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we ~~will~~
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until
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The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be *March 4, 1996*. 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!

From the President

On September 16th and 17th, the 1995 State 3-D Tournament was held, hosted by the Augusta Archers. Augusta Archers did an outstanding job of setting the course and running the shoot. From an archer who gets LOTS of practice looking for arrows on 3-D courses, congratulations and great shooting to the '95 State 3-D Champs. I'm impressed with each and every one of your scores. My sincere thanks go to the Augusta president, Ron Snyder, and the rest of Augusta Archers for hosting another fine 3-D championship.

I look forward with excitement to archery in 1996. The first event on the calendar is the beginning of the indoor season. Many enjoy indoor archery on its own strengths. Others find it to be a great way to keep the skills sharp over the winter and keep friendships active. I encourage all VBA members to make archery a year round sport. Go find a VBA Indoor shoot and put an arrow in a blue target. You'll be glad you did.

On March 9th and 10th, Kingsboro Bowmen will be hosting the 1996 State Indoor Championship. Ed Bickman and the rest of the Kingsboro Bowmen are working hard to bring the VBA the best indoor championship yet. Come spend the weekend on the line with your friends and enjoy the shoot.

March 30, 1996 the Second Annual VBA Bowhunters' Banquet. At this event, chaired by Bowhunting Committee chief Dave Burpee, the VBA pauses to commend and celebrate bowhunters. Dave and his committee will have another great dinner, a guest speaker, awards, and mounts and pho-

tos from hunting seasons past. Last year's event was a great evening, and these banquets only get better with age. Plan on spending a fine evening with the VBA. Bring your wife/girlfriend/husband/boyfriend (but make sure they have separate tables!) to Charlottesville on the 30th. Call me or Bob Seltzer for details. Our phone numbers are listed to the left.

An important vote will be taken at the January VBA meeting. A proposal is under consideration to no longer require a scheduled pin shoot per club each year. The arguments for the proposal are that field ranges are expensive and possibly unnecessary to maintain for 3-D intensive clubs. The arguments against the proposal are that field archery needs the state-wide exposure. However you enjoy archery, I encourage each club member to seriously consider the effect of making pin shoots optional. After careful consideration, give your directors the advice and guidance they need to do what's best for archery and the VBA.

As you read this, many of the VBA members are concluding their 1995 hunting season. As we reflect back on the season, I hope that we measure the success of the hunt, not by antlers, but by enjoyment of the hunt. As we move toward the Christmas season, give the gift of bowhunting to a child. That gift, as it was given to me, is one that will last a lifetime.

From the VBA, myself and my family, I wish you all the very best in 1996. 🏹

—John McLaughlin

"ramblin' round"

From the Hunting Vice President

Here we are into December, with another year quickly coming to an end. The truly sad part is that the deer season is also just about finished for another year. Judging by the number of the Bill Bennett Award applications I've received so far, we, as a group, haven't been very successful this year. Could be that a lot of our successful hunters just haven't applied. Don't forget that the application must be in to Ann Boyd within 90 days of taking the animal. Ann will then send the application to me after she has verified that the applicant

is a member in good standing. I will have the Awards available for club reps at the January VBA meeting.

While we are talking about applications, don't forget the VBA award for the largest buck and doe. These awards are presented at the VBA Banquet in March - your club rep should have the details on the Banquet - and last year we had several applicants in each category. This year I haven't received any yet. I know some of you folks have taken deer this year that you're proud

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From the NFAA Director

I have received the agenda items for the 1996 NFAA Annual Meeting and will have them ready for discussion at the January VBA meeting. Since the NFAA annual meeting will be held at Myrtle Beach this year, and several VBA members have expressed interest in attending, it might be beneficial for them to have following information:

The general session will be called to order at 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 1996. At this time there is the usual call to order, invocation, pledge of allegiance to the flag, roll call, introduction of guests, special announcements, etc.

Some of the Rules of Assembly that may be of interest are:

1. Guests must be seated in the visitors' gallery. They will not be recognized unless such request is made of the Chair by a Committee Chairman or a Director. A guest is considered to be someone other than a Director, Councilperson, Committee Chairman or Officer of the NFAA.

2. Guests are not allowed in Committee meetings unless invited by the Committee Chairman. They should be invited to leave the room before any vote is taken on an item of business. (I

believe most Chairmen would not object to having a guest present.)

3. As a representative of Virginia, I am scheduled to be on the Equipment Committee which will be chaired by our Mid-Atlantic Councilman, Mike LePera.

The meeting will be held at the:

Myrtle Beach Martinique
7100 North Ocean Boulevard
P. O. Box 331
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

I would suggest that anyone wishing to stay there make reservations promptly. ↗

— Clinton Western

From the Corresponding Secretary

1995 is quickly drawing to an end and it's time to begin collecting dues once again. Lend a hand to your club secretary by paying your dues early, and remember that all club members MUST belong to VBA. Members who are not planning to shoot in competition may join only the VBA. If you shoot in competition for awards, however, it is mandatory that you have a valid NFAA handicap card.

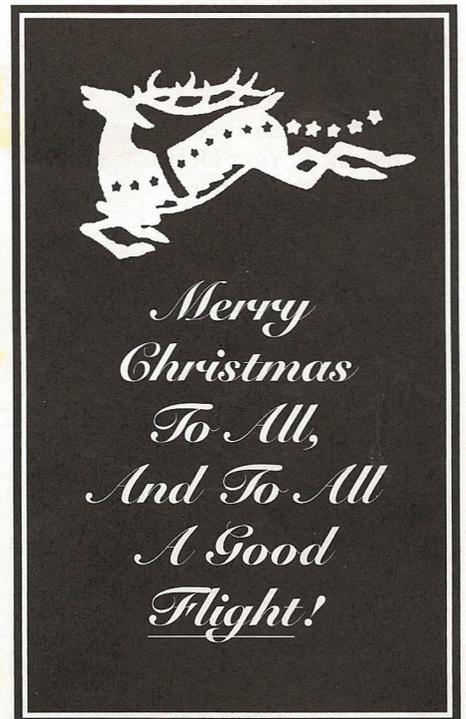
Remember that all VBA dues expire on December 31st of each year. Club officers' dues must be sent in with the club renewal charter before the deadline of January 28, 1996.

By the time this article appears in *Flight*, all club secretaries should have received from me renewal packets and necessary papers for dues. **If you are no longer the club secretary, please forward all VBA and NFAA forms to**

the proper person, or contact my office at once. NFAA will mail the charter renewal forms to each club. 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 to avoid delay. Nothing should be mailed to NFAA except insurance.**

I wish each and every one of you a safe and healthy holiday season. I have enjoyed working with all the VBA clubs this past year and hope we can make 1996 a banner year for membership in VBA. We all need to work together in order for our sport to grow in all ways. I am always available in the VBA office to offer you any help you may need. ↗

— Ann R. Boyd



"ramblin'"

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of, so exercise those bragging rights and let us hear from you. In order to compete, the applications must be in by March 1. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Speaking of giving me a call, I would like to hear from the membership regarding those issues that you think I should be discussing with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. I am, after all, your representative to the Department and should be able to discuss with them your concerns. Unless I hear from you, I don't know what those issues or concerns might be. I must admit, it is disheartening to try to represent folks you don't

ever hear from. I have to assume that everything is going just the way you would like it and there is no reason for me to be concerned.

Don't put your bow away just because the season is over. There are many clubs with indoor ranges around, so take advantage of the opportunity they provide to keep in practice and beat the winter doldrums. Something else you might try is pheasant hunting with a bow. Several of us have tried it the last couple of years and really enjoyed it. I can't say I've eaten a lot of pheasant, but it sure is challenging. There are several shooting preserves in Virginia that stock pheasants and are

glad to have bowhunter. You may want to have a non-bowhunting friend accompany you with a shotgun as backup, since the pheasants cost \$\$ whether you hit them or not. Another possibility that will keep you in the field after game is one of the game preserves. There are several around, but the one in Covington caters specifically to bowhunters. Again, this is not a cheap proposition, but it can be a lot of fun and excitement. Just a few ideas to consider during the winter.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all a Prosperous New Year, and Great Hunting in 1996!!! ↗

— Bob Seltzer

From the Editor

Another year has come to a close and this is the final issue of *Flight* for 1995. I would like to thank all of those who contributed materials (photos, articles, tournament scores, etc.) that helped make a better *Flight* publication. A special thanks to Bob Seltzer for his faithful "ramblin' 'round" articles, and Greg Hise for his hunting stories.

I hope the issues of *Flight* have been enjoyable this year, and I apologize to anyone that had his/her name omitted or misspelled, or for any incorrect score posted in any of the tournament results.

As always, I solicit your help for the Flight in 1996. It's always good to know what other clubs are doing to stimulate interest in their area, whether it's a tournament, carp shoot, 3-D shoot, or some kind of fund raiser. Please take the time to share your club's activities with other VBA members. Your ideas may generate new interest and help increase membership for others.

I wish you all safe and happy Holidays, and just maybe you'll find that new bow or a dozen arrows under the tree!

Walton Park Bowhunters

will host an

NFAA Instructor School

in Lynchburg, Virginia on February 2, 3, & 4, 1996.

Instructor:

M. J. Rogers

Cost of the course is \$60.

For more information, call Al Baughman (evenings) at 804-525-7427.

Club News

Sherwood's Jamboree A Rewarding Success

National Bowhunting and Archery Day was celebrated at Sherwood Archers in the form of a Jamboree. We held the Jamboree on September 23 and 24 and enjoyed the company of 133 visitors to our club. Many of these were non-members and they came from all over. Some were from out of state!

The event was advertised on TV and in newspapers and magazines. Everyone was invited - from the Novice to the Seasoned Archer. All events were free. Our guests were given a brief tour, some safety rules and a list of events. They were allowed to shoot 3-D, animal and field targets. We even had a short range of broad-head mats.

Inside we had a mini-museum of the history of archery and some artifacts. Information and displays were available about VBA, NFAA, IBO, Izaak Walton and Department of Game and

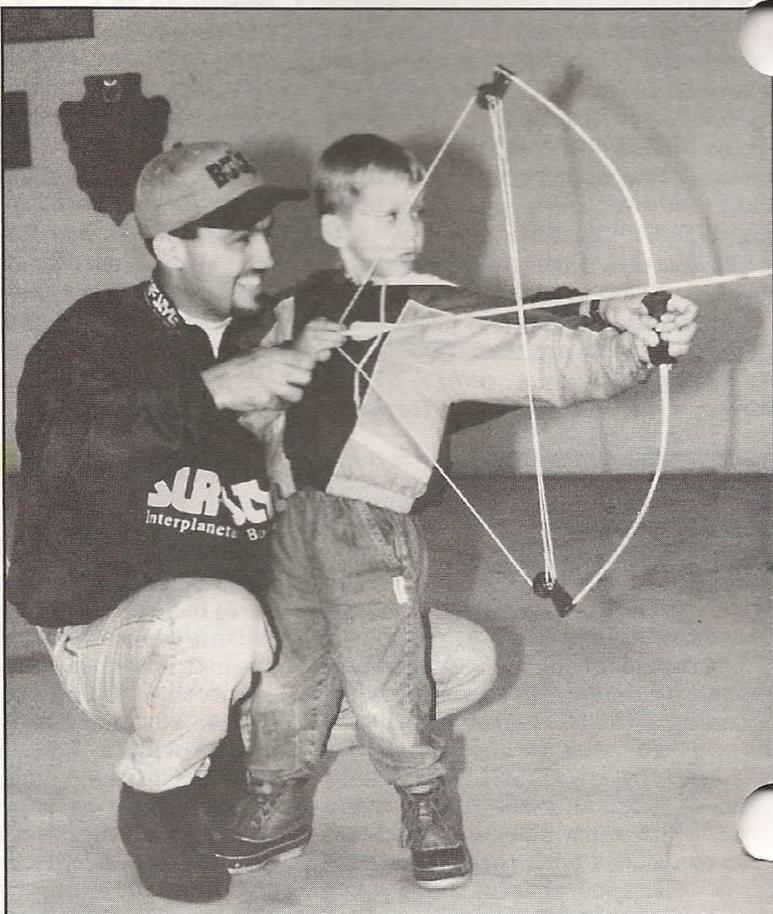
I n l a n d Fisheries. Videotapes were played throughout the weekend on various subjects, from bowtuning to the latest hunting techniques.

Many of our visitors enjoyed free lessons in archery. A Girl Scout troop that came in early Saturday caught the "archery bug" and plan to return in the spring to earn their badges. Some of the guests were having problems with their bows and really

appreciated the help and instruction they received.

All food served was graciously donated by our members. Most of the printing for flyers and advertising was donated. Door prizes were either donated or left over from previous events. We had to do a lot of planning and a lot of work, but we were able to keep our expenses to a minimum.

We know that our guests enjoyed themselves - they said so! But what was so great is that we did, too. It was so much fun to see all of them coming and going with smiles - the children and adults shooting for the first time and loving it. It was surprising how many people did not even know we existed and came not knowing anything about archery, but they left knowing something and wanting to know more. It was a very rewarding experience for us and we plan to do it again. We hope you will try it, too!



Wesley Brugh receives some archery pointers from Dad.

Camouflage for Hunters

I could feel my heart pounding in my throat as the doe feeding under my tree stand lifted her head in my direction. She seemed to stare right through me. Seconds later she twitched her tail, lowered her head and began to feed once again. Though she had spotted me, my human form had been broken by my camouflage. Long ago I realized the value of large patterned camo versus small when deer hunting from a tree stand. Many camouflage clothing manufacturers advertise by showing pictures of hunters in a tree which has foliage, blending in very well with their surroundings. Nevertheless, this is where I have a problem. Most hunters continue hunting during late fall and winter from their tree stands when trees no longer have leaves. The camouflage that once hid a hunter so well now gives his presence away easily. The hunter becomes a "Big Blob" as a result of his silhouette.

Chances are very good that the animal will see the hunter long before the hunter locates his quarry. To be a successful hunter, especially a bowhunter, you need to have a camouflage pattern that works for, and not against you.

Camouflage clothing is comparable to automobiles - everybody prefers a different brand or style, although only a few are effective. I break camouflage down into two categories. The first pattern is basically pleasing to the human eye but is actually worthless as camouflage. This pattern utilizes small bark and leaf designs integrated with a dark background, which looks great very close. Now place a hunter in a tree stand, move away from the tree to where the animal

would be seen. Those small bark and leaf patterns disappear almost every time and turn into one dark color, allowing you to be silhouetted against the sky. The best camouflage clothing incorporates a light colored background with a large dark branch pattern. The branches are actually three shades, giving a three dimensional effect and breaking up a silhouette very effectively. Two companies have accomplished this very well.

The first camouflage on the market to use a tree branch pattern was Greg Haskell's Skyline. This pattern was revolutionary at hiding a tree stand hunter's silhouette after the leaves

have fallen. It is also amazing in snow - you virtually disappear. Skyline Camo has also developed a three-dimensional camouflage with nine separate colors with broken patches that represent treetops, branches, leaves, bark and shadows to blend in any terrain in tree stands or on the ground. Skyline calls it the "Ultimate" and "Ultimate Green-leaf" for turkey hunters or early season bow hunters.

Another very effective pattern, and one that I would highly recommend is ASAT Camo by Brigade Quartermasters. This pattern is one of my favorites. ASAT stands for All-Season All-Terrain. As the name implies, this

pattern blends excellently in any terrain and any season of the year. There is no need to change from one hunt to another. A hunter has many options and can even choose an oversized lightweight outfit to wear over heavy clothes, or use alone for warmer weather.

Webster's Dictionary defines camouflage as "A means of concealment of persons or material, especially one that makes them appear to be part of the natural surroundings."

Tree stand hunters striving to virtually disappear in pursuit of their quarry are well advised to look into these superior designs. If not available at your local dealer, call the following for more information:

Brigade Quartermasters
1025-31A Cobb
International Boulevard
Kennesaw, GA
30144-4300
1-800-338-4327

Skyline Camo
184 Ellicott Road
West Falls, NY
14170
1-800-997-7955

-Greg Hise



Never mind Waldo — Where's Greg?



Tony Hall of Galax poses with his 5-point buck.

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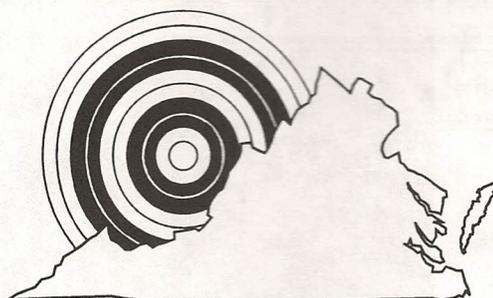
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Sunday,

February 25, 1996

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\$8 First Round, \$2 Additional Rounds

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Sights/Fingers • Sights/Release

No Sights/Traditional • M, F, YA, Y, C

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Mini Tour 1996

**May 5, 10 am, Sunday
New River Archers**

**June 9, 10 am Sunday
Triangle Archers**

**June 23, 10 am Sunday
Wythe Bowhunters**

**July 20, 10 am Saturday
Sherwood Archers**

**\$10 registration fee,
70% payback to the shooters!**

**10 shooters per FLIGHT,
plus TIES**

**1st Place 60%, 2nd Place 25%,
3rd Place 15%**

**All Shooting Styles and
All Age Groups as Defined by
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**Target will be Field Target
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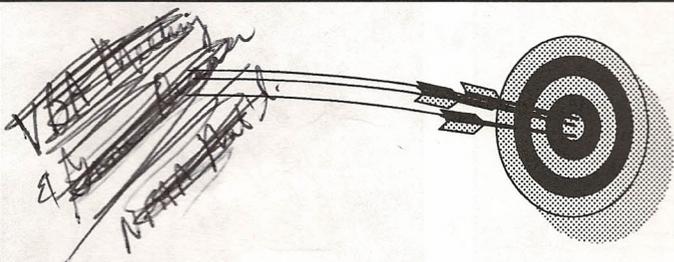
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15 targets, 60 arrows.**

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The more shooter registered, the
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**This official NFAA round is a very enjoy-
able round. The 80 and 70 are NOT
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**The idea of this Mini-Tour evolved at the
September '95 VBA meeting by Bobby
Utt and Lloyd Overfelt of New River;
C. D. Miller, director of Wythe, and
member of Triangle; Jim Overfelt, director
of Triangle; and John VanLew, director of
Sherwood.**

**The purpose is to provide a money
shoot, a shortened round, the opportuni-
ty to introduce a new archer or 3-D
shooter to target archery! This Mini-Tour
is an OPEN event and we encourage you
invite all your friends to shoot. Help us
advertise these events and support each!**



CUB RUN ARCHERS PIN SHOOT

Sunday, March 31, 1996

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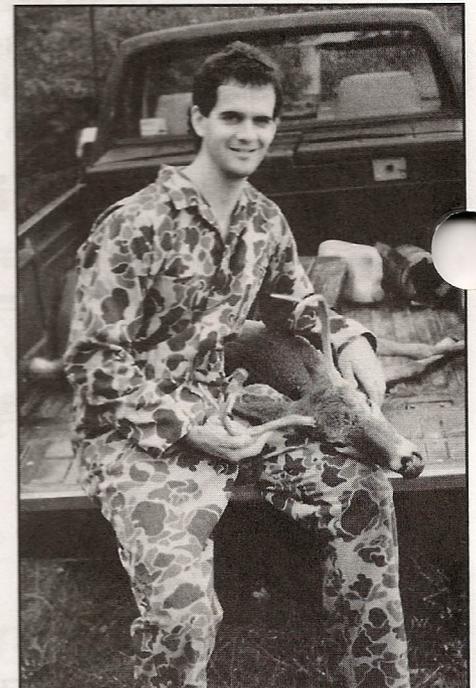
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Walter Hynes shows off his eight-point buck.



Andre Hertzler



This five-point buck is Travis Dorman's first deer taken with a bow.



Terry Dorman proudly displays his 8-point buck.

Virginia Bowhunters Association
announces its

Second Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 30, 1996

Mt. Vernon Motel, Charlottesville, Virginia

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

• Speaker/Awards - 8 p.m.

AWARDS GIVEN FOR:

Biggest Buck (Antlers – Virginia Scoring System)

1st, 2nd, 3rd

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

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

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\$20.00 Single

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Deadline for Deer Entry:

March 1, 1996

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Whitetail
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is
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Kingsboro Bowmen Host State Indoor Championship



at
*Tidewater Community College,
Frederick Campus, Suffolk, Va.
March 9 & 10, 1996*

Kingsboro Welcomes You Friday Night

Refreshments—7-9 p.m.

at Tidewater Community College
Improved Lighting

	ROUNDS	
	Saturday	Sunday
1st	9 a.m.-12 noon	8 a.m.-11 a.m.
2nd	12 noon-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
3rd	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Please Note: 3 Rounds Shooting will be on one side only.
Practice will be available on other side!

Registration

- By Mail: Must be postmarked by March 2, 1996
- Friday (March 8) 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Saturday (March 9) (1 hour only) 7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Registration Fees

- \$15.00 Each
- \$30.00 Family

Area Motels

Area Motels	Phone #	Approx. Distance to Shoot
Suffolk Holiday Inn	1-800-934-2311	20 Miles
Portsmouth/Portside Holiday Inn	1-804-393-2573	10 Miles
Churchland Econo Travel	1-804-484-6143	3 Miles
Churchland Hampton Inn	1-804-484-5800	3 Miles
Churchland Super 8 Motel	1-804-686-8888	3 Miles

At Portsmouth Holiday Inn, ask for VBA special rates.

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Northwest River Park, Chesapeake, VA 23322 Phone: 1-804-421-7151

State Indoor Pre-Registration

Single \$15.00 Family \$30.00 Unlimited-Release Yes No

Name: _____ Adult Young Adult Youth Cub

Address: _____ Birthdate if Young Adult, Youth or Cub

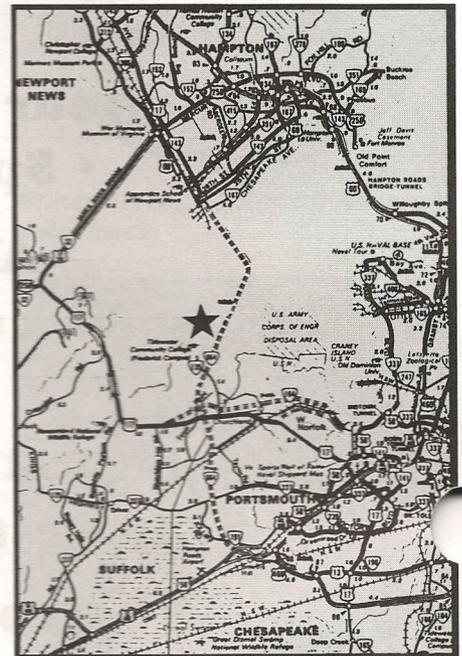
Club: _____ Month Day Year

VBA No. _____ Round Preference: _____

Soc. Sec. No. _____ Send Pre-Registration form to:

Division - Circle One
FS FSL BH BB BHFS BHFSL
Limited-Finger Shooter Yes No
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- ★ Williamsburg Pottery - A shopper's dream come true! Williamsburg, Virginia, approximately 50 miles.
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- ★ Virginia Marine Science Museum Virginia Beach, Virginia
- ★ Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum Portsmouth, Virginia
- ★ The Chrysler Museum Norfolk, Virginia
- ★ The Waterside - Food, fun, shopping marketplace available by pedestrian ferry from Portsmouth waterfront.

More information on places to go, stay, dine and just plain have fun will be available at the registration table.

Things to do for the entire family.

See you soon!!

For further information contact:

Ed Bickham
6353 Godwin Blvd.
Suffolk, VA 23432
804-255-2294

Applications for Bill Bennett Big Game Award Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc.

Date _____ 19 _____

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(please print name as it appears on VBA membership card) *(street address)*
(city, state and zip code)

_____ , which is described below, and that I was a member of Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc. in good standing at that time. A description of my game and equipment appears below.

Signed _____

VBA Club Affiliation: _____

Location of kill: _____
(town) *(county)* *(state)*

Species of game taken: _____ Date of kill _____

Big Game tag number: _____ To be a legal kill, all game must be checked through a registered checking station.

Time of day: _____ a.m./p.m. Distance of shot: _____ yards.

Distance game traveled after being hit: _____ Number of hits: _____

Location of hits on body: _____

Shooting position: _____ Sitting/standing/kneeling.

Hunting method: Treestand _____ Ground blind _____ Stalking _____ Other _____

Sex of game: _____ Number of points, if buck: _____ Spread of antlers: _____ inches.

Field dressed weight of game: _____ lbs. Draw weight of bow: _____ lbs.

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

Brand name and number of blades of broadhead: _____

Is this your first bow kill in Virginia? _____

How many Big Game Awards have you received? _____ If any, please check the following in the proper space and give year of kill.

Plaque: _____ Subsequent awards: _____ 1, _____ 2, _____ 3, _____ 4, _____ 5, _____ 6,
_____ 7, _____ 8, _____ 9, _____ 10, _____ 11, _____ 12, _____ 13, _____ 14.

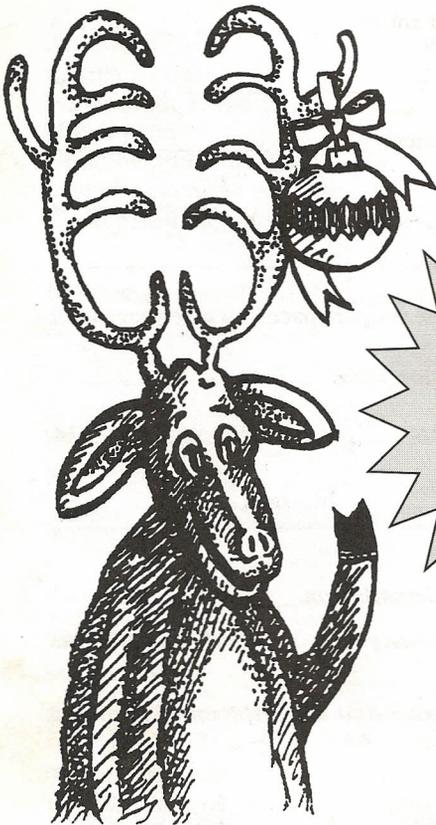
Signature of witness: _____
(person who saw game after it was killed)

The statistics requested on this application are important to VBA and the Virginia Game Commission.
This application must be returned within 90 days of kill to VBA Corresponding Secretary Ann R. Boyd, 154 Wilkins Ave, Winchester, VA 22602.

Note to applicant: If possible, please include a picture of yourself with game, giving name and description of game on back of picture for identification. The picture will be placed in the VBA Big Game Album.

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