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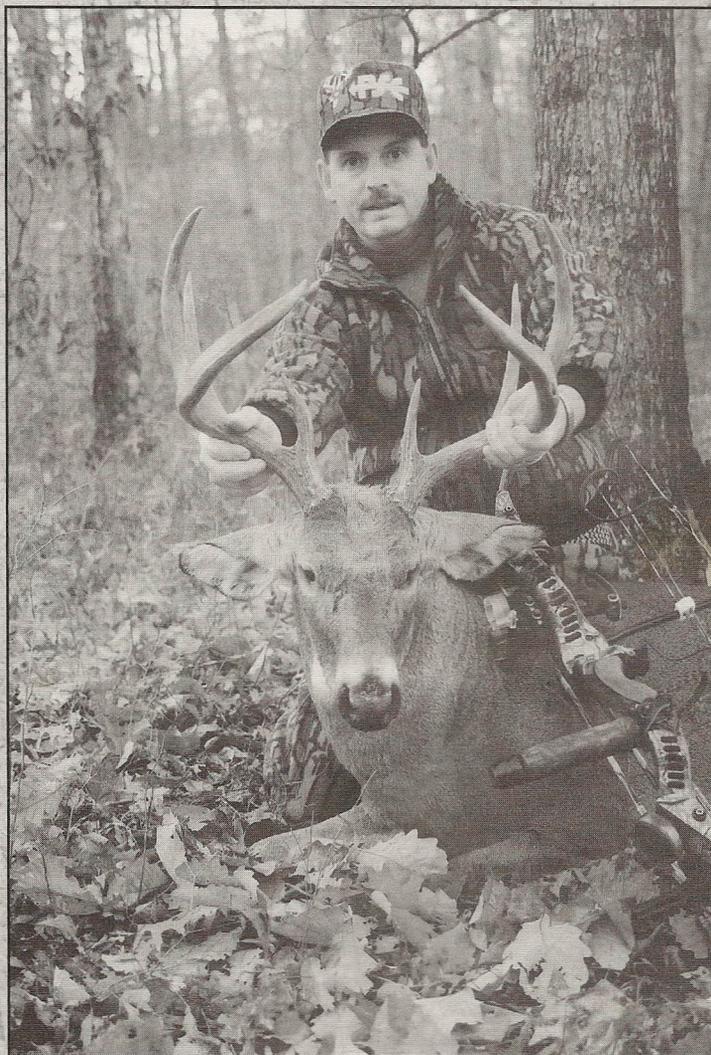
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Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Summer issue of FLIGHT will be June 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 Hunting Vice President

Every two years the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) considers changes to the regulations that govern game wildlife, hunting and trapping. This spring the VDGIF is holding a series of 11 open meetings to receive public comments regarding proposed regulations or regulation amendments that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries proposed at its March 6, 2003 meeting.

The public comment period will close May 1, 2003. The proposals are available on the department's web site (www.dgif.state.va.us) at the department's central and regional offices, in

the Virginia Register of Regulations, and at the public meetings.

Comments received on the proposals at the public input meetings will be summarized and reported to the Board for their consideration at the May 1, 2003 meeting prior to their adopting final regulations.

This is your chance to be heard. Get a copy of the proposed changes, form your opinion about the changes, and then let your voice be heard.

IF YOU MISS THE MEETINGS, YOU CAN EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ON THE VDGIF WEB SITE.

—Kevin Reedy

Results Of The Quarterly Meeting

■ Amend Standing Rule #16 to increase VBA pin shoot fees to \$8.00 for HOH, \$5.00 for second member, \$4.00 for third member. Also to increase shooters fee to \$1.00 per shooter. Effective January 2004. Does not affect 3-D shoots.
PASSED

■ Motion to assess each VBA club \$2.00 per member on record at the office of the VBA Executive State Secretary to offset deficit that VBA is experiencing. This is a one-year assessment payable at the September 2003 quarterly VBA meeting.
PASSED

From The Publicity Director

Well, what a winter! The Farmer's Almanac was pretty much on target. Speaking of being "on target," are *you* on target for the State Tournaments and club shoots? If not, then *why not?* The NFAA Indoor Mids held at Prince William did not have the participants that it has had in the past due to the weather and road conditions. Also, some of the clubs had the same experience in having to reschedule or cancel their shoots due to the bad weather. But the VBA State Indoors escaped "Old Man Winter" and brought us 82 shooters. Just slightly under last year's participation, but still not what it used to be in the good old days! What was *your* excuse? Everyone had the opportunity to gather under one roof and join in the fun of shooting those indoor targets.

If you missed the Eighth Annual VBA Awards Banquet, you really missed a great time! The food and service were excellent. It was a nice way to spend time with each other, and to hear our guest speaker, Monty Browning, who kept us laughing throughout his stories. There were many door and raffle prizes. Awards were presented to Shenandoah County Archers, Bowhunters of Rockingham, Triangle Archers, and Shawnee Bowmen for the greatest increase in membership. The Big Buck Awards were presented and Clinton Western presented "The Order of the Golden Feather" to Cay McManus, Mark Lohr and yours truly.

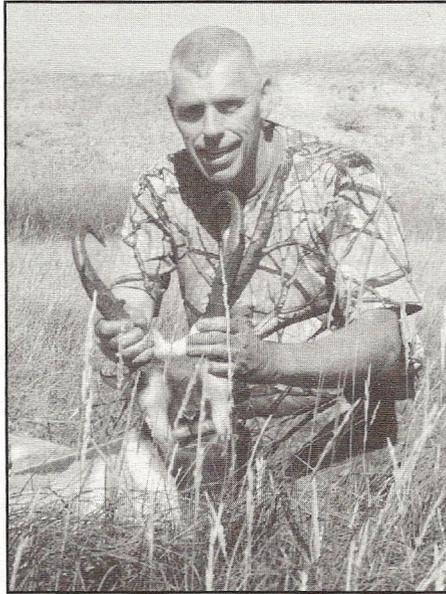
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"The Crack Shot"

I was sitting around recovering from off season shoulder surgery and catching up on some reading when I started thinking about some hunts from this past fall; one in particular conjured up an image that got me to laughing so hard, I could hardly stand it. Thankfully, I didn't witness the actual scene I was thinking about, but the image that came to mind is worth sharing with other VBA members. Read on and see if the image that comes to your mind doesn't make you chuckle!

The idea for this hunt actually germinated two years earlier. In 1999, I had hunted the Werner Ranch in Douglas, Wyoming for antelope, but three days of rain kept the goats from coming to the water holes. Even though I didn't connect on antelope, I could tell the Werner Ranch was a good place to hunt. Jim and his son, J.J. worked very hard to get me an antelope, but with water everywhere it was tough hunting. I knew I would have to return, if not for the antelope hunting, for Lori Werner's cooking! When I got back home, I told my buddy, Bob Seltzer, what a fine place I had found and we booked a trip for the first week of September, 2001.

August 31, 2001, found VBA members, Bob Seltzer, Ralph Lawson, and me headed to Wyoming for a week of antelope hunting at the Werner Ranch. We arrived late in the evening due to flight delays. We learned it's not necessarily



Jack Denbow

best to take the cheapest flight.

There were five other hunters in camp and after introductions and dinner, we drew for blinds. All the blinds have names, the names are put in a hat and each hunter draws a blind. The blind I drew was called "Highway Trees." It is located next to a grove of cottonwood trees beside a small pond just off a major highway. Bob drew "South Blind," which is within sight of the ranch house. Ralph was put in the same "pasture" that I was. All of the blinds are located near water. The blinds are either permanent or are erected well in advance of the season so the antelope are used to them when they come to water.

For those who have never been lucky enough to hunt antelope, weather can be one of the determining factors of your success. Two years ago, I saw 55 antelope and passed on some "easy" shots; then the rains came. This time we had hot, dry weather, excellent for antelope hunting. On the first day, four of the hunters, including Ralph, brought bucks into camp, only Bob, myself and two other hunters, one who had never hunted antelope before, had mistakenly passed on a large Pope & Young buck, failed to bring in a buck that first evening. Usually antelope hunting can mean long days in the blind. While we were hunting it would get daylight around 6 a.m. and we would hunt until

about 8 p.m. We took lots of reading material to while away the long hours in the blind, but it really wasn't needed.

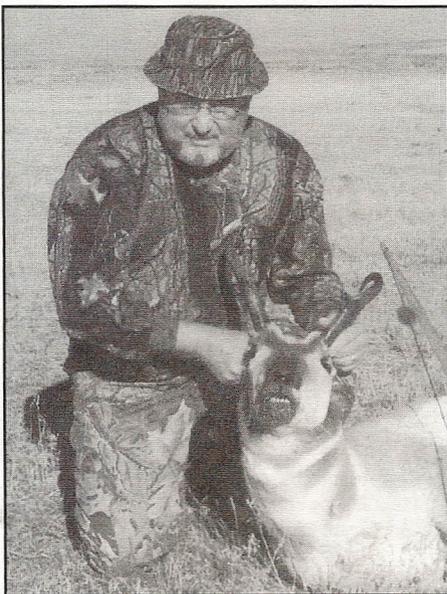
If you like watching animals, as I do, a good pair of binoculars will keep you busy, as there is almost always game within sight.

The waterhole I hunted was shared with another ranch that did not allow us to hunt on their property. It was very tough to be sitting there and watching a very large buck water on the other side of the fence only 15 yards away. No matter how much I tried, I could not wish him across the fence. To make matters worse, he usually was in sight most of the day.

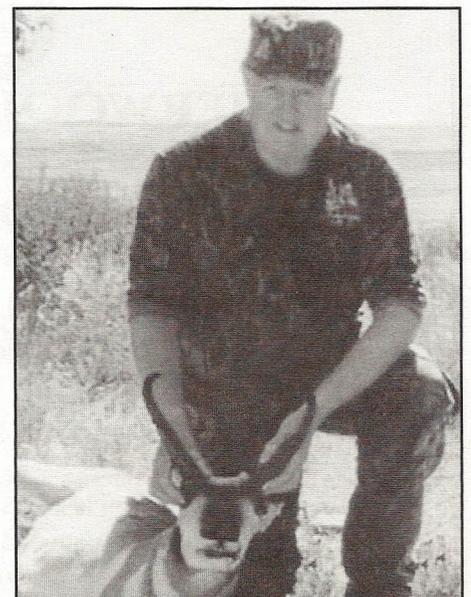
After a large breakfast, we would pack our lunch and head out to the blinds. To keep the area around the blinds from becoming too contaminated with human scent, each hunter is provided with a jug and a trash bag to be placed in a 5 gallon bucket to relieve the necessary calls of nature, and to brought back to the camp and disposed of.

Now comes the part of this story that I did not witness, thankfully!!! The morning of the second day found Bob and I in our blinds. A big breakfast and lots of coffee were taking their toll on Bob. Feeling the call of nature, Bob placed his trash bag in the five-gallon bucket, dropped his pants and sat down

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Bob Seltzer



Ralph Lawson

"The Crack Shot"

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to relieve himself. While in the middle of taking care of his business, he looked up and there was a respectable antelope buck standing outside of his blind. Bob, being a true bowhunter, grabbed his longbow, raised up off the pot and shot the buck with his pants down around his ankles. He then sat back down, finished his business, got dressed and went out to claim his antelope. After Bob got back to camp and was relaying his story, one of the other hunters immediately dubbed Bob's buck the "Crack Shot

Buck." I'm sure most will agree, it takes a "crack shot" to shoot a "Crack Shot Buck."

By midday, one other hunter and I were back in camp with our bucks. By late afternoon, the last hunter was back with his antelope.

The Werners work hard for their clients; they will move you, if you are not seeing any antelope, but that was not necessary for us, because eight hunters killed eight bucks in two days of hunting.

Though our antelope hunting was over, the Werners kept us entertained throughout the rest of our time there. We even got in a little sightseeing and met some new friends. We had a great time and are booked for a return trip in 2003. When we go back it will be for a combination antelope/mule deer hunt. I will be sure to let you know if "Crack Shot" Seltzer strikes again. Jim and Lori Werner can be reached at: 1713 Walker Creek Road, Douglas, Wyoming 82633; (307) 358-2633.

—Jack Denbow

From The Publicity Director

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Now, Folks! It's time to turn to the outdoor shoots and get some real targets under our belts! First we have the VBA 3-D Spring Classic on April 5th and 6th at "Marked Distance," hosted by Cherokee Archers in Christiansburg. Next will be the VBA State Open on May 24th and 25th, hosted by Sherwood Archers. The Open should really be exciting after you've had the opportunity to fling your arrows at those 3-D animals that don't move at all! Both clubs are hoping to break last year's records of 103 for the 3-D Spring and 113 at the State Open. Remember, this helps the clubs as well as the VBA. Can you all do that? I'm also asking each hosting club to have a 50/50 VBA Fund raffle.

We need to hear from you! Yes, we need clubs and members to submit articles for *Flight*. Did you all read Bob Seltzer's article in the winter 2002 article? Wasn't that a great article of father and daughter taking the time away from their busy schedules to bond together, to share the excitement and experience of the hunt?! That's what we need - more articles from you folks! Tell us about your adventures! Whether they are your bowhunting experiences, trips with your family and/or friends, archery classes, the State/NFAA tournaments or your club shoots.

Lastly, VBA needs your help! At the March VBA quarterly meeting, I mentioned that we needed to see more

Delegates and their guests at our quarterly meetings. We need each of you to set yourself a goal, not only for your club, but for VBA, as well. That is, to solicit membership whether it be a new member or one that we have lost. Also, what about the archery Pro Shops? Just take a few minutes to stop by and say "Hi" and share with them what VBA has to offer, what we do, and what we can do for them. YOUR success is OUR success!

Wishing everyone a wonderful and pleasant summer with your family and friends in archery!

—Irene Stocksdale



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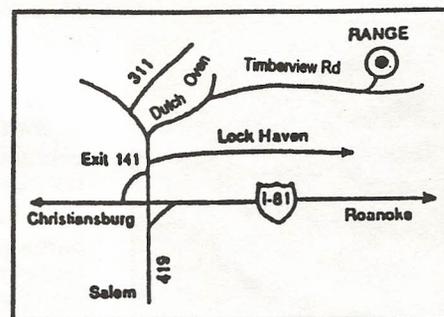
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 May 24 & 25



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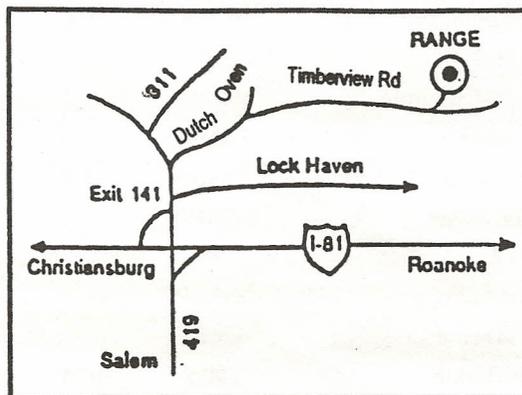
Friday: 6:00-9:00 pm Saturday: 7:00-7:45am
 Do try to preregister by mail or register Friday to save time Sat. morning.
 Please have your NFAA & VBA cards with you.
 Must have NFAA card to receive awards.

Registration Fees

\$20.00 per archer and \$40.00 maximum per family
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Fill out the registration form completely. One per person and print clearly.

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 CLUB PHONE: 540-366-37

NAME: _____ (As Listed on VBA Card)

VBA #: _____ AVERAGE: _____

Circle those that apply:

DIVISION: PRO ADULT SENIOR YNG ADULT YOUTH CUB

SEX: M F **STYLE:** FS FSL BHFS BHFSL BH BB TRAD

CLASS: AA A B C OPEN GUEST

You must have at least 2 scores within the last 12 months to be classified. (Prior to this event) Otherwise, you must declare AA or Open class. To determine your average use your best 3 scores of last 7 and divide by 3, or the best of last 5 or 6, or best of last 2, 3 or 4 scores

VBA State Indoor – 2003, Hosted by Augusta Archers

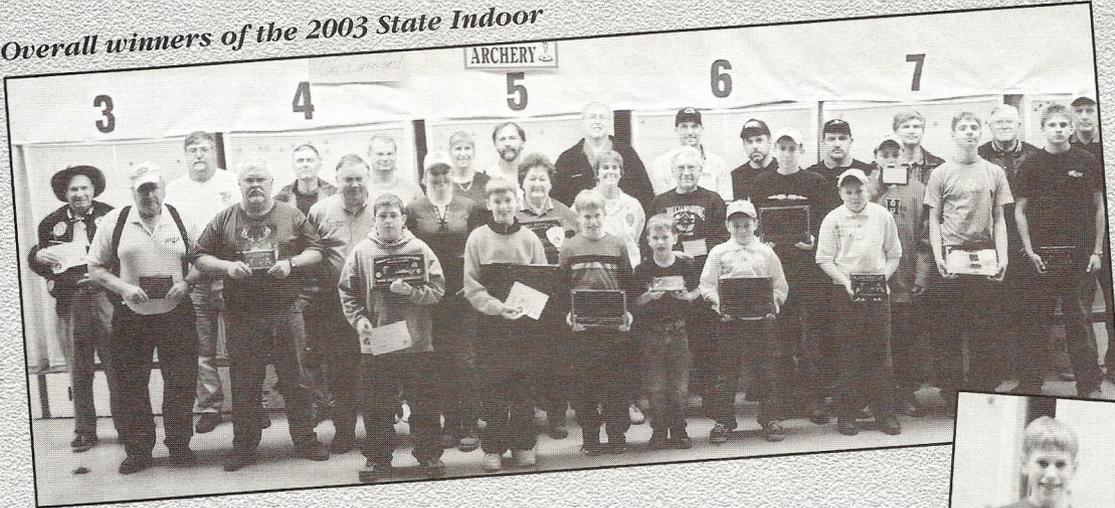
Rank	Name	Style	Class	Day 1		Day 2		Totals	
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✓ SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	A	292	26	287	28	579	54
✓ SC	Kay Es Core	AFBHFS	A	297	42	298	42	595	84
✓ SC	Monica McLaughlin	AFFS	B	288	26	283	27	571	53
✓ SC	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD	B	228	8	226	8	454	16
✓ SC	Don Bedner	AMBB	C	260	11	258	11	518	22
✓ SC	Howard Faris	AMBH	A	283	19	282	14	565	33
✓ 1st	Joe McManus	AMBH	C	202	3	248	4	450	7
✓ SC	Greg Petefish	AMBHFS	A	300	47	300	53	600	100
2nd	Bryan Bailey	AMBHFS	A	300	45	300	45	600	90
3rd	Allen Painter	AMBHFS	A	299	49	300	51	599	100
	Carl Lattimer	AMBHFS	A	299	46	297	46	596	92
1st	Mark Lohr	AMBHFS	B	297	35	297	37	594	72
✓ 1st	Bill Hamlin, Sr.	SMFS	C	289	29	298	34	587	63
✓ SC	Russ Hatchl	SMTRAD	A	216	1	218	6	434	7
✓ SC	James W. Brannin	YAMFS	A	300	47	300	50	600	97
2nd	Isaac Mack	YAMFS	A	300	45	300	51	600	96
1st	Brent Stone	YAMFS	B	280	22	268	19	548	41
✓ SC	Patrick Vogel	YAMFSL	C	252	5	267	9	519	14
✓ SC	Alex Carlson	YMBB	C	101	3	64	0	165	3
✓ SC	Joshua Lohr	YMBHFS	A	276	12	287	25	563	37
✓ SC	Michael Cole	YMFS	A	300	50	300	52	600	102
2nd	Jacob Hinkle	YMFS	A	300	51	300	48	600	99
3rd	Travis Gormley	YMFS	A	269	12	267	11	536	23
1st	Cody Davis	YMFS	B	224	6	227	3	451	9
✓ SC	Jim Herin	AMBHFSL	A	288	30	289	32	577	62
✓ 1st	Jim Little	AMBHFSL	B ^A	283	19	284	22	567	41
✓ 2nd	Bob Campbell	AMBHFSL	B	275	15	274	24	549	39
✓ 1st	Randy Frye	AMBHFSL	C	244	12	262	12	506	24
✓ SC	Darryl Diehl	AMFS	A	300	60	300	60	600	120
2nd	Buddy Braden	AMFS	A	300	58	300	58	600	116
3rd	William Hamlin	AMFS	A	300	52	300	56	600	108
	Kurtis Russel	AMFS	A	300	54	300	53	600	107
	Tony Fleshman	AMFS	A	300	50	300	54	600	104
	Robert Sexton	AMFS	A	300	57	299	54	599	111
	Joel Hugill	AMFS	A	300	53	299	53	599	106
	Levi McAllister	AMFS	A	300	53	299	50	599	103
	Cris McConnell	AMFS	A	300	51	299	47	599	98
	Clif Johnson	AMFS	A	300	51	299	47	599	98
	Charlie Parsons	AMFS	A	299	45	300	39	599	84
	Anthony Estevez	AMFS	A	298	52	300	59	598	111
	E. H. Braden	AMFS	A	299	45	299	49	598	94

VBA State Indoor – 2003 (continued)

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Day 1		Day 2		Totals	
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	Matthew Faulkner	AMFS	A	300	48	298	42	598	90
	William Fogle	AMFS	A	299	36	299	44	598	80
	Michael Hemp	AMFS	A	298	46	299	45	597	91
	Richard Keith	AMFS	A	298	39	297	46	595	85
1st	Joel Lecker	AMFS	B	297	37	300	53	597	90
2nd	Brian Tate	AMFS	B	294	45	300	55	594	100
3rd	Larry Core	AMFS	B	296	33	298	39	594	72
	Matt Nidiffer	AMFS	B	294	34	298	37	592	71
	Wesley T. Blank	AMFS	B	296	40	293	31	589	71
	Derek Bartley	AMFS	B	293	37	295	32	588	69
1st	David Nidiffer	AMFS	C	289	21	297	41	586	62
2nd	David Tate	AMFS	C	271	19	283	22	554	41
✓ SC	Randy Hartley	AMFSL	C	287	23	297	32	584	55
2nd	Jim Harris	AMFSL	C	285	19	292	27	577	46
3rd	Jarrett Frame	AMFSL	C	284	21	286	23	570	44
	Denny Baird	AMFSL	C	286	24	279	21	565	45
	John Grosse	AMFSL	C	265	16	273	14	538	30
	Jerry A. Williams	AMFSL	C	284	23	0	0	284	23
✓ SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	A	283	20	276	22	559	42
1st	Ray Stone	AMTRAD	C	216	11	228	5	444	16
✓ SC	Erik Carlson	CMBB	-	175	5	156	3	331	8
2nd	Steven Carlson	CMBB	-	70	0	80	1	150	1
✓ SC	Tyler Davis	CMBHFS	-	286	29	289	24	575	53
	Gary Alger	GAMFS	A	298	44	0	0	298	44
✓ SC	Betty Gordon	MSFFSL	C	252	8	256	11	508	19
✓ SC	Victor Matthews	MSMFSL	C	282	20	281	16	563	36
2nd	Dean Gordon	MSMFSL	C	253	11	264	12	517	23
	Roger Willett, Jr.	PMFS	A	300	59	300	59	600	118
✓ SC	Steven Oldham	SMBHFS	A	298	40	296	39	594	79
1st	Stan Parmentier	SMBHFS	C	287	19	285	23	572	42
2nd	Ed Bickham	SMBHFS	C	283	20	285	24	568	44
3rd	Leroy Lancaster	SMBHFS	C	270	17	276	14	546	31
	Charles Martens	SMBHFS	C	260	8	282	17	542	25
	James R. Stone, Jr.	SMBHFS	C	263	19	269	11	532	30
	Barry Velarde	SMFS	A	300	56	0	0	300	56
✓ SC	Kenneth Maples	SMFS	B	296	33	300	46	596	79
2nd	Chip Groseclose	SMFS	B	296	39	299	37	595	76
3rd	Bill Gould	SMFS	B	297	40	297	33	594	73
	Fred Sorrell	SMFS	B	292	35	295	34	587	69

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 !

Overall winners of the 2003 State Indoor

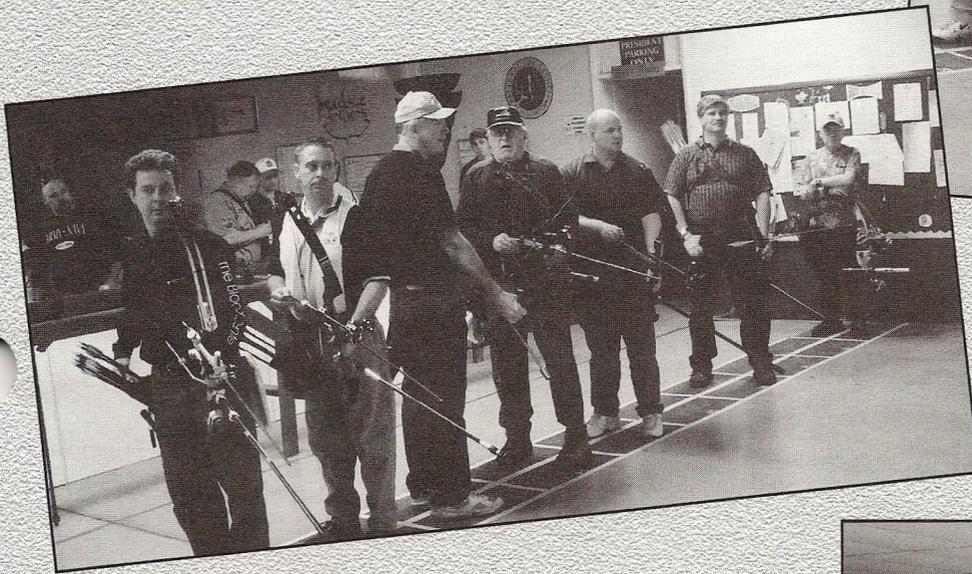
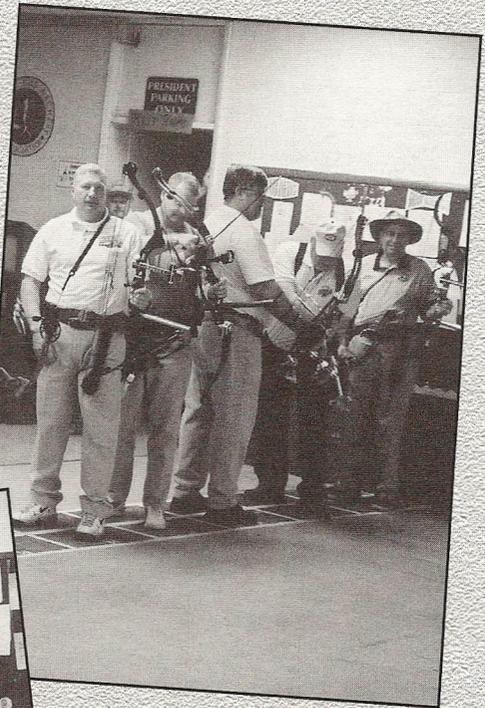


2003 State Indoor Champions

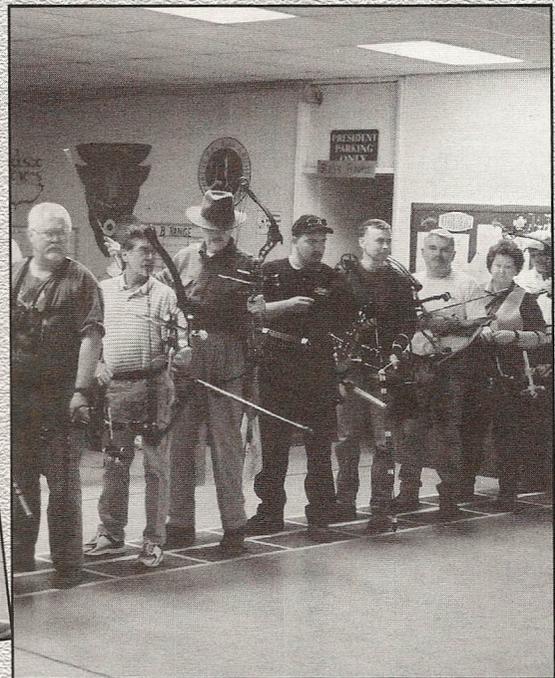


Scenes From The State Indoor Hosted By





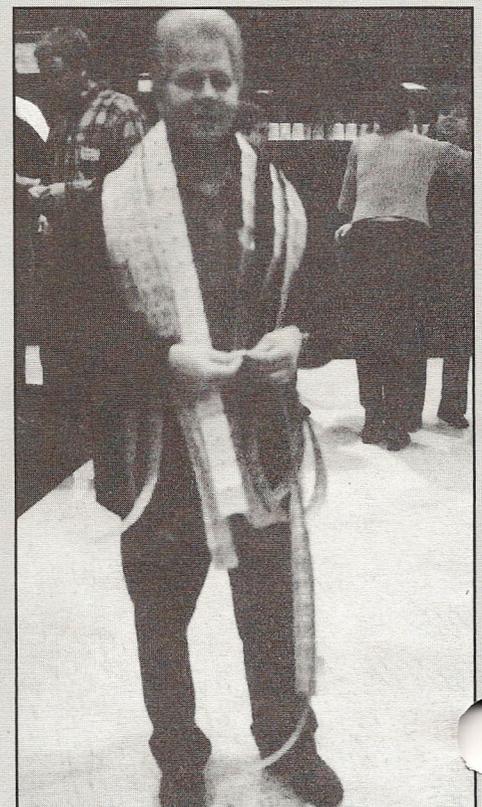
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Guest speaker Monty Browning kept the crowd entertained.

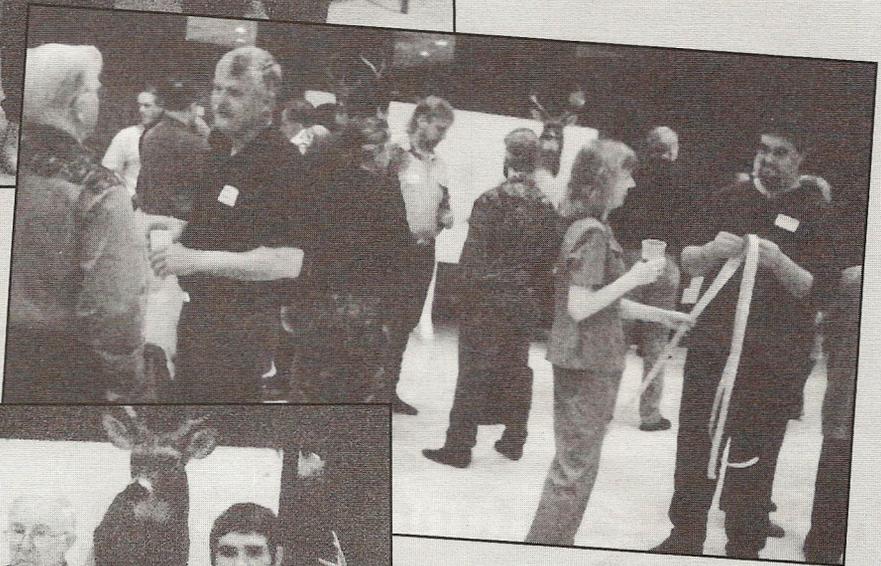
Fun At The



Love those raffle tickets!!



Double and triple crown winners for 2002.



BA Banquet!



BA Big Game Award winners: Randy Armentrout, Mike Williams, John Stockman and Matt Garst.

APOLOGY

The editor tried a new high speed film at the Banquet and obviously it didn't work very well. Sorry!!

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH WINNIE & WALLY

Smothered Venison Ribs

3 lbs. venison ribs
 liquid smoke
 1½ cups celery, diced
 1/2 cup onion, minced
 1 tsp. salt
 1 small can mushroom stems and pieces

1/4 lb. butter
 1 cup soft bread crumbs
 1½ tsp. poultry seasoning
 1 cup carrots, sliced
 2 cups hot water
 2 beef bouillon cubes

Cut venison ribs into serving size portions and brush with liquid smoke. Lay ribs close together in large roaster. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Make dressing by sautéing half of celery, onions, salt, mushrooms in half the butter; remove from heat and stir in soft bread crumbs and poultry seasonings. Sauté remaining celery and carrots in remaining butter for 15 minutes

Brown ribs in the oven for 10 minutes. Remove the ribs and spread carrots and celery over the bottom of roaster. Arrange the ribs tightly together on top, their more raw sides toward the top. Cover ribs with the dressing, smoothing it evenly down and brown for another 10 minutes. Dissolve the bouillon cubes in the hot water, then pour the bouillon over the dressing. Cover the roaster and return it to the oven. Turn the heat down to 300 degrees and bake for 2 hours. Add more bouillon if necessary. Serves 4 to 6.

— adapted from *The Complete Venison Cookbook*
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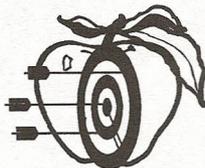


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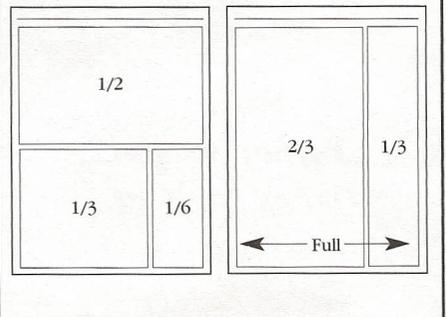
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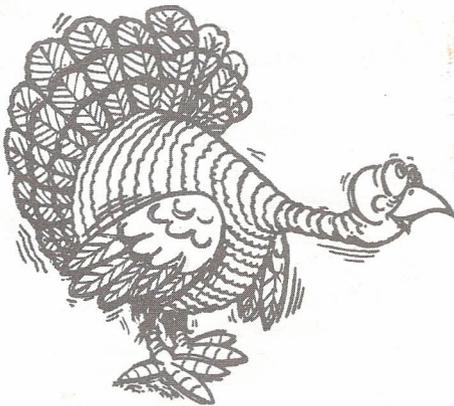
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