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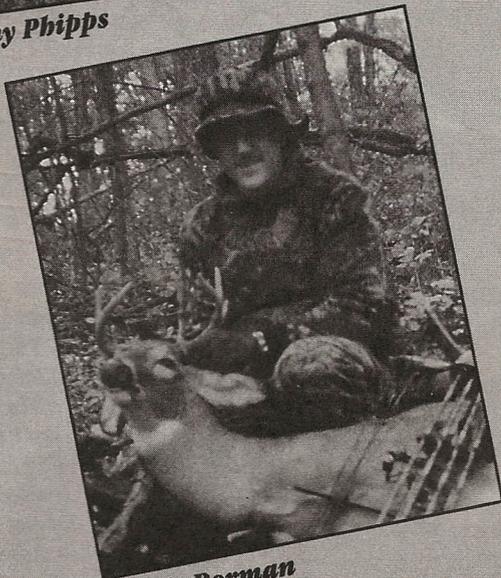


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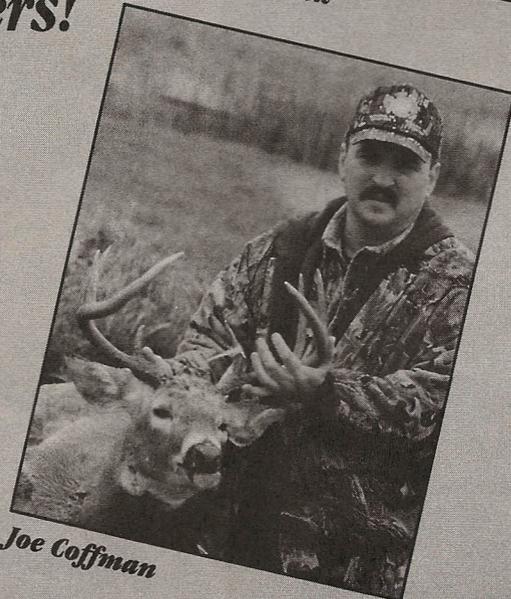
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Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Spring issue of FLIGHT will be *February 28, 1997*. Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is *your* newsletter!

VBA September Board Meeting Results

- **FAILED:** Do away with current VBA classifications; adopt the NFAA flight system for all VBA shoots.
- **TABLED:** Travel expenses for all VBA officers attending any of the five presently scheduled VBA State Championships be reimbursed at same basis as present VBA meeting expenses; 50/50 split between host club and VBA.
- **FAILED:** Clubs that hold only 3-D shoots and have no 14 target field or hunter units are not subject to Section 2, Paragraph C of By-laws.
- **PASSED:** Change Article 3, Section 1, Paragraph D of the VBA Constitution and Article 14, Section 2 of the By-laws regarding VBA associate members. ↗

March VBA Banquet Is On Track

Preparations for the second VBA Awards Banquet are underway and the early results are encouraging.

The banquet will be held Saturday, March 15, 1997 at the Mount Vernon Best Western Motel in Charlottesville. The event begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Highlights of the event include:

- The invited guest speaker is Scott Silsby, a nationally known expert in primitive technologies and in the manufacture of complete archery systems. His topic, which will focus on Virginia Indian tribes, has proven to be of interest to numerous audiences.
- More than three dozen companies have been invited to provide door prizes. Several have already responded with gifts that range from a bow to a guided hunt to discount certificates to m a n u a l releases. The final list of gifts for door prizes, a raffle, and a silent auction will be impressive!

The pleasure of your company is requested!

- Awards will be presented to VBA members who, in the 1996 - 97 season, harvest the

largest buck by weight, the largest doe by weight, and the largest rack as measured by the Virginia system. To enter the contest, contact Bob Seltzer (703/644-9708) by February 28, 1997. Awards will also be presented to the 1995 - 96 season winners since that banquet was cancelled.

- Applause Catering has been contracted to provide the food and drink mixers. They will do a super job, so come to the event hungry!
- A display of animals harvested by VBA members and some of the equipment they use will serve as the backdrop for the event. If you wish to bring equipment to display, please call John Peeler at 703/455-7454. If you want to display an animal (not limited to deer!), please contact Wayne DeShazo at 540/786-9448.

The cost for the event is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Tickets are available now from Dave Burpee (703/913-0508) or your club president or VBA representative in January. ↗



Bowhunting Bushytails

As I placed my bow into my old Jeep, my mind wandered back to my first squirrel hunting trip with my big brother. I was only 12, and my brother realized that the hunting action needed to be fairly quick to hold a youngster's attention. Not exactly big game, but it was my introduction to hunting old bushytail. Now, 30 years later and after all the big game hunts I've been on far and near, I'm hunting squirrels again. Only this time it's with a bow, which is very challenging to say the least.

Squirrels can be found in nearly every part of the United States. In some regions old bushytail has become a pest to farmers and homeowners, creating more crop damage than even deer. Nuts are a mainstay in a squirrel's diet, but he also eats tree blossoms, buds, fruit, fungi, corn, and occasionally, eggs and baby birds.

On a recent trip, it was still dark when I quietly slipped into the woods about a hundred yards and sat down on a log until first light. My first task would be to find a good food source for squirrels. Late summer usually brings plenty of white oak acorns and hickory nuts; find them and old bushytail won't be far off. I walked a little and found a hickory tree with cuttings littering the ground and I knew I'd hit a honey hole. I watched the tree and tapped on my Knight and Hale squirrel call a few times. A squirrel answered immediately. I couldn't see him, but I heard him about twenty yards to my left. I reached for an arrow, and as quickly as I nocked it, I locked in on my small gray target and sent the shaft flying his way. He was the only squirrel I got that day. I had other chances and missed them, but thoroughly enjoyed the day nonetheless. As that example points out, the key to successful squirrel bowhunting is to hunt not only by sight, but also by hearing.

In the early fall, squirrels can be difficult to see due to the foliage, but as the leaves fall, bushytails are easier to locate. Binoculars are a valuable tool for scanning the surrounding area before venturing out; squirrels have excellent eyesight and will always spot your movement first. In fact squirrel hunting and spring gobbler hunting

have many similarities. I use many turkey hunting tactics for squirrels. Methods used include calling, sitting and watching, slowly stalking; all these techniques can be used for either hunt.

Stalking is my favorite which entails moving slowly from tree to tree; walk a few steps and listen for a minute or two, and most importantly listen for the rustling of leaves. Think of it this way — if you move 100 yards an hour, you're moving too fast. Of course, stay out of leaves whenever possible to keep the noise down. Surprising a squirrel is the order of the day. But remember the noise of the leaves that may give your location away will also announce the presence of a squirrel.

Stationary hunting, waiting for bushytail to come to you takes much more patience. Calling is helpful when stationary hunting, as you can bring the squirrels to you, possibly taking several before moving to another location. When calling squirrels, the one call that seems to work best is the bark or "quack." This bark has given many bushytails' whereabouts away, giving me an opportunity that I wouldn't have had otherwise. When using a hand held call, cup a hand over the barrel's end to adjust sound and pitch.

After shooting a squirrel, sit still and wait; many times there are more than one. Squirrels are quick to notice any

movement and will race off if spooked. If this happens, mark the spot visually where a squirrel was last seen and wait. It won't be long before curiosity will get the best of old bushytail and offer you another shot. If he goes behind a tree, throw a branch or rock to the opposite side of the tree; a squirrel most likely will circle back into view. I've seen a squirrel flatten his body against a tree trunk or branch and not move until the hunter leaves. This is where the buddy system works well; one hunter on each side of a tree. If you connect, it's important to be absolutely positive the squirrel is dead before reaching for him, as you might get a nasty bite. One time I touched a squirrel that I thought was dead, and the animal viciously bit the end of my arrow.

Regarding equipment, just about any bow that you use to hunt big game will do nicely on squirrels. I use a metal blunt mounted on a four-fletched flu-flu arrow. This type of arrow with high-cut feathers travels only 50 yards before landing, and makes arrow retrieval easier. Fletch arrows with bright colored feathers, so they will be easier to locate after a shot. Steel blunts are usually available at most archery shops, or make your own from empty rifle or pistol cartridge casings.

In many areas of the country squirrel season opens before big game season, affording an archer an excellent opportunity to hone bowhunting skills. Take the comment of Tom Frye, Archery Shooters Association World Champion and Shooter of the Year (1993) (Traditional Class) for example says, "I've bow-hunted squirrels all my life. Before the season opens, I practice with my bow by shooting at walnuts in a tree near my home. A walnut is about the size of a squirrel's head, and I always aim for the head."

As you can see these fast little critters can be a formidable challenge for archers, and I don't know of a better way to sharpen bowhunting and stalking skills. Bowhunting squirrels is greatly satisfying and can put your hunting skills to the test. And it adds many hours of enjoyment afield before the big game season opens.

—Greg Hise



Waiting for Old Bushytail

Mid-Atlantic Indoor Sectional Tournament

March 1-2, 1997

**Hosted by
Prince William Archers**
Izaak Walton Drive,
Brentsville, VA

DIRECTIONS TO THE RANGE:

From Manassas: 28 south through Manassas to left on 619, go approximately 4 miles; turn right on Izaak Walton Drive. Where road Y's, continue straight up driveway, through gate to the clubhouse.

From I-95: Take Route 234 north toward Manassas (Exit 152) approximately 8 miles to a left turn on 619. Continue on 619 to a left on Izaak Walton Drive. Where road Y's, continue straight up driveway, through gate to the clubhouse.

From I-66: (Western area) Take Route 29 south approximately 1/4 mile to a left on 619. Continue on 619, crossing Route 28. Go approximately 4 miles, turn right on Izaak Walton Drive. Where road Y's, continue straight up driveway, through gate to the clubhouse.

From I-66: (Eastern area) Take Route 28 south through Centreville and Manassas to a left on Route 619. Go approximately 4 miles, turn right on Izaak Walton Drive. Where road Y's, continue straight up driveway, through gate to the clubhouse.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

February 15, 1997

LATE REGISTRATION:

Additional \$10 late fee.

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

S. M. Straight
Nichol Lane, Apt. 103
Manassas, VA 20110

SHOOTING SCHEDULE:

11am and 5 pm Saturday
10 am and 2 pm Sunday

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Best Western, (703) 368-7070
Days Inn, (703) 368-2800
Old Towne Inn, (703) 368-9191
Hampton Inn, (703) 369-1100
Holiday Inn, (703) 335-0000
Ramada Inn, (703) 361-8000
Red Roof Inn, (703) 335-9333

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

300 Round. No camping facilities.
For additional information, please
contact S. M. Straight,
(703) 368-0804.

VBA 1996 State 3-D Tournament

Rank	Name	Style	Score 1	Score 2	Total
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT					
SC	Teresa Moore	AFBFSUL	210	205	415
2nd	Mildred Back	AFBFSUL	174	146	320
SC	Vicki Burkholder	AFOPENUL	221	232	453
2nd	Kathy Risner	AFOPENUL	210	226	436
3rd	Cay McManus	AFOPENUL	221	204	425
SC	Barbara Howard	AFTRAD	174	153	327
SC	Howard Faris	AMBHBB	189	209	398
2nd	Carroll Willard	AMBHBB	190	199	389
3rd	Bob Baublitz	AMBHBB	156	187	343
	Joe McManus	AMBHBB	175	160	335
SC	Roger Almond	AMBHFSL	232	200	432
2nd	Les Goss	AMBHFSL	209	206	415
3rd	Roger Haun	AMBHFSL	204	205	409
	John Back	AMBHFSL	203	189	392
	Ronnie Hunt	AMBHFSL	181	180	361
	Mitchell Carpenter	AMBHFSL	176	184	360
SC	Darrell Wyant	AMBHFSUL	225	223	448
2nd	Tim McMillin	AMBHFSUL	221	220	441
3rd	Frank Farley, Jr.	AMBHFSUL	219	221	440
	Bob Showers	AMBHFSUL	211	220	431
	Bill Hoffman	AMBHFSUL	220	210	430
	Wesley Stigall	AMBHFSUL	199	219	418
	Billy Burkholder	AMBHFSUL	212	205	417
	Michael Jarrells	AMBHFSUL	208	205	413
	Greg Knight	AMBHFSUL	196	207	403
	Bernie Hostetter	AMBHFSUL	193	204	397
	Jeff Cash	AMBHFSUL	198	187	385
	Rick McCreary	AMBHFSUL	194	185	379
FIRST FLIGHT					
1st	D. J. Butler	AMBHFSUL	186	194	380
2nd	Ken Cason, Jr.	AMBHFSUL	176	190	366
3rd	Timmy Miller	AMBHFSUL	169	193	362
	Chris Leach	AMBHFSUL	177	179	356
	Danny Marshall	AMBHFSUL	179	175	354
	John Marvec	AMBHFSUL	142	198	340
	Russell Slagle	AMBHFSUL	146	189	335
	Brian Sheffer	AMBHFSUL	149	184	333
	Bob Agnew	AMBHFSUL	152	162	314
	Christopher Cash	AMBHFSUL	149	153	302
	James Rankin	AMBHFSUL	139	163	302
	John Cash	AMBHFSUL	147	137	284
	Warran Mullenex	AMBHFSUL	105	98	203
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT					
SC	Bruce Biscoe	AMOPENL	213	220	433
2nd	Noah Painter	AMOPENL	197	213	410
3rd	Ron Snyder	AMOPENL	183	195	378
SC	Jeff Myers	AMOPENUL	244	242	486
2nd	Mike Gilmer	AMOPENUL	237	244	481
3rd	Dwayne Risner	AMOPENUL	242	237	479
	Mike Campbell	AMOPENUL	238	230	468
	Dave Pyle	AMOPENUL	240	227	467
	Jeff Moyers	AMOPENUL	231	225	456
	Roy Strong	AMOPENUL	229	224	453
	David Crouse	AMOPENUL	236	215	451
	Bob Ansel	AMOPENUL	229	221	450
	Charlie Miller	AMOPENUL	237	211	448
	Dale Rucker	AMOPENUL	227	221	448
	Rick Kelley	AMOPENUL	233	213	446
	Phillip Painter	AMOPENUL	234	211	445

Don't forget to check the dues
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VBA 1996 State 3-D Tournament (cont'd)

Rank	Name	Style	Score 1	Score 2	Total
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT					
	Larry Hypes	AMOPENUL	233	212	445
	James Blankenship	AMOPENUL	232	0	232
FIRST FLIGHT					
1st	Chip Groseclose	AMOPENUL	225	231	456
	Kevin Jackson	AMOPENUL	225	224	449
2nd	Richard Bell	AMOPENUL	222	227	449
3rd	Richard Harrelson	AMOPENUL	222	227	449
	Lee Cash	AMOPENUL	211	233	444
	Perry Hypes	AMOPENUL	226	217	443
	Jr. Campbell	AMOPENUL	217	223	440
	Jay Bush	AMOPENUL	220	212	432
	Bobby Utt	AMOPENUL	210	220	430
	James Holsinger	AMOPENUL	223	205	428
	Bruce Burnette	AMOPENUL	207	208	415
	Benny Rankin	AMOPENUL	211	200	411
	Michael Westfall	AMOPENUL	208	164	372
	Jerry Rowan	AMOPENUL	214	0	214
	Roger Corbin	AMOPENUL	208	0	208
SECOND FLIGHT					
1st	Lyle Vines	AMOPENUL	195	208	403
2nd	John Lyle	AMOPENUL	198	201	399
3rd	Bill Fridley	AMOPENUL	193	204	397
	Wesley Truxell	AMOPENUL	195	199	394
	Charlie Stone	AMOPENUL	202	184	386
	Scotty Burnette	AMOPENUL	192	194	386
	Harold Snow	AMOPENUL	188	177	365
	Neil Landes	AMOPENUL	188	174	362
	Travis Parker	AMOPENUL	190	171	361
	Kenny Wilkinson	AMOPENUL	193	166	359
	Steve Wimer	AMOPENUL	184	154	338
	James Corbett	AMOPENUL	186	149	335
	Brad Leininger	AMOPENUL	176	145	321
	Wiley Perry	AMOPENUL	151	143	294
	Steve Frenger	AMOPENUL	159	115	274
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT					
SC	Phillip Howard	AMTRAD	208	201	409
2nd	Judson Howard	AMTRAD	203	180	383
3rd	Alec White	AMTRAD	190	186	376
	Scott Callison	AMTRAD	193	158	351
	Jerome Lindsey	AMTRAD	182	161	343
	Tom Lindsey	AMTRAD	175	160	335
	Sam Leonard	AMTRAD	160	139	299
	Tom Sanford	AMTRAD	78	110	188
SC	Jennifer Maddox	CF	100	132	232
SC	Riley Cox	CM	189	222	411
2nd	Chad Detwiler	CM	182	210	392
3rd	Jake Leonard	CM	188	196	384
	Jason Corbett	CM	194	164	358
	Doug Leininger	CM	133	167	300
SC	Kristina Marcum	YAFOPENUL	195	224	419
SC	Nick Willard	YAMBHFSUL	189	189	378
SC	Dan Leininger	YAMOPENL	131	99	230
2nd	Billy Snyder	YAMOPENL	103	90	193
SC	Chris Perkins	YAMOPENUL	225	225	450
2nd	Kenny Branch	YAMOPENUL	186	165	351
SC	Aaron McMillin	YM	240	244	484
2nd	Ricky Hunsucker	YM	244	225	469
3rd	Aaron Czimmer	YM	162	155	317

From the Office of the VBA Executive State Secretary

As a new year is quickly approaching, it's that time of year again for clubs to begin collecting VBA and NFAA dues for 1997. Club secretaries probably have received, or will shortly, the necessary papers for charter renewals and dues collections. ***If you are no longer your club's secretary, please forward all forms mailed to you to the proper persons, or contact my office at once.***

Lend a hand to your club secretary by paying your dues early and asking new people to join your club and the VBA. Our membership for 1996 was the lowest it has been since the 1980s, and it is a job for all of us to see growth in VBA.

Members who are not planning to shoot in competition may join only the VBA through a local club. If you shoot in competition for awards, however, it is mandatory that you have a valid NFAA handicap card.

Remember that all VBA dues expire on December 31st of each year. Club officers' dues ***must*** be sent in with the club renewal charter before the deadline of January 28, 1997. NFAA will mail the charter renewal forms to clubs. All papers, plus a copy of your club's constitution/by-laws (if changed) must be received before I can process your club's re-charter application. ***Please return all necessary papers to my office at the same time so as to avoid delay. Nothing is to be mailed to NFAA except insurance.***

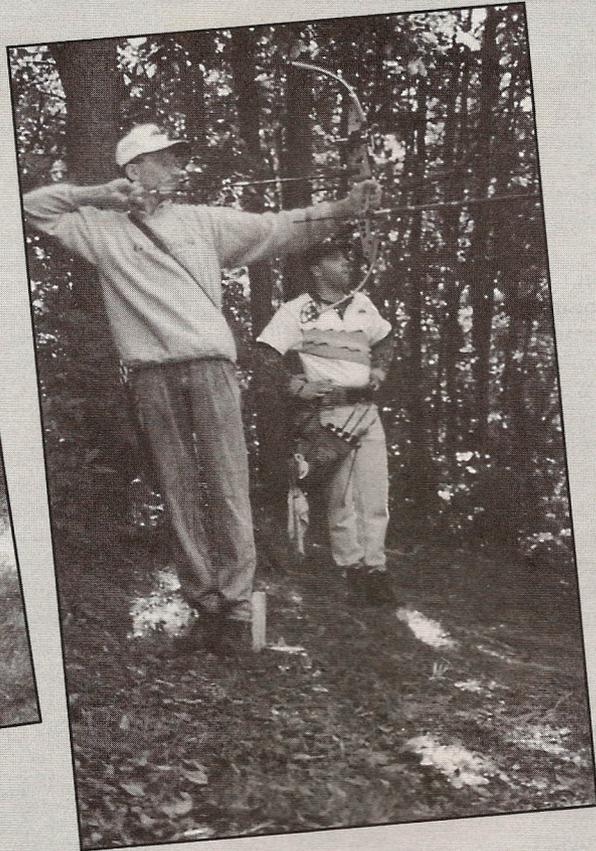
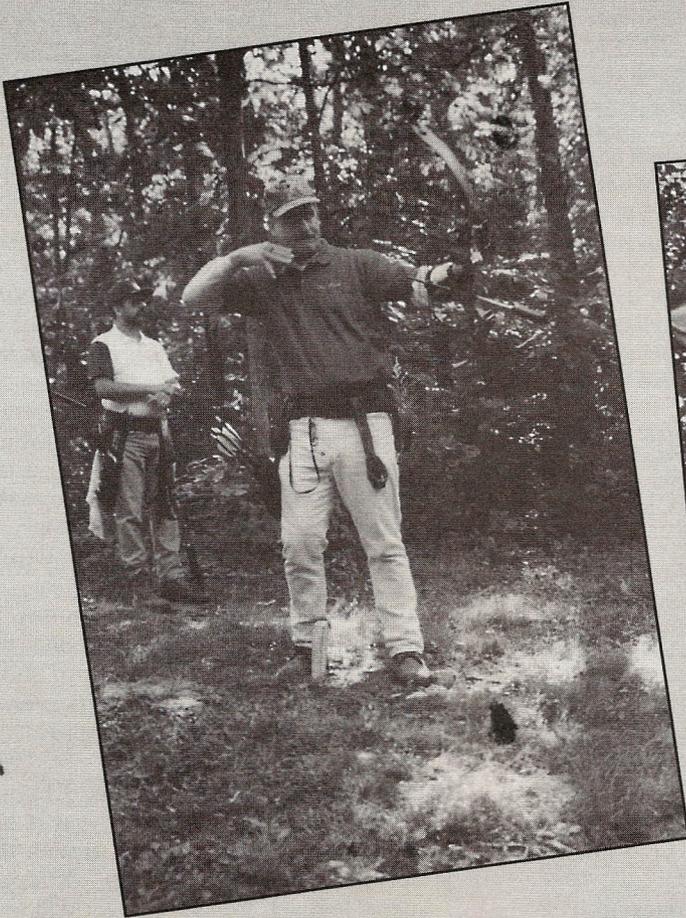
I wish each and every one of you a safe and healthy holiday season. I hope all you bowhunters have had a successful year and remember to mail me your Bill Bennett Big Game Awards applications. I hope all members will work toward the growth of VBA as we need teamwork in order for our sport to grow ***in all ways***. I am always available in the VBA office to offer you any help I can. ↗

— Ann Boyd

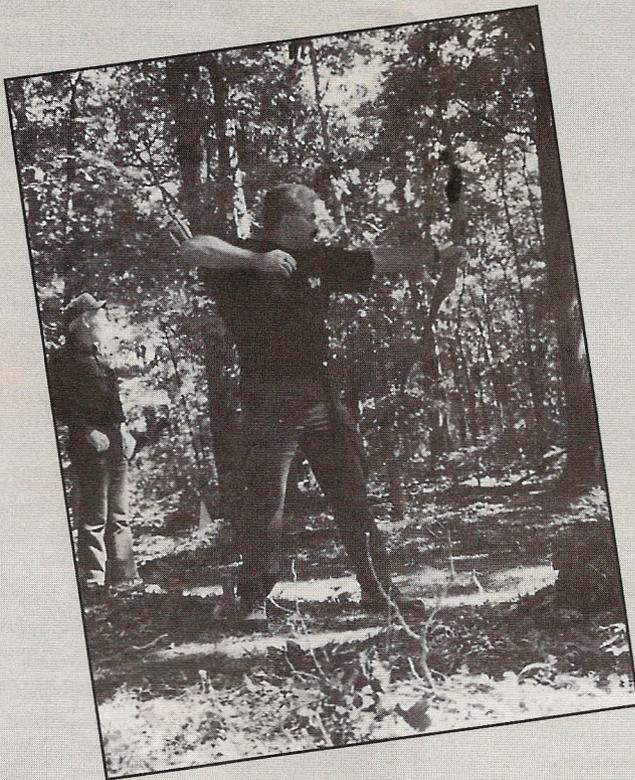
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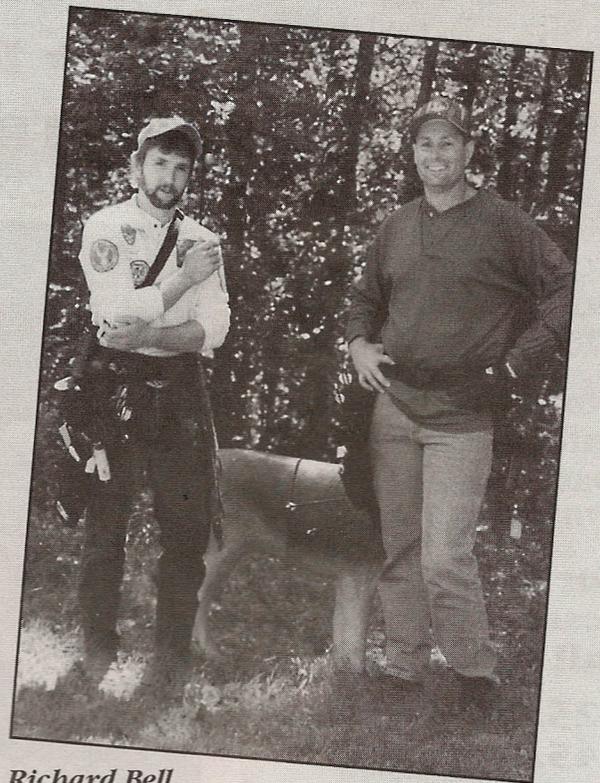
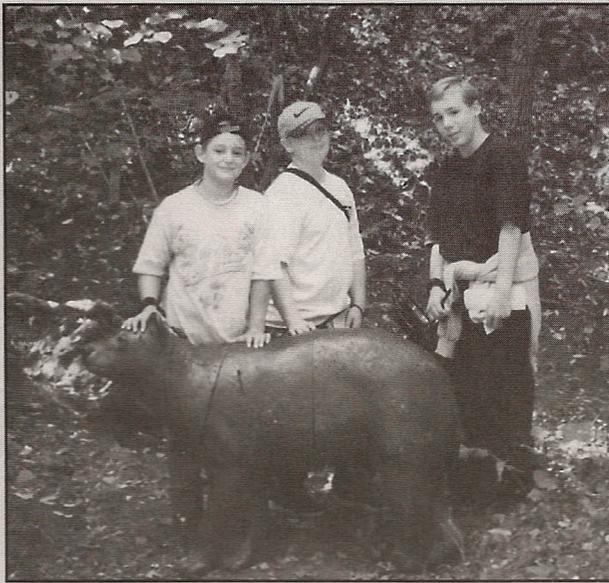
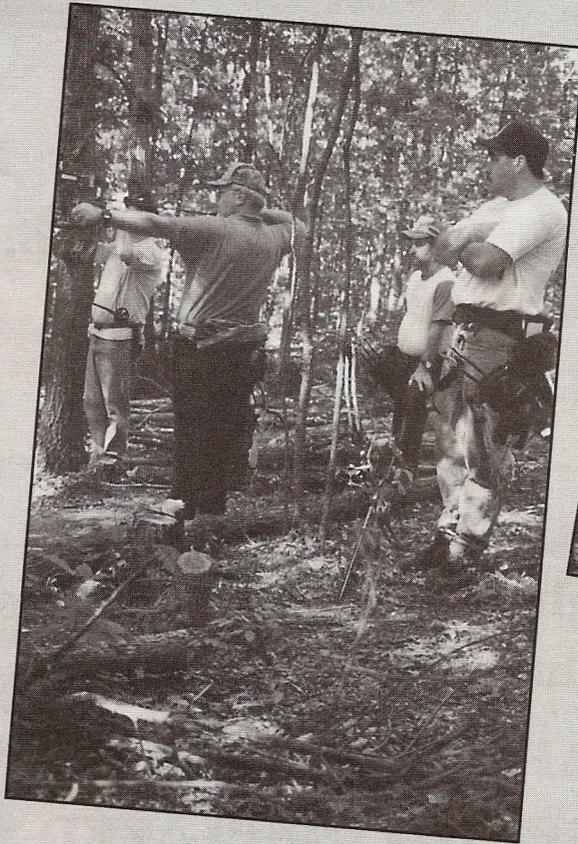


1996 VBA State 3-D Champions

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Richard Bell (left) was the winner of the shootoff against Richard Harrelson (right).

Virginia Bowhunters Association
announces its
Second Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 15, 1997

Mt. Vernon Motel, Charlottesville, Virginia

Social Hour - 6 - 7p.m. • Dinner - 7 - 8 p.m.

• Guest Speaker - 8 - 8:30 p.m.

AWARDS GIVEN FOR:

Biggest Buck (Antlers – Virginia Scoring System)

1st, 2nd, 3rd Places

Biggest Buck (Weight) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Places

Biggest Doe (Weight) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Places

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Contact:
Bob Seltzer,
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For Banquet
Information:
Dave Burpee,
(703) 913-0508.

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reservations,
call (804) 296-5501.

\$25.00 Single
\$45.00 Couple

**Deadline for
Deer Entry:
February 1, 1997.**



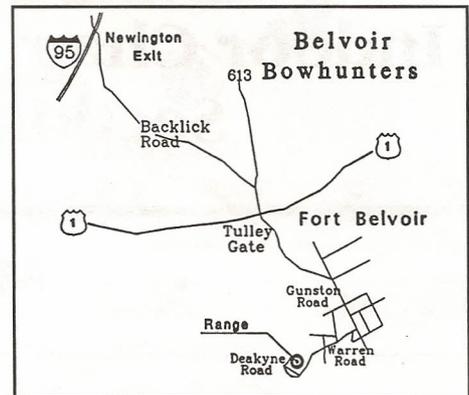
Award winners at the First Annual Awards Banquet.

Belvoir Bowhunters and Northern Virginia Archers Host the VBA State Indoor Championship Sectional

at

Fort Belvoir Outdoor Recreation Area
 Tomkins Basin Indoor Range
 Fort Belvoir (Alexandria), Virginia
March 8 & 9, 1997

*Belvoir and NORVA Welcome You
 Friday Night for Registration and
 Refreshments 7 & 9 p.m.*



Rounds		
	Saturday	Sunday
1st	9 am to 12 noon	8 am to 11am
2nd	12 noon to 3 pm	11 am to 2 pm
3rd	3 pm to 6 pm	2 pm to 5 pm

Registration

1. By mail — must be postmarked by March 1, 1997.
2. Friday, March 7 — 7pm to 9pm.
3. Saturday, March 8 (1 hour only) — 7am to 8am.

Things to Do and See!!

- Potomac Mills Mall
- Woodlawn Plantation
- Historical Alexandria
- Downtown Occoquan
- Washington, D. C.
- Mount Vernon
- Arlington Cemetery

Registration Fees

\$15.00 Each
 \$30.00 Family (three or more)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Best Western, Mt. Vernon	(703) 360-1300	Hunter Lodge	(703) 339-5400
Econo Lodge	(703) 780-0300	Best Western, Lorton	(703) 643-3100

Mention VBA State Indoor Archery Shoot when registering.

STATE INDOOR PRE-REGISTRATION

SINGLE	\$15.00	FAMILY	\$30.00	Adult	Young Adult	Youth	Cub
Name _____				Birthdate if Young Adult, Youth or Cub _____			
Address _____				Month _____	Day _____	Year _____	
Club _____				Round Preference _____			
VBA No. _____				<i>Please make check payable to Belvoir Bowhunters.</i>			
Soc. Sec. No. _____				<i>Send pre-registration forms to either:</i>			
Division (Circle one)				Irene Stocksdale		or Brad Leininger	
FS FSL BH BB BHFS BHFS-L				3304 Bayfield Drive		15236 Cedar Knoll Court	
Male				Dale City, VA 22193		Dumfries, VA 22026	
Female				(703) 670-5003		(703) 799-2532 590-8695	

Augusta Archers Host the VBA Indoor Championship Sectional



March 8 & 9, 1997

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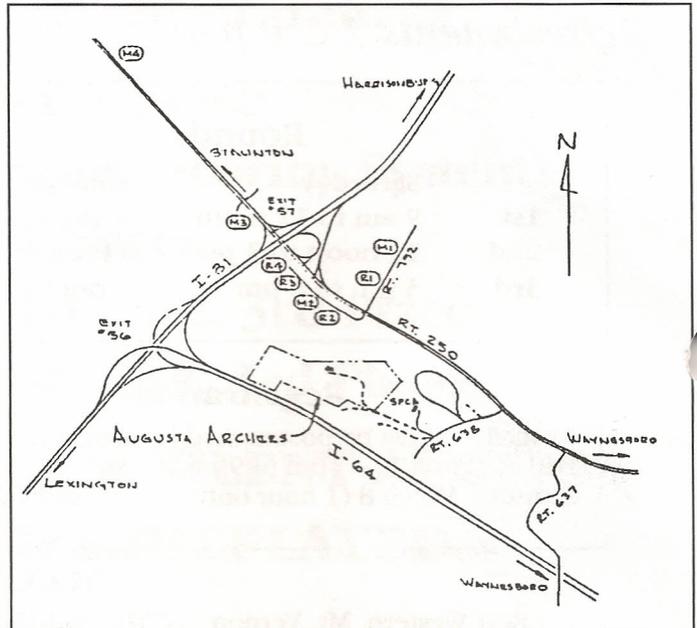
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2nd	12 noon to 3pm	11am to 2pm
3rd	3pm to 6pm	2pm to 5pm

Registration

1. By mail — must be postmarked by March 1, 1997.
2. Friday, March 7 — 7pm to 9pm.
3. Saturday, March 8 (1 hour only) — 7am to 8am.

Registration Fees

\$15.00 Each Shooter
\$30.00 Family (three or more)



SINGLE \$15.00 FAMILY \$30.00

Name _____

Address _____

Club _____

VBA No. _____

Soc. Sec. No. _____

Division (Circle one)
 FS FSL BH BB BHFS BHFS-L
 Male Female

Adult Young Adult Youth Cub

Birthdate if Young Adult, Youth or Cub

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Round Preference _____

Please make check payable to Augusta Archers.

Send pre-registration forms to:

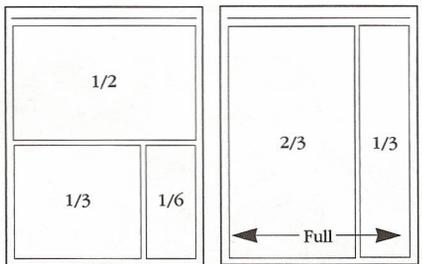
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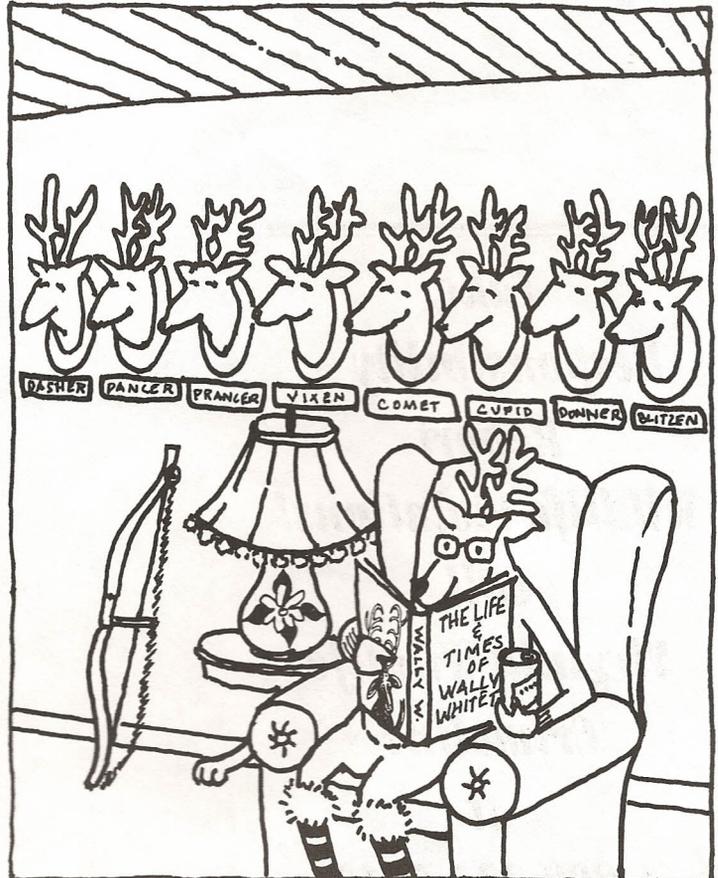
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