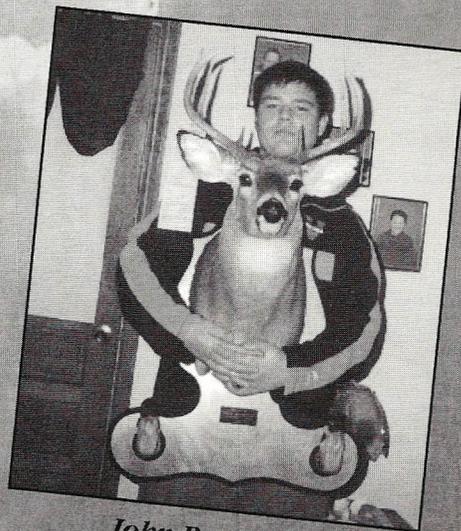


Mark Brady — One very successful morning!

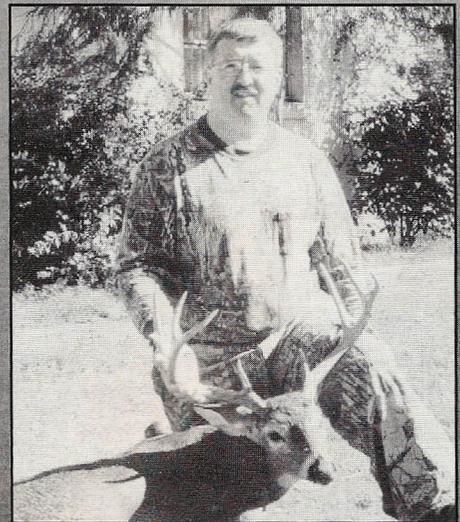
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ker and his son Billy



John Brewster



Alan Kroll



VBA State Open – 2003, Hosted by Sherwood Archers

| Rank | Name | Style | Class | Field Round | | 14 Animal/14 Hunter Round | | Totals | |
|------|------------------|---------|-------|-------------|----|---------------------------|----|--------|----|
| | | | | Score | Xs | Scores | Xs | Score | Xs |
| SC | Cay McManus | AFBB | AA | 476 | 0 | 515 | 5 | 991 | 5 |
| SC | Kay Core | AFBHFS | AA | 511 | 43 | 524 | 14 | 1035 | 57 |
| 2nd | Robin Vogel | AFBHFS | AA | 481 | 20 | 508 | 11 | 989 | 31 |
| SC | Jessica Musser | AFFS | AA | 517 | 45 | 546 | 23 | 1063 | 68 |
| 2nd | Bertha Brugh | AFFS | A | 460 | 20 | 502 | 11 | 962 | 31 |
| SC | Debra Woofter | AFTRAD | AA | 110 | 0 | 92 | 0 | 202 | 0 |
| SC | Bill Keen | AMBB | AA | 472 | 14 | 513 | 0 | 985 | 14 |
| 2nd | Patrick Snow II | AMBB | AA | 463 | 11 | 506 | 6 | 969 | 17 |
| 1st | John Harless | AMBB | A | 435 | 10 | 475 | 3 | 910 | 13 |
| 1st | David Gallimore | AMBB | B | 379 | 9 | 437 | 2 | 816 | 11 |
| 2nd | Bill Draper, Jr. | AMBB | B | 337 | 1 | 423 | 2 | 760 | 3 |
| 1st | Don Bedner | AMBB | C | 321 | 0 | 437 | 4 | 758 | 4 |
| SC | Howard Faris | AMBH | AA | 477 | 0 | 512 | 0 | 989 | 0 |
| 2nd | John Boyd | AMBH | AA | 450 | 0 | 496 | 0 | 946 | 0 |
| 3rd | Joe McManus | AMBH | AA | 413 | 0 | 452 | 0 | 865 | 0 |
| | Earl Anderson | AMBH | AA | 401 | 0 | 439 | 0 | 840 | 0 |
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| 3rd | Gregory Petefish | AMBHFS | AA | 529 | 31 | 544 | 22 | 1073 | 53 |
| | Paul Vogel | AMBHFS | AA | 528 | 40 | 540 | 26 | 1068 | 66 |
| | Mike Shupe | AMBHFS | AA | 518 | 38 | 531 | 20 | 1049 | 58 |
| | Mike Stonesifer | AMBHFS | AA | 511 | 32 | 537 | 19 | 1048 | 51 |
| | Mitch Stonesifer | AMBHFS | AA | 524 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 524 | 34 |
| 1st | Everette Kline | AMBHFS | A | 508 | 25 | 524 | 12 | 1032 | 37 |
| 2nd | Randy McAvoy | AMBHFS | A | 500 | 26 | 528 | 15 | 1028 | 41 |
| 3rd | Harry Kibler | AMBHFS | A | 499 | 29 | 522 | 9 | 1021 | 38 |
| | Webb Babcock | AMBHFS | A | 482 | 22 | 515 | 10 | 997 | 32 |
| | Mark Lohr | AMBHFS | A | 504 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 504 | 30 |
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| 2nd | Joe Gormley | AMBHFS | B | 472 | 18 | 483 | 6 | 955 | 24 |
| SC | Jim Herin | AMBHFSL | AA | 492 | 24 | 536 | 14 | 1028 | 38 |
| 2nd | Aubrey Self, Jr. | AMBHFSL | AA | 449 | 11 | 482 | 5 | 931 | 16 |
| 1st | Jerry Jordan | AMBHFSL | A | 419 | 13 | 477 | 5 | 896 | 18 |
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| 3rd | William Hamlin | AMFS | AA | 544 | 60 | 554 | 24 | 1098 | 84 |
| | Bryan Bailey | AMFS | AA | 544 | 52 | 552 | 28 | 1096 | 80 |
| | Robert Kenley | AMFS | AA | 538 | 46 | 549 | 24 | 1087 | 70 |
| | James Thurman | AMFS | AA | 536 | 52 | 548 | 19 | 1084 | 71 |
| | C. D. Miller | AMFS | AA | 536 | 51 | 547 | 19 | 1083 | 70 |
| | Kurtis Russell | AMFS | AA | 535 | 54 | 546 | 21 | 1081 | 75 |
| | Terry Pendley | AMFS | AA | 530 | 51 | 542 | 20 | 1072 | 71 |
| | Terry Ballowe | AMFS | AA | 527 | 45 | 538 | 20 | 1065 | 65 |

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| | Kenneth Reynolds | AMFS | AA | 515 | 30 | 528 | 18 | 1043 | 48 |
| | Bud Mack | AMFS | AA | 513 | 31 | 527 | 9 | 1040 | 40 |
| | James Rankin | AMFS | AA | 518 | 33 | 519 | 21 | 1037 | 54 |
| 1st | Larry Core | AMFS | A | 527 | 39 | 549 | 21 | 1076 | 60 |
| 2nd | Leo Weigand | AMFS | A | 522 | 35 | 545 | 20 | 1067 | 55 |
| 3rd | Tommy Wilhelm | AMFS | A | 521 | 34 | 542 | 23 | 1063 | 57 |
| | Kenneth Lingerfelt | AMFS | A | 518 | 32 | 534 | 16 | 1052 | 48 |
| | Roy Forehand | AMFS | A | 515 | 35 | 536 | 19 | 1051 | 54 |
| | Donald Brown | AMFS | A | 520 | 32 | 524 | 14 | 1044 | 46 |
| | James Brugh | AMFS | A | 504 | 26 | 526 | 15 | 1030 | 41 |
| | Randy Seavey | AMFS | A | 494 | 13 | 524 | 8 | 1018 | 21 |
| | Lloyd Overfelt | AMFS | A | 503 | 25 | 508 | 11 | 1011 | 36 |
| 1st | Lilburn Martin | AMFS | B | 483 | 15 | 512 | 7 | 995 | 22 |
| 2nd | Gary Maynard | AMFS | B | 480 | 16 | 499 | 5 | 979 | 21 |
| 3rd | Jeffrey Routt, Sr. | AMFS | B | 451 | 7 | 512 | 5 | 963 | 12 |
| 1st | David Ebin | AMFS | C | 325 | 5 | 451 | 2 | 776 | 7 |
| SC | Joseph Rozmus | AMFSL | AA | 502 | 23 | 516 | 14 | 1018 | 37 |
| 2nd | Randall Hartley | AMFSL | AA | 474 | 12 | 524 | 18 | 998 | 30 |
| 3rd | Jarrett Frame | AMFSL | AA | 469 | 18 | 521 | 10 | 990 | 28 |
| | John Grossl | AMFSL | AA | 454 | 12 | 492 | 8 | 946 | 20 |
| 1st | Jim Harris | AMFSL | A | 484 | 23 | 500 | 6 | 984 | 29 |
| SC | Terry Coghill | AMTRAD | A | 171 | 0 | 158 | 0 | 329 | 0 |
| 2nd | James Woofter | AMTRAD | A | 83 | 0 | 128 | 0 | 211 | 0 |
| 1st | George Dalton | AMTRAD | B | 357 | 4 | 379 | 0 | 736 | 4 |
| SC | Mark Gallimore | CMFS | A | 507 | 27 | 532 | 18 | 1039 | 45 |
| SC | Roy Sturgill | SMBB | AA | 457 | 15 | 508 | 9 | 965 | 24 |
| 2nd | Larrie Emerson | SMBB | AA | 457 | 16 | 492 | 4 | 949 | 20 |
| SC | Stan Parmentier | SMBHFS | A | 485 | 23 | 511 | 12 | 996 | 35 |
| 2nd | Charles Martens | SMBHFS | A | 407 | 12 | 441 | 2 | 848 | 14 |
| SC | Robert Baublitz | SMFS | AA | 529 | 41 | 545 | 20 | 1074 | 61 |
| 2nd | Bill Hamlin, Sr. | SMFS | AA | 522 | 31 | 537 | 18 | 1059 | 49 |
| SC | Buddy Lowman | SMFSL | AA | 468 | 15 | 514 | 10 | 982 | 25 |
| 1st | Victor Matthews | SMFSL | A | 438 | 7 | 492 | 7 | 930 | 14 |
| SC | Nathan Kline | YAMBHFS | AA | 509 | 29 | 522 | 14 | 1031 | 43 |
| SC | Jacob Hinkle | YAMFS | AA | 531 | 51 | 547 | 21 | 1078 | 72 |
| 3rd | Patrick Vogel | YAMFSL | AA | 472 | 20 | 481 | 11 | 953 | 31 |
| SC | Joshua Snow | YMBB | C | 379 | 3 | 410 | 2 | 789 | 5 |
| SC | Jacob Price | YMBHFS | AA | 425 | 10 | 458 | 6 | 883 | 16 |
| | Travis Gormley | YMFS | AA | 471 | 13 | 529 | 0 | 1000 | 13 |
| | Joshua Lohr | YMFS | A | 475 | 17 | 507 | 0 | 982 | 17 |

T H A N K S T O A L L W H O P A R T I C I P A T E D !

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ing lane for stags on the prowl. A picnic like grassy area with bush cover and a nice hole in front for another close in shot possibility. I had taken along some two-way radios on this trip and we both took one, with Billy going up to higher ground to radio ahead on any approaching stags. It was a nice afternoon, but I did forget one item that made a difference, to check the batteries in the radio (I had even brought spares!). Soon the radio was crackling but Billy's voice immediately faded. Nonetheless, I got ready and nervously watched a decent sized stag make his way past me. Being careful this time to patiently wait until out of peripheral sight, I drew back and let an arrow fly only to hit a deflection off of a piece of barbed wire attached to the fence post! The stag bolted and dejectedly I radioed Billy about the mishap, not knowing that the reason he was trying to radio me was that an elk in the 360 class was right behind the stag and should be the one to take. With my bow on the ground beside me there was a sudden crackling and snapping of bush twigs and branches, and I watched that elk lumber into view like an ancestral dinosaur. I couldn't believe I was viewing what I had only read about in maga-

zines. An elk in full rut with the blood-shot eyes, snot running from his nose, and oodles of drool spouting from his mouth walking by while making low panting sounds and moving his head from side to side like a lonely male at an ISO dance! An awesome, almost shivering sight to behold! For some inexplicable reason, I just stared at this scene instead of knocking another arrow. When Billy finally arrived, I started to tell him of the elk adventure, but he had already seen it up close and personal. On the way back to me through the bush, he had just been quick enough to lie on the ground and have it pass him by at just six yards! Talk about scary movie scenes!

Just as I started to question myself again, Billy reminded me that it takes skill to hit a thin piece of wire at that distance, and that we still had some daylight left. Guide George Stewart joined us just as Billy spotted a nice Red Stag on a nearby hilltop. "Let's do a stalk." Almost as if on cue, we split up with Billy racing up a parallel ridgeline with binoculars to keep up with the animal's movements. George had me knock an arrow with instructions to be ready, as we made our way crisscrossing small streams in the narrow valley plain below the hill. With George periodically turning to catch hand signals coming from Billy, we started to make our ascent up the hill, winding around bush and trying to stay balanced as we pressed onward. What seemed like an eternity lasted about 20-25 minutes of winding and crouching our way up. My arms felt heavy, the legs got tired, and my lungs filled with that light, burning sensation of exhaustion as we made our way over the top to the last bit of bush cover between us and a mature Red Stag.

The stag stood there magnificently, almost defiant, antlered head with chest high. Looking back at us, he was slightly elevated above our position, and with the backdrop of waning light from the approach of sunset, it created a true Kodak scene, if there ever was one. I caught my breath as my guide looked and asked if I could make the shot. I had already estimated the distance and made the affirmative decision. If there is such a thing as a bowhunter's nirvana, I must have been in it, because at that point I was calm, focused, and totally confident. Can't explain why, just was, and I knew it. All the practice and preparation just came into play without any effort. I stepped into a perfect u-shaped shooting

lane between the bushes, drew back putting the 50 yard pin high on his shoulder, then slightly over to the left, and released. I watched as the arrow flew high into the horizon, then started to drop, straight on the intended target. The stag hunched over on impact with the arrow landing perfectly to create a mortal wound in the heart area of the chest. He turned and galloped furiously over the ridge horizon until we lost sight of him. Hearing my guide exclaim, "You got him! Best shot that I ever saw," was almost worth the trophy fees that I was soon to pay. What was most satisfying was the work it took and the pride in getting off a tough, but successful shot that I am not so sure I would even try again (I had passed on a moving elk at 50 yards two years previously), unless similar conditions existed.

We recovered the arrow with the Muzzy broadhead and last four inches missing, and a little trail of blood. With the approaching night we made the decision to go back to the lodge and take up the chase at dawn the next day. That evening I walked in to a great meal at the lodge and everyone celebrated, including a few SCI hunters from Michigan who had just joined us. I don't remember getting much sleep that night, perhaps because of the light rains and thinking about the loss of the blood trail. At daybreak we headed out into the bush and it took a while, but we did eventually find him. He had run about 180 yards before dropping, even with the mortal wound. The last 30 yards of his flight through the bush were very evident where he had been crashing against the bush as he started to stumble. A mature stag about 10 years old, he sported an 8 x 8 rack that scored out at 331 SCI points. Our spirits are now forever intertwined in my most memorable hunt to date.

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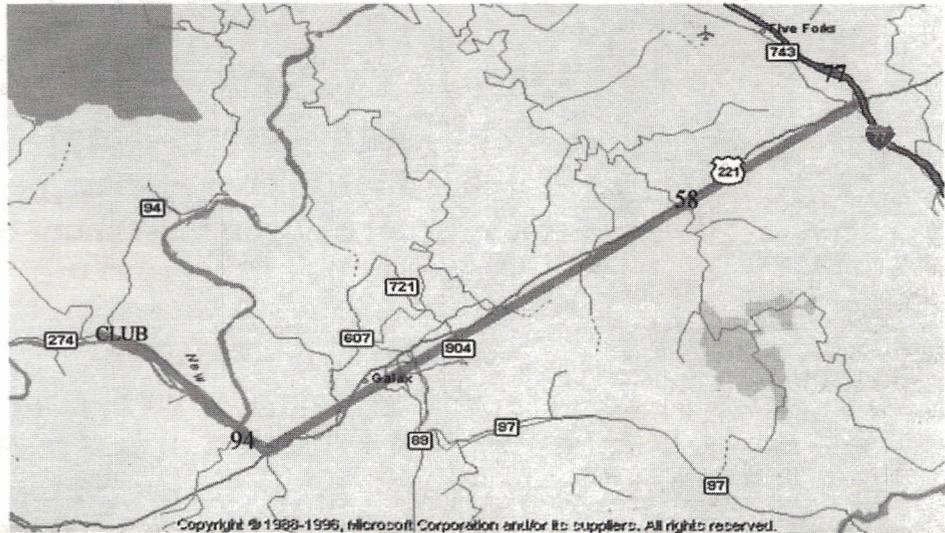
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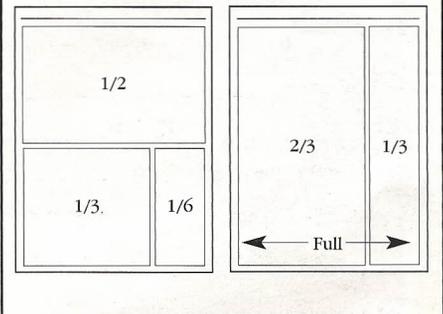
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