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Clint Keller, a newer member of Two Rivers Archery Club in Front Royal, had two great hunts in Rappahannock County. The 8-point to his right was taken Oct. 29 at first light at 15 yards. The 10-point was taken the next morning from the same stand at 9:10 am at 17 yards. Clint was actually concentrating on bear when these opportunities were presented. A side note – he took another 8-point in the same stand the opening day of rifle season. Some stand!

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your contributions!

From the President

The sport of archery lost a great ambassador in October when Vic Matthews died and I lost a wonderful friend. Many of you knew him well; some knew him from VBA archery tournaments and other competitions around the state, nation and world. Still others knew him only by reputation. I'd like to tell you a little about our ambassador and my friend.

Victor J. Matthews was almost 90 when he passed following a short illness after a fall that broke his hip. I met him about 20 years ago while shooting archery – his favorite sport. Vic was always smiling and upbeat and was constantly ready to lend a helping hand with new archers, scouts or anybody with a question at an archery range.

Vic was also a world traveler. About May or June of every year he would load up his truck, hook up the trailer and head out for the summer. As he meandered about the country he would shoot tournaments everywhere he went, eventually winding up wherever the Nationals were being held that year. He never stayed at a campground. When he got to a town he would look up Archery Ranges in the Yellow Pages and call to see if he could shoot a round and stay the night. Vic developed a network of friends across the country who loved for him to stop by to visit, shoot and fish. He never lacked for a good place to rest.

Vic was a World Champion archer. He competed in New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa and Australia. He shot in many National, Mid-Atlantic and State Championships plus local shoots in the DC area and many other events across the nation. Pretty much everywhere Vic went, people knew him. If asked, they would always say, "Oh, you mean the old guy with the hat – I know him."

For Vic, it was not about winning the tournament – it was about the people he met and the camaraderie and fellowship that came with competing in the tournaments and sitting around telling tales (truth or fiction!) after the tournament. And, you could usually find him relaxing with a sip of scotch nearby.

Vic was always quick witted and funny. At a National tournament in which he and Jim McDonald were the only two participants in their class I saw him lean over while on the podium and say something to Jim who had won. Jim laughed. I asked Vic later what he had said and he replied, "I just asked him how it felt to finish next to last in the Nationals." Another time, when returning from one of the World shoots, I asked how he had done and he said, "In every organization there has to be a foundation." He explained by adding that he had not shot well but had held all the other guys up with his score.

My favorite saying of Vic's is "Old age and treachery will beat youth and agility every time."

Vic was a member of the VBA Order of the Golden Feather, a crowning achievement for his archery exploits because the honor recognized all his contributions to the sport beyond tournament participation. Vic was much more than an archer, however, and those present at his funeral service were privileged to learn about Vic the champion boxer while in the military, Vic the military pilot who trained other pilots for wartime missions, Vic the father and grandfather who made life-changing impressions on all whom he touched in his family.

Vic will be sorely missed. He was always ready to go anywhere with my family, whether it was shooting, dancing or just going out to eat.

Top O' the morning to you, Vic. 

From the Executive Vice-President

Time. It is a precious gift. There is only so much of it. It can be fleeting. Don't waste it.

I was thinking about time this past Thanksgiving holiday. Relaxing with family in Chicago and enjoying the newest (one month old) of the four grandchildren, I was reminded how gently time slips through our fingers. It only seems like yesterday that I graduated from high school – 50 years ago. It only seems like yesterday that I was dodging bullets in Vietnam – 42 years ago. It only seems like yesterday that my second child was born – 35 years ago. It only seems like yesterday that I retired from the Army – 17 years ago. It only seems like yesterday that my first grandchild was born – 10 years ago. And it seems surreal that a future tomorrow will be the last tomorrow -- hopefully far off, but who really knows.

Because time is such a valuable commodity, I am extremely glad and very proud to be a member of the VBA family and be given the opportunity to observe how our members spend their time.

Many of you are avid tournament archers and spend a considerable portion of your time on a range either practicing or shooting for a score. By itself, this is a worthy use of time, but more importantly I see you enjoy the camaraderie of your friends and the companionship of your family. How well you do matters not. What matters is the time spent in pursuit of a goal and in the presence of family and friends.

Many of you are avid hunters and spend a considerable portion of your time on a range practicing or in the woods seeking an animal. These are also worthy uses of your time and equally important put you in contact with your friends, family and nature. Whether you harvest an animal matters not. What matters is your quality time with those you love and respect and with the outdoors you honor.

Obviously many of you enjoy the benefits of both worlds. If not, I'd like to encourage you to take some of the time you might otherwise fritter away and redirect it to either tournament archery or hunting. We can always use more archers and their families at VBA or Club shoots. The numbers who show up are small compared to our membership. Time at the range will be not only time well spent in terms of the sport, but will also expand time with friends and sharpen tournament or hunting skills. Likewise, time in the woods for those who have not hunted can open new vistas of enjoyment and experiences that will enhance time that might otherwise be 'wasted.'

There are other great uses of your time: in prayer at the church of your choice, involvement as a volunteer for your favorite charity, quietly reading a book, writing a letter to a distant relative or friend, helping a wounded warrior. The list goes on and is limited only by your imagination and interests.

Paul Vogel's article about his friend Vic Matthews was in many ways an article about a man who made good use of his time. He identified his priorities in life and then spent his quality time working towards goals in each of his areas of interest. He kept life simple – do what you enjoy and do it as much as possible. We could all take a lesson from that example.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy 2011. Enjoy your time with friends and family. Remember, time is a precious gift. There is only so much of it. It can be fleeting. Don't waste it. ☹️



What is it?

Look at the cover of this magazine. Under the arrow fletching that is to the left of the logo you will see the following: (200-220). These numbers are on the cover of every issue of FLIGHT and never change.

I have asked and no one seems to know what the numbers mean. So, I'm asking for help – especially from the "old timers." If you know the significance of those numbers, let me know ASAP otherwise I'll likely remove the numbers soon. After all, if I can't explain what is on the cover, why have it..... Call me at 703-913-0508 or e-mail to burpeed@verizon.net. *Let's solve this mystery!* ☹️

From the Hunting Vice-President

By the time you read this, most of your hunting season will be over unless you are involved in the Urban Hunting programs across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I read with interest where the VDGIF is looking for more hunters! The agency is sending postcards to former hunting license holders. They are hoping to entice more hunters to help keep our more-than-1-million-strong deer population under control. What an opportunity to introduce someone next year to help the Game department and possibly introduce someone to our great sport of bowhunting!

When I first got into bowhunting and archery many years ago, I believe what kept me in the sport was the personal interest showed to me by other bowhunters and archers. They offered me help with free instructions, borrowed equipment, hunting locations, and allowed me to join in with their club and their hunts. The skills to become accurate came steadily until my coach, Durwood Nails, figured out after a couple of years that I was left eyed. I had occasionally thrown arrows completely off of the target. Usually at long distances, so he thought I just was not concentrating and following through. So after changing over to shoot left-handed, I did do better. This interest from a fellow archer probably served to “hooking” me for life.

I suggest each one of you find someone that may not be a member but visits your range or hunting area and make a point of “hooking” him or her for life!! A small amount of your time helping the persons or persons will go a long way towards bringing new hunters into our flock. It could be in the form of helping the person get aiming points (if no sights) or helping get the bow tuned to a sight or new rest. Share your knowledge with them about your hunting successes and/or target shooting accomplishments. You can also tell them about the great organization you are a member of – the VBA.

I would also like to apologize for the misinformation I published in the last *FLIGHT* article. I understood at the time I sent it in that the elk season would be closed in 2010. At the October 5 meeting, it was decided by the VDGIF to allow the use of deer tags to hunt elk as it has been in the past few years. I am sure there was some way to have found this out, however I did not. I hope I did not cost you an elk!!

An important upcoming event is the 16th Annual VBA Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, Mar. 19th at Moose Lodge #1686 (take Exit 243 off I-81 & Rt. 11, Harrisonburg). The social hour starts at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 7 p.m. and the awards ceremony at 8 p.m. Our speaker is Mr. Mark Duda, the CEO of Responsive Management. Mark’s company does research worldwide on hunting and recreational issues. His work is used by states and the federal government to analyze issues related to hunting and associated questions. He has spoken to the Belvoir Bowhunters and received very high marks. His work can be viewed at <http://www.responsivemanagement.com>.

We are very lucky to see the resources of our Commonwealth managed in a high quality manner with experienced and dedicated staff to ensure future generations have a healthy herd for everyone’s use. They have a great website full of information!

I am still looking for a volunteer to be the Chairman of the VBA Bowhunting Committee. This position is vacant. The duties are simple but important -- host a short meeting at each VBA quarterly meeting, discuss and write down the ideas from the committee members (also volunteers) and share the ideas with me. I will attempt to follow up and see where we can go to accommodate and make the idea work for all of the bowhunters in the VBA and state. The committee members are usually club delegates from the various clubs that come to each meeting; however any VBA member can serve on the committee and also can be the Chairman. The volunteer only needs to be committed to make four meetings a year. There are several large clubs near Harrisonburg where the VBA quarterly meetings are held. You won’t be alone – previous chairmen will be available to help.

I look forward to hearing from someone that would like to step up and do the job. Also, it would be great to hear from members who want to be part of the committee. Send me an email at bick333@msn.com or phone me at 757-255-2294.

Again I would like for everyone to get involved! Do your part in extending the sport 

From the Publicity Director

Wow, what a great year the VBA had in 2010!

Bowhunters displayed their trophy bucks, bear and/or turkeys at our Fifteenth Awards Banquet and also had their photos in *FLIGHT*; archers, both young and seniors, broke many records at all the Indoor and Outdoor State Tournaments; clubs hosted charity shoots for Hunters for the Hungry, the March of Dimes, and the Children's Miracle Network among others; memorable R-100 Rinehart, Big Apple, Iron Man, BH Jamboree, Club annual and many other shoots were held; VBA sponsored a successful St. Jukes Children's Research Hospital charity shoot; members contributed many wonderful and exciting articles, hunting adventures and stories in *FLIGHT*; a new Trail Camera contest was initiated; the VBA webpage survey set in motion what will hopefully be a new and improved web site; our new IBEP Director made great progress with the VDGIF towards a viable statewide IBEP program; VBA was represented at several VDGIF Advisory Group sessions; members volunteered their time at sportsmen shows and put in many hours to help the VDGIF with their activities and events. The list goes on -- THANKS to all who helped advance the VBA.

At this time, I hope each of you will take a 'brief moment of silence' to remember the five Order of the Golden Feather members who passed away in 2010: William M. Bennett III, Harry Benton, Donald P. Frenier, Eugene Limerick and Victor J. Matthews. We honor them for their dedication and long service in archery as well as to their clubs and the VBA.

With the 2010-2011 bowhunting seasons ending, I want to remind everyone to send their 'Application for VBA Game Awards' to Marie Bell. Your application must be returned within 90 days of harvest, but NLT than March 1st, along with your photo(s). The application and details are in the fall and winter issue of *FLIGHT*. Also, looking forward, the 2011 VBA Calendar of Events is in *FLIGHT* and on our website.

The other day, I was going through some materials that I had on-hand for this year's VBA information packets and was reviewing them to determine what club brochures I still needed. It just so happened that I picked up the original 'red' VBA manual. I would like to share with you a few items in that document. One item of note was the fact that the VBA was established in 1941 and therefore will have its 70th anniversary this year. Also of interest were the "Code" and "Commandments."

Field Archer's Safety Code

1. ALWAYS call "timber-r-r" before starting to shoot as warning to others who may not have cleared the shooting line or target area.
 2. ALWAYS leave one member of your party standing in front of the target while you are looking for lost arrows as warning to others following on the course. If you are alone, leave your bow crossing the face.
 3. NEVER release an arrow when you cannot see where it will land. NEVER "flight shoot" an arrow in the woods. NEVER shoot straight up, as you retrieve it.
 4. NEVER shoot a broken arrow. Inspect each arrow carefully.
 5. ALWAYS have your arrows marked with your name and address.
 6. REMEMBER AT ALL TIMES THAT A BOW AND ARROW IS A DEADLY WEAPON. AS DANGEROUS AS A GUN IN THE HANDS OF AN IRRESPONSIBLE PERSON.
 7. NEVER attempt to demonstrate your skill by using a person as a target or by permitting another to hold the object at which you shoot.
 8. NEVER brace another's bow without his permission, and NEVER draw it under any circumstances.
 9. NEVER draw your bow on any object which you do not intend to shoot.
 10. PROTECT YOUR SPORT BY BEING CAREFUL AND SURE WHEN YOU SHOOT.
- (You are the best advertisement Archery can have, so be sure you are leaving a good impression, character wise and morally.)

Ten Commandments for Archers

1. Let us keep ourselves as our ARROWS --- straight.
2. Let us not be too proud to bend backward – as our BOW – to be friendly.
3. Let us adjust our SIGHTS so that our AIMS will be good.
4. Let us HOLD to good sportsmanship.
5. Let us RELEASE our arrows and thoughts without fault.
6. Let us FOLLOW THRU all ideas for the advancement of Archery.
7. Let us be as considerate to others as we are to our TACKLE.
8. Let us NOCK our arrows – not knock others.
9. Let us remember, unkind words pierce deeper than an ARROW shot from the most powerful BOW.
10. Let us include in our TACKLE BOX – Smiles, Kindness, Friendliness, Wit and LOVE.

Yours in Archery ~~ Irene Stocksdale 

From the NBEF/IBEP Director

In the spring issue *FLIGHT*, I reported that SGT David Dodson, State Hunter Education Coordinator for the VDGIF, had volunteered to assume the role of IBEP coordinator for the Commonwealth of Virginia. I mentioned that a core cadre of IBEP instructors would be developed from the current population of the VDGIFs certified Hunter Safety instructors from around the state. Once a sufficient number of Hunter Safety instructors have also been cross trained as IBEP instructors, these individuals will serve as the lead instructors for IBEP classes across the state.

I'm very pleased to report that this initiative is moving forward! This Sept. the first IBEP Instructor Class was held at the Holiday Lake Education Center (near Appomattox, VA), with new IBEP instructors from various areas around the state (Virginia Beach, Stafford, Woodbridge, Bastian, Fredericksburg, Meadowstown, Aylett, Clearbrook, Indian Valley, Wirtz, Saltville, Oakwood, Stuarts Draft, Powhatan, to name a few) being trained and certified. These instructors are the first of many more, as the VDGIF continues to expand this program over the next several years.

So where should you go if you want to see if an IBEP class can be scheduled in your area? SGT Dodson indicated that archers should contact the appropriate regional hunter education coordinators if they need a class. A list of regional offices and contact numbers can be found on the internet at: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/about/offices.asp>. The regional coordinators have a list of instructors to call on and can assist you in getting in contact with an IBEP instructor. There have already been a few classes scheduled and conducted. As more become available, they can be found at the VDGIF web site: <http://www3.dgif.virginia.gov/ClassSchedule/ClassSearch.aspx>.

Good Hunting!

Bob 

Idea Corner

The last issue of *FLIGHT* had stories that included information about peep sights and shooting through them in low light conditions. Greg Singleton of the Belvoir Bowhunters sent this idea:

If you are not able to see through the peep in low light conditions, try and shoot with both eyes wide open, just like clay target shooters do. With both eyes open, you'll see two sight pin images when you focus on the target. As long as you know which one of the two sight pin images is the correct one to use to aim at the target, keeping both eyes open allows much more light to get into the aiming eye, which allows for a better shot when the deer are most active. If you're shooting right handed, then your right eye is the aiming eye, so you want to use the left sight pin image to aim at the target; left handed shooters use the right image. And then practice in low light conditions.

Three Times is a Charm

by

Greg Singleton, Belvoir Bowhunters

Sometimes everything works out just right; and sometimes it doesn't. For me, it all went right this hunting season – three weeks in a row.

I was in my general deer hunting area Sat. afternoon Oct. 30th doing some scouting and had not planned on hunting. On a whim, since I was in the area, I decided to try sitting in a different tree at the spot where I saw a 10-pointer earlier in the year. It was 5:30pm, and I had just gotten up in the tree with my bow and had put on my head net and gloves. About 30-seconds after I got my last glove on (last step of being totally ready), I heard movement behind me. I looked back and saw it was a shooter buck coming right to me. I had to stop him to get the shot. I bet I wasn't

in the stand and ready more than 2 minutes when I released the arrow. He only went 40 yards. I watched him go down about 15-20 seconds after the shot. So, in less than 3 minutes, I had this big buck down. Never shot a deer this quickly after getting into the tree. There's something to be said for going up the tree quietly, oh, and, uh, luck. The buck turned out to be 8 points and 170 lbs on the hoof (140 lbs field dressed). His paunch was not overly full – must have been cruising for does instead of eating.

Early the next Sat. morning, I got settled in my tree stand about an hour before shooting light. As usual, before I could make out my sight pins, I could hear deer moving around me periodically. At about 7:10, a deer (young buck/doe?) walked right by my tree, not knowing that I was perched about 25 feet above and no idea of the fortunate timing of his passing by my tree only moments before legal shooting.

At about 7:50, I looked back to find a shooter

buck approaching my tree from behind me. As I tried to calm my excitement, stand, and lift my bow, the buck proceeded to walk right under my tree. First appearing directly beneath me so that I am looking at him through the bars of my tree stand platform, he then managed to get himself square behind the tree in front of me, walking directly away. How was it possible that this buck was going to come this close only to pass by me without offering a shot?

Just when I thought the show was over, he popped out, on the left side of the tree, but severely quartering away. From all the way on the left side of my tree stand, I could get a good aim, but upon squeezing the release, the angle caused me to torque

left, missing the deer just to his left (OK, that's my excuse and I'm stickin' to it). The buck ran off to my right and stopped at about 50 yards, not knowing what just happened. While he was still hanging around, two does came running toward me, stopping in my shooting lane. I shot one of the does, and they both flagged and ran off to my left.

Seeing the doe flags, the buck ran from my right to my left and joined the does as all three run off together. Well, at this point I'm pretty sure I at least got a doe out the deal.

After about 20 minutes, and having only one arrow left in my treestand (I only brought 3 arrows with me on this trip), I decided to try some rattling. Just as I finished my first sequence, I saw steam coming up from the forest floor, and I could tell it was coming from the nostrils of a buck. Could this be the same buck? Doubtful.

Upon hearing the antlers clashing, the buck turned toward me and came my way, but stopped about 60 yards out, waited, and then turned to walk



Greg and his first buck

in the opposite direction. I picked up the sheds again and made another rattling sequence, and this time the buck turned and came trotting in. I quickly put the horns down and picked up my bow, but when the buck reached the 30 yard mark, he turned broadside, stopped, and looked intently in my direction. With his eyes pointed my way, I couldn't draw. After a minute or two of cat and mouse, he finally turned his

head the other way, and I immediately drew. Trouble is, he then turned his body and started walking directly away. But as luck would have it, after 2 steps, he turned his head back to look in my direction and brought his body broadside again, offering one last opportunity. Already being at full draw, I released the arrow, sending it through both lungs, just over the heart. He went about 70 yards, and I watched him pile up. My limit reached for the day, and being out of arrows, I descended my favorite tree at 8:30, collected my arrows from the forest floor, and

found both deer within 5 minutes.

When I reached the buck, I discovered a 10-inch slash across his left side. This was in fact the same buck! He weighed 112 lbs field dressed and sported 8 points. I didn't actually miss him on the first shot. Just because you shoot at a deer and miss, don't give up.

I decided I was on a roll for Sat. hunting and so

I took to the woods again for the third Sat. in a row on Nov 13. The day was long and towards the end I thought I'd try my luck with a little rattling. Buck number three responded with only moments of shooting light remaining in the day. He came in on a string when he heard the sheds tickling together. I was able to stop him at 10 yards out with a perfect quartering away profile and put

an arrow right through the boiler room. He only went 20 yards. My season for bucks ended with a nice 8-pointer. 🦌



Greg's second buck



Greg proves that "three times is a charm" with his third buck

First Deer Down

by

Gregg Brown, Cub Run Archers

Dick Loria, Cub Run member and new bowhunter, got his first deer this morning (Nov. 12, 2010). A nice seven pointer that weighed in at 150 pounds (field dressed).

Dick had never done any kind of hunting prior to this year but had decided he wanted to become a bowhunter. How to get started was the tough part. We met by chance in the checkout line at Dick's Sporting Goods in Oct. 2009 when I overheard him say to his wife that he

needed a mentor. I gave him my card and asked him to call me. I was not sure I would ever hear from him again, but later that day we started a dialog. After discussing his desires and goals, and determining he was very serious about becoming a bowhunter, I agreed to work with him. We first discussed whether a compound bow or a crossbow would be best for him. Although more difficult in many ways, Dick chose the compound. After shooting my bow one afternoon and discussing some of the many choices he had

in deciding which bow to buy, he headed to the pro shop. He practiced religiously and was always trying to learn everything possible.

We have hunted together in Great Falls since January. With his busy work and family schedules, we still managed to get out about three times a month for a three-hour hunt. We were able to obtain a Kill Permit for his friend's property that allowed us to continue hunting after the Urban Archery season and throughout the summer. His best shot opportunities came in the spring. Unfortunately, bucks in velvet were not on the menu. They would have to wait until October. We hunted within sight of each other most of the time and it seemed that the does were always under my tree. I always wanted to shoot the deer that got close to me, but let them pass hoping

that they would travel towards Dick. He kept telling me to shoot hoping he would learn from watching. I was more interested in having him shoot and was able to restrain myself in all but two cases -- I hate passing on a deer! Dick remained patient and optimistic throughout and due to my lack of absolute control learned to "gut and drag" prior to killing his first deer.

Back to today -- I could not see Dick this

morning, but heard what I thought was a shot. I texted him to see what happened. He was not sure of the shot - who was sure on their first deer -but thought the shot was a little back. I made him sit for 1 1/2 hours before climbing down. While we waited, he kept texting me to see if it was time to start looking yet. In the meantime, I was able to shoot a nice small doe that went down within sight. I finally climbed down and had Dick stay in his tree to direct me to the spot where the deer was standing when he shot



Dick Loria with his first deer. Congratulations!

and to point in the direction the deer travelled after the shot. He then climbed down to take up the blood trail. We did not find the arrow immediately, but quickly found a real good blood trail. About 20 yards down the trail I spotted his deer laying not 45 yards from where he shot it. What could be better. I'm still not sure who was happier.

After gutting and dragging both deer out, Dick now knows firsthand what I meant every time I told him that the hunting is easy until you loose an arrow. Dick has now decided that he will not be shooting big deer anymore -- the little does are so much easier.

If he was not totally hooked yesterday, I'm positive he is hooked today.

Welcome to the brotherhood! 🍷



Andy Willman, President of the Kingsboro Bowmen, is a young and successful hunter who also has a new and patented idea. This year he harvested two bucks in Suffolk County using his invention, the Total Eclipse Scope. Above is the first buck (8-points, about 150 lbs live weight) he harvested using the scope and below is another animal (10-points, about 155 lbs live weight) also taken using the invention. You can learn more about the scope from this VBA member at totaleclipsescopes.com.

Tammy Ralston, Augusta Archers, had great success with her first bow kill, a 7-point buck weighing 135 pounds field dressed. She shot it at 12 yards from a ground blind on Oct. 28 in Highland County.



THE VBA TROPHY ROOM



A super 35-yard shot enabled Cay McManus to harvest a nice turkey with a 6-inch beard. To quote Cay, "Yummy!!"



Jamie McCormick Bowhunters of Rockingham (BOR) took this nice buck in Illinois with a main frame of 12 with 2 stickers. Total 14 points. Gross weight 140 lbs.



A bobcat taken by Travis Dorman (BOR)



Randy Armentrout (BOR) with his 10 point 174 lb. buck.



Erik Raynes (BOR)



Wayne Gehman (BOR)



Buck taken by Joe Janocka (BOR)



Opening day was successful for a father-son team and Bowhunters of Rockingham members. Buck Kline's (dad) 6-pointer with 16 3/4" spread was shot at 22 yards and weighed 104 lbs field dressed. Nathan's 11-pointer with 15 7/8" spread was shot at 35 yards and weighed 138 lbs.



Lowell Hertzler (BOR) took these fine bucks in Nebraska



Fairfax County Managed Hunts

by

Bob Foster, Belvoir Bowhunters and VBA NBEF/IBEP Director

A very good thing is happening in Fairfax County: Bowhunting is being recognized as an effective tool to help manage an ever growing deer herd.

The first fatal deer-vehicle collision in Fairfax County occurred in October 1997. This tragic accident highlighted the concern of many residents that, without natural predators, the local deer population had become overabundant. A Deer Management Program was subsequently developed, but relied primarily on managed gun hunts and sharpshooting operations using specially trained police officers to cull the herds.

Archery was first approved as a deer management tool by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County Park Authority Board in October 2000, and has been re-approved each year. A pilot archery program implemented in fiscal year 2002 and 2003 was not determined to be successful, and the outlook to use bowhunting to assist in the Deer Management Program was bleak.

Fortunately a new Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist, Ms. Vicky Monroe, brought new ideas and perspectives and developed a new Archery Program. Ms Monroe developed a program that was implemented in fiscal year 2010 with the superior skill of two archery

groups: one was made up primarily of archers from the Belvoir Bowhunters and the other was Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia (SWMNV). Colvin Run Stream Valley (71 acres) and Laurel Hill (835 acres) were the two park sites selected for the new archery program. The harvest rate was 75 deer from these sites. The wounding rate was extremely low at 3.84% (3 of 78 deer). As a result of an extremely successful first season, a total of 10 park sites were opened this season, with ten qualified Archery Groups participating in the Archery Program.

The primary objective of the Fairfax County Deer Management Program is deer population control on public parklands; therefore, emphasis is placed on harvesting antlerless deer. Hunters use DPOP tags, and there is no bag limit. Participating hunters are asked to ensure low wounding rates by restricting their shots to high percentage, humane kill shots. Hunters can “earn” an opportunity to take an antlered buck after they harvest three antlerless deer, but are required to use a state-issued either sex or antlered buck tag when they harvest an antlered buck.

One aspect that I’ve particularly enjoyed as a participant in both the pilot and this year’s hunts is the fact that our



Bob took a nice 8-point on Nov. 13 as part of the deer management program. It field dressed at 165 lbs.



Bob Foster harvested three does on 30 Oct. this year as part of the Fairfax County Deer Management Program.

bowhunters by and large have really gotten along with the numerous other groups that use the parks. I’ve had several casual conversations with cyclists, Frisbee golfers, hikers and dog walkers and have yet to have any sense of hostility toward bowhunting. Most recognize that the deer populations are too high in these parks and need to be managed in order not harm other wildlife by over browsing or injuring drivers on the highways adjacent to the parks with potentially fatal collisions.

If you are interested in participating in next year’s hunts, more information can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife/archery/urban-archery-in-fairfaxcounty.htm>.

Good Hunting!

Bob 🏹

MY EDUCATION

by

Rob Farmer, Belvoir Bowhunters

Living on Fort Belvoir has always provided me the opportunity to see deer at night on my way home or early in the morning on my way to work. I also have a wonderful wife who will come home or call me when she sees a deer and lets me know where they are. I have used this to my advantage in knowing where deer move in the housing area around where I live. This year my wife has been the one to see all the deer, and like I said before she always lets me know.

This year we had both seen a buck just up the street from our house. On Nov. 22 she came home and told me that we had four does right beside our house. This struck me as odd because we have seen does in the past but they have always been up the street and never right beside the house. With that news I put my shoes on, grabbed my jacket, and headed out the back door. I walked through our alley way and around the back side of our neighbor's house to see if I could see the does without being seen first by them. To my surprise the four does were beside our neighbor's house across the street.

I ran back around the house and across the street. I could see that the does were moving towards the back of the house so I stood in the shadows right beside my neighbor's garage. The does walked within 5 to 10 yards from me. It helped that they had their dryer on and the vent was not too far away. The does had no idea that I was there. As I stood watching them I had no clue that my education was about to start.

Up until this point I thought I knew how to call a deer. I have watched the hunting shows and played the DVD's that came with some calls that I had bought in the past. I am not saying that what I knew about calling deer was wrong, but what I saw and heard this night was something that I had never seen or heard before. The bleats that the does were making were a lot softer and shorter than any bleat can I have ever bought.

As the does were about 20 yards in front of me, I heard a grunt to my right in the woods and it wasn't long until I saw the buck. He was walking toward the does as if he owned the place. The does continued to eat and move slowly away. The buck stopped at the bottom of the draw and blew like a doe will when they bust you. I knew he was not blowing at me (the wind was in my face) so he had to be blowing at the does. The does stopped and looked at him, he grunted, and started walking towards them.

As the buck approached the does he went after the two smaller does but the two bigger does would not let him get near the younger does. As I stood there I was hearing bleats and grunts that I have never heard before. Sure, it was a grunt but like the does it was not as loud or as long as I had thought a buck would grunt. The buck ended up breeding the two larger does less than 30 yards in front of me and they all just walked off back in to the woods. The entire ordeal lasted about 2 hours.

I wanted to pass this along because I think from what I heard that night I have been blowing my grunt call too loud when I can see the buck and over-using a bleat can. So, when you are out in the woods you might want to try toning down your calling, and if you hear a deer blow it might not be because they have busted you but to stop deer that you can't see.

(Editor's note: This article appeared in the Dec. Belvoir Bowhunter's newsletter.)

SURVIVOR RESULTS

The last two issues of FLIGHT magazine had a short story about a fictional bear attack that left the hunter in serious physical and mental condition. Readers were asked to respond with a recommended solution to the problem. The suggested solutions that were received are printed below. THANK YOU to those who contributed.

E. Roy Forehand, Sherwood Archers:

The archer needs to head back where he came from because traveling down to water and out to a road will take more time than he has due to infection and blood loss.

- Put hat on head; tie w/ rope to stabilize scalp.
- Put ointment on leg wound, reposition flesh, wrap in plastic and clean cloth. Use BAND-AID bandages, arrow shafts and rope to hold in place.
- Eat some trail mix; drink some water; remain calm to avoid shock.
- Use coat to hold off chills and shock.
- Use saw to cut sapling for crutch, or use bow if a longbow. .
- Load mirror, fire starting stuff, whistle, saw, knife, cord and compass in backpack and crawl back to ridge he came over to make signaling more visible and walking easier.
- Get away from dead deer as bear may return.
- Once on ridge, start fire and burn green pine or cedar foliage to create smoke. Blow whistle every 30 minutes; be ready with signal mirror.
- Pray for good luck.

Auvray Shumate, Sherwood Archers

After securing my leg with the cord and my scalp with BAND-AID bandages, I've dragged everything across to the water and jacket. The mirror is shining and I've blown the whistle several times. My leg and scalp are more secure now, with the rag and hat --- bleeding stopped. REST.

Feeling better now. Sun is low. As I gather nearby brush, I hear him approaching fast. HE'S BACK! He's on me---he's so heavy---ahhh, my shoulder, more blood. I'm helpless and fading---he's so heavy. My sweet Emily!

BANG! BANG! Voices? He's so hea----

DON'T HUNT ALONE! DON'T GO AWOL! 

LAST CALL FOR THE TRAIL CAMERA CONTEST!

This is the last reminder about the Trail Camera Contest.

Remember, any photos taken in 2010 are eligible (yes, even trail photos from 2010's spring turkey and bear hunting...). All entries must be sent to mistygraphics@hughs.net by Jan. 7, 2011 in .jpg or other format that can be used in Photoshop. You must be a 2010 and 2011 VBA member to participate. There are no limits to the number of entries.

Each submission must include: Name of submitter, location of photo (country, state, county), date and time of photo, and submitter's e-mail address. First prize is a dozen Gold Tip Expedition Hunters arrows with Blazer vanes, second prize is ½ dozen of the same arrows and third place is Wildlife Research Scent Killer.

So far, participation is not at what you might call a "high" level. This program and initiative to support the members and enhance the magazine might be discontinued next year if results are not worth the effort and money laid on the line. Chances of winning something are good now, so enter to help yourself, the magazine and the organizations who are sponsoring the event.



A River Buck

by

Olin Bare, Augusta Archers

Olin's buck has been hauled from the center of the river and is ready to be pulled up the bank

Earlier this year I was bowhunting in my portable tree stand with a traditional recurve on a farm in Rockbridge County. I had not hunted this area before, but I knew the back boundary was the Maury River.

At around 8:30am, I looked to my right and saw headed towards me what I was looking for, a nice deer. He had antlers and I had a buck tag. He was not wasting any time and was moving at a fast walk. I drew the 50-pound Fred Bear takedown, found my anchor point and released as the buck passed about 15 yards away.

I saw the fletches disappear behind his shoulder. He took off like a bolt of lightning. After about an hour, I climbed down and found my arrow close by covered in blood. There was no problem following the blood trail around the side of the hill. In the next ravine, he went almost straight down his secret path off an almost vertical cliff.

I followed his trail down the 300-foot cliff hoping to see him and I did, almost half-way across the river.

His head was under water except for the four points of one side of his antler. I had to return home for a rope to lasso his antler and pull him to shore. I decided to take him back up the cliff. It took me about seven hours with a come-along and chain. My cell phone did not work through this ordeal and fortunately a buddy showed up to help around 3pm. I was lucky to make it to the check station before they closed.

Archery is a great family sport that is both fun and can put food on the table. Traditional bow hunting is an important part of the sport that with practice can be just as effective as any kind of hunting. However, as my story shows, always expect the unexpected. If this happens again, I am coming up-river in a canoe to get my buck! 🏹🏹



Olin and his "River Buck" at the end of a long day

A Fairfax County Bowhunt to Honor Vic

by

Joe McManus, Sherwood Archers

Our long-time friend Vic Mathews passed away recently. Because his services were being held in Northern Virginia and we live in the southern part of the state, Paul and Robin Vogel invited me and my wife Cay to stay with them. Of course we would have to bowhunt while we were there!

We arrived Friday night and early Saturday morning Paul had me in one of his favorite hunting spots with my 40-pound recurve and wooden arrows with 85-grain two-bladed broadheads. It's cold as all ----! Where we live the lows had been in the 40s, in Fairfax County the lows were in the low 30s so of course we brought the wrong clothes.

I got up a hanging stand that for some years had been in a cedar tree. I could only shoot in one direction, a little ½ acre grass area. I could tell I couldn't shoot behind the stand because of the arrow sticking in the tree limb: somebody had already tried it and failed!

So this is how my morning started: I'm cold, the stand is sloping about 15 degrees toward the tree (every time I tried to stand up I fell against the tree) and the seat was too high (found out later that it was adjustable.) Cold and uncomfortable, I wanted to get down but Paul wasn't too far away and I didn't want to mess up his hunting. (HE was dressed properly.)

As I sat there drowning in my misery, a buck appeared on the other side of my little clearing. All of a sudden I was not cold or uncomfortable anymore. The 6-pointer started walking straight toward me. He was going to walk right under my stand -- not my favorite shot -- but if I let him go past my stand there would be no shot (remember the arrow in the tree limb?) so I took the best shot available.

The hit looked perfect, but of course it wasn't. I called Paul on our walkie talkies and he said he saw the whole thing from his stand. We had a good blood trail through our host's back yard to a no-longer-used small field. The deer was lying on the other side of a board fence, head erect, not dead.

We decided to go get coffee. We left Cay up her tree but decided discretion was the better part of valor and brought her coffee and a bear claw from the convenience store. Now we had to recover the deer, but it would not be an easy task. He was in the same place, head still erect, and it had been several hours since the hit.

We attempted to get close enough to get another arrow in him, but he got up and ran to the next property, lying in a hedge row 50 feet from the front door. The owner gave us permission to retrieve him, but again not so easy. He got up and ran to the next property. Nobody home. Time is running short. We have to get back to Paul's, get changed, and go to Vic's services. The deer was laying 50 yards from the blacktop road in an open wood lot (front yard) when we finally got permission to retrieve the animal.

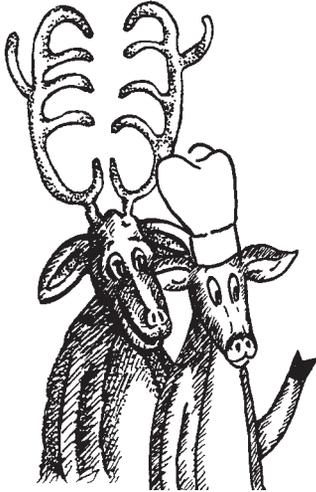
If there is anything to be learned from this hunt it is this: No matter how bad things seem to be, there can still be an outcome that you will remember forever.

We made the church services on time.

Thanks, Vic!! 

Winnie and Wally Suggest a Savory Venison Meatloaf for a Cold Winter Meal

Winnie and Wally watched checked their mail box every day hoping against hope that a VBA bowhunter (or his/her significant other) would send a recipe to be used in *FLIGHT*. Alas, it was not to be; probably no one is eating wild game this time of year..... So, at the last minute they cruised the internet for something that looked like it might taste good and also be not-so-fancy. Here is what they found. ENJOY!



- 1 pound ground venison
- 1 egg
- 1 (4 ounce) packet saltine crackers, finely crushed
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/2 yellow onion, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 1/2 teaspoon steak seasoning
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3 slices bacon
- 3/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Mix the venison, egg, cracker crumbs, 1/4 cup barbecue sauce, onion, sage, steak seasoning, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, and 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce in a mixing bowl with your hands until evenly combined. Pack into a 3x7-inch loaf pan, and lay the bacon strips over top.

Bake in the preheated oven until no longer pink in the center and the bacon is crispy, about 35 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C).

Meanwhile, stir 3/4 cup barbecue sauce, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, and 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce in a sauce pan over medium heat. Simmer 5 minutes, whisking constantly. Pour the sauce over the cooked meatloaf, and let rest 5 minutes before serving.

Let's Use the ASAP Equipment – PLEASE!

by

Jerry, Wenzel, Manahoac Bowmen and VBA ASAP Coordinator

The VBA has a much underused asset - the After School Archery Program (ASAP) equipment. It includes 10 recurve bows, two compound bows adjustable from 16" to 27" draw length, six dozen arrows and 12 quivers, along with all the accessories necessary for a training program. It even includes four 32" targets on stands. The only requirements are an ASAP club must be formed (a VERY easy process) and use of the equipment must be supervised by a certified instructor. My wife and I can certify instructors at the Basic level for the cost of our expenses (minimal) to any VBA club or group. To date, two clubs have accepted the offer.

The equipment was a grant from the Easton Sports Development Foundation. As the VBA ASAP coordinator, I want to make a special plea to all the clubs. This is a great opportunity for the VBA to support and grow the sport that we've enjoyed so much. If any Club would like to use the equipment or get some of your members certified, please get back to me. We would really like to have this equipment make a difference.

This topic will be an agenda item at the next VBA meeting so please come prepared to discuss and commit!



APPLICATION FOR VBA GAME AWARDS
VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Date: _____

I, _____, _____, _____
(Print name as it appears on VBA card) (VBA Number) (Street Address)
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____ hereby certify that I harvested a
(City and State) (Zip Code)

_____, (Buck) (Doe) (Bear) (Turkey) (Carp) (Gar) this year and that I am a member of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, Inc., and in good standing at that time. I hereby submit an application for one or more of the following VBA awards:

- Bill Bennett Award (bear, deer, turkey from any state) If first B.B. Award, check here
- Largest VA Buck by dressed weight
- Largest VA Doe by dressed weight Largest Carp by length
- Best VA Rack Score (in the VA System) Largest Gar by length
- Largest VA Bear by dressed weight
- Largest VA Turkey by live weight
- Double Slam for: VA. bear, deer, turkey (circle 2) From Spring Turkey Season
- Triple Slam for VA. bear, deer, and turkey through deer season, same year.

Pertinent information is provided below: **Signed:** _____

VBA Club Affiliation: _____ State Game taken in _____

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

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

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

Length of Carp _____ Length of Gar _____

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

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

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

Rack Score Using the Virginia System: _____

Name of Official Scorer (print): _____

(Note: Signed score sheet must accompany this application)

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

Print Name and Signature of Witness: _____

(Person who saw game after it was harvested)

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HARVEST (BUT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1ST AFTER THE SEASON) TO:

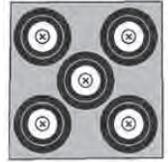
VBA EXECUTIVE STATE SECRETARY:
MARIE BELL, 1223 JEANETTE AVE. VINTON, VA. 24179

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

(Form updated 6/17/10; all previous editions are invalid)



2011 VBA Indoor Sectional Championship



Hosted by

Augusta Archers

February 26th – 27th 2011

Directions:

(north or south) Take I-81 to exit 222, then take Rt. 250 East towards Waynesboro, go to 2nd stoplight and take a right on Desper Hollow Road, go about 1 mile then take a right on Archery Lane and follow the road straight up to the clubhouse. (east or west) Take I-64 to I-81 North then follow directions above.

Registration

By Mail: Must be received by Wed. February 14th

Friday: 6pm – 8 pm

Saturday: 7am- 8am (PM round registration ends noon)

Send Pre-Registration forms to

Augusta Archers

P. O. Box 336

Fishersville, VA 22939

Make Checks Payable To: Augusta Archers

START TIMES

Saturday Feb. 28th

1st 9am – 12pm

2nd 12pm – 3pm

3rd 3pm – 6pm

Sunday Mar. 1st

8am – 11am

11am – 2pm

2pm – 5pm

Contact Information

Dennis Wilfong (540) 849-8351 Email: augustaarchers@yahoo.com

Lodging

Comfort Inn (540)886-5000

Econo Lodge (540)885-5158

Sleep Inn (540)887-6500

Camping available limited space

first come first serve _____

Food and Refreshments will be
available Sat. and Sun.

**Must shoot both days (VBA Membership required to receive awards;
Archer may shoot two rounds on the same day, time and space permitting)**

Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family

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

VBA Indoor Sectional Championship Registration

NAME: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

VBA#: _____ HOME CLUB _____

Circle those that apply:

Division: Pee Wee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Guests Gender: M F

Style: FS/R FS/F BHFS/R BHFS/F BH BB TRAD

Class: Archers will be classed after the first day's score.

Round Preference: Sat: 1st 2nd 3rd Sun: Will be determined after Sat's round.



2011 VBA State Indoor Sectional Championship

Hosted by

The Belvoir Bowhunters



DIRECTIONS: Exit U.S. Route 1 (Richmond Highway) at traffic signal at Pohick Road. This intersection is the entrance to Fort Belvoir at Tulley Gate. Drive to the security control point and visitor center. Present your driver's license and government issued identification card (driver's license) for each passenger to the security guards. Proceed south on Pohick Road to the first traffic light at Theote Road and turn right. Proceed approximately one-half mile to a stop sign at Warren Road and turn right. Proceed to Tompkins Basin, turning right at the intersection at the bottom of the hill. The Indoor Range is the long, white building (Bldg 778) on the right and set back from the road at the base of the hill. The Fort Belvoir Archery Center is located in the same building. Detailed map at: <http://www.belvoirbowhunters.com/>

at the
Fort Belvoir Archery Center
Tompkins Basin Indoor Range
Ft. Belvoir, VA
February 26 & 27, 2011

The Belvoir Bowhunters welcome you Friday evening (Feb.25) for Registration and Refreshments 6 to 8 p.m.

Lodging	
Best Western, Mount Vernon	703-360-1300
Econo-Lodge	703-780-0300
Hunter Motel	703-339-5400

Registration: Pre-registration encouraged due to installation security.
By Mail: Must be received by Feb 19, 2011
Friday: 6 pm - 8 pm at the Archery Center
Saturday: 7 am - 8 am; pm round until 12pm
Send Pre-Registration form(s) to:
Kevin Brown, 6041 Bonnie Bern Court,
Burke, VA 22015
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BELVOIR BOWHUNTERS

Opening ceremony and reading of the rules: 8am, Feb 26

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

A 30 minute practice period will be held prior to each round beginning at 8:30am Saturday and 7:30am Sunday.

VBA Membership required to receive awards.

Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family

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

Archers may shoot both rounds on same day, time and space permitting.

2011 VBA State Indoor Sectional Championship Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VBA #: _____ Home Club: _____

Circle those that apply:

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Guest **Gender:** M F

Style: FS/R FS/F BHFS/R BHFS/F BH BB TRAD

Class: Archers will be classed based on first day's score.

Round Preference: **Sat:** 1st 2nd 3rd **Sun:** 1st 2nd 3rd .

PLEASE NOTE: All shooters participating at Fort Belvoir MUST Pre-Register

KINGSBORO BOWMEN
and the
VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION
HOST THE EASTERN LEG of the
2011 VBA Indoor State Championship
February 26th & 27th, 2011
AT
WILCOX INDOOR ARCHERY RANGE
9501 Jefferson Avenue
Newport News, VA
757-595-5537

\$20.00 per archer and \$40.00 maximum per family

**This is a two-day event but archers may shoot both rounds on same day,
time and space permitting**

1 ST ROUND Saturday February 26 th	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
2nd ROUND Saturday February 26 th	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
3rd ROUND Saturday February 26 th	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
1 ST ROUND Sunday February 27th	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
2nd ROUND Sunday February 27th	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
3rd ROUND Sunday February 27th	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

VBA membership required for VBA Awards

**VBA RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED
300 ROUND EACH DAY 60 Arrows**

**REGISTRATION TIMES:
SATURDAY AM 7:00 – 8:00 FOR MORNING ROUND
TIME WILL BE EXTENDED TO NOON FOR PM ROUND
PRE-REGISTRATION APPRECIATED!!!!**

**For Additional Information & Directions to Wilcox
Ed Bickham 757-255-2294, bick333@msn.com
Website: www.kingsboro.bizland.com**

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) POSTMARK BY 2/11/2011

NAME _____ Mail or email to Ed Bickham
ADDRESS _____ 6353 Godwin Blvd
CITY-ZIP _____ Suffolk, VA 23432
VBA # _____ CLUB _____ Phone # _____ E-Mail _____
One form per archer, Put X as applies: Birthdate for YA, Youth, Cub, PeeWee: _____
(55+) (18 & Over) (15-17) (12-14) (8-11) (7 & Under)
DIVISION: SENIOR ___ ADULT ___ YOUNG ADULT ___ YOUTH ___ CUB ___ PEE WEE ___
SEX: MALE ___ FEMALE ___ Sat Round # _____ Sunday determined by Scores
STYLE: FS/R ___, FS/F ___, BH ___, BHFS/R ___, BHFS/F ___, BB ___, TRAD ___
Guest Class for Non-VBA members _____ (No awards)



Virginia Bowhunters Association

2011 Spring 3D Classic

April 16th –17th

And

AUGUSTA ARCHERS



25 3D targets each day at marked distances VBA rules apply

Directions:

(north or south) Take I-81 to exit 222, then take Rt. 250 East towards Waynesboro, go to 2nd stoplight and take a right on Desper Hollow Road, go about 1 mile then take a right on Archery Lane and follow the road straight up to the clubhouse. (east or west) Take I-64 to I-81 North then follow directions above.

Registration

By Mail: Must be received by Wed. April 1st
 Friday: 7pm – 9 pm
 Saturday: 7am- 8am
 Send Pre-Registration forms to:
 Augusta Archers
 P. O. Box 336
 Fishersville, VA 22939
 Make Checks Payable To: Augusta Archers
 com

START TIMES

Saturday April 16th
 Shotgun start 9am and 1:30pm

Sunday April 17th
 Shotgun start 9am and 1:30pm

Contact Information

Dennis Wilfong (540) 849-8351 Or Email: augustaarchers@yahoo.

Lodging

Comfort Inn (540)886-5000
 Econo Lodge (540)885-5158
 Sleep Inn (540)887-6500

Camping available limited space
 first come first serve _____
 Food and Refreshments will be
 available Sat. and Sun.

Must shoot both days (open to all shooters)

Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family

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

VBA Spring 3D Classic Registration

NAME: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

VBA#: _____ HOME CLUB _____

Circle those that apply:

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior **Guests** **Gender:** M F

Style: FS/R FS/F BHFS/R FHFS/F BH BB TRAD

Round Preference: **Sat:** morning afternoon **Sun:** Will be determined after Sat's round.

HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY RAFFLE

The VBA has for many years enjoyed a special relationship with the Hunters for the Hungry organization in the Commonwealth. Each year they continue to receive more meat than they can afford to process so funds are critical to their success. Many VBA Clubs help by sponsoring shoots with the proceeds donated to H4H.

In addition, the H4H has a raffle. Raffle and prize details are at <http://www.h4hungry.org> and MUST be viewed because all the facts about the outstanding prizes – including information about the donors – are not provided below due to space limitations. (FYI, the H4H web location also has particulars about game processing sites and collection points). Here are the raffle/prize highlights:

The drawing is in March 2011.

Tickets can be obtained by calling H4H at 1-800-352-4868 or sending an email to hunt4hungry@cs.com.

FALL / WINTER RAFFLE

Tickets are \$2 each or a book of three for \$5.

Prizes:

1st Prize: \$1,000 CASH

2nd Prize: Thompson Center Arms “Triumph” BONE COLLECTOR .50 Cal Muzzleloader Package. Value \$ 850.00

3rd Prize: Knight KP 1 Muzzleloader Combo with .50 cal & .30.06 barrels. Value \$535.00

4th Prize: Darton Pro 600 Bow, right hand, 50-60 lb, 75-80% let off. Value \$500

5th Prize: Hand Crocheted Afghan, queen size, reversible camo&orange color mix. Value - \$450

6th Prize: Double Bull “Dark Horse” Hybrid Hunting Blind. Value - \$400

7th Prize: Remington Model “Five” .22 Rifle. Value \$300

8th Prize: Custom Framed HFTH Prints, “Manley’s Field” & “Thunder Ridge”. Value \$250

9th Prize: Framed Mule Deer Print “Old Cronies” by Artist Hayden Lambson. Value \$150

10th Prize: Autographed “Woodsman” Cody Turkey Call, glass with striker. Value - \$100

Agenda Items

The following agenda item was voted on at the Sept. 2010 meeting:

Reinstate the 65 and older Master Seniors Class with no breakdown on classes but a breakdown on styles. **Justification:** The number of archers entering the Senior Class has increased over the past several years and archers 65+ are having trouble effectively competing against much younger seniors. By reinstating the Master Seniors Class, they can look forward to peer competition and we may retain them as motivated, competitive archers. This would be effective, January 1, 2011. **RESULT:** TABLED. CLUBS WILL COME TO JAN TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL AND ANOTHER PROPOSAL THAT THE SENIOR DIVISION INSTITUTE CLASS BREAKDOWNS. THIS MEETING WILL FORM A FINAL RECOMMENDATION, WHICH WILL BE VOTED ON AT JAN DIRECTOR’S MEETING.

The following agenda item will be voted on at the Jan. 2010 meeting:

The Constitution, Article 4, Section 1 as reads “Each Director shall be a direct representative of his/her club or group, and be entitled to one vote” should be changed to read “Each Director shall be a direct representative of his/her club or group, and club voting representation would be based on their club membership numbers. Each club would acquire votes based on their previous year membership as follows: 1-50 = 1 vote, 51-100 = 2 votes, 101-150 = 3 votes, 151-200 = 4 votes, 201-250 = 5 votes”.

Justification: This would be a truer reflection of what the majority of the individual members want on any given issue. It may also encourage clubs to increase their membership if they want more voting influence. This would be effective immediately.

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDER OF GOLDEN FEATHER MEMBERS

GUEST SPEAKER • Mark Duda,

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2011 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

January 8 – 9

Bowhunting Committee: Jan 8, 7pm

Tournament Committee: Jan 9, 8am

Mar 19 (Banquet) and 20 Meeting

June 11 - 12

September 17 (Scheduling Session and 18 (Meeting)

State Tournament

State Indoor Sectional: Feb 26 – 27

Augusta Archers

Belvoir Bowhunters

Kingsboro Bowmen

Spring 3D Classic: April 16 – 17

Augusta Archers

State Open: May 28 – 29

Sherwood Archers

Fall 3D Classic: August 13 – 14

Manahoac Bowmen

State Closed: September 3 – 4

Two Rivers Archery Club

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Co-Hosted by VBA at New River Archers

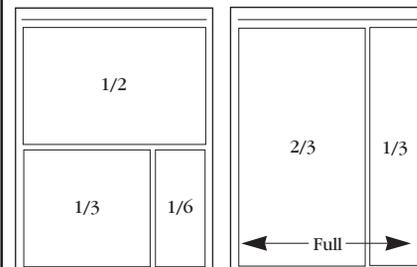
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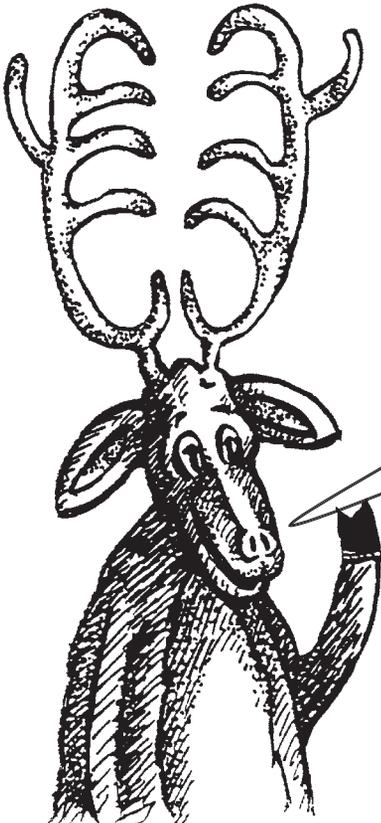
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ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER *NOMINATIONS DUE IN MARCH*

The VBA Order of the Golden Feather was created to honor those persons who have given unselfishly of their time and talents toward the betterment of archery and archers. Recipients are persons who possess the virtues of sportsmanship, character, morals, integrity and friendship. As a reflection of the substance for membership, only 79 people have been elected to the Order in the past 70 years.

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

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

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