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Send us your letters, stories
or photos. This is your
newsletter and we encourage
your contributions!

The Archers of 2028

By Craig Torres, Cub Run Archers

Youth members of the Virginia Bowhunters Association number 211, the highest in 13 years.

This is a great achievement for all the VBA coaches and volunteers who have invested the time needed to teach those young hands how to pull a bowstring. Congratulations. You know who you are.

It is worth thinking about what's driving the growth and how to sustain it.

I asked the clubs at a recent VBA meeting about their experiences. The answers varied. Some cited classes, others pointed to broadly advertized tournaments and money shoots for kids, and still others focused on getting mom out on the range. If mom gets out, there is nobody to stay home with, so the kids have to come.

Still, my sense is the clubs could be riding a larger trend. People are trying to reconnect with the outdoors.

Recently, I read a provocative book called "Last Child in the Woods" by Richard Louv (Algonquin Books, 2005). The San Diego-based journalist exhaustively chronicles the demise of kids' day-to-day nature contact. There are many culprits: organized sports, the de-naturing of communities through development, and the replacement of wild spaces with parks. Louv also places some of the blame on parents who have become overly protective of their kids as news stories have created the perception that the outdoors and the next yard over are dangerous places.

Three Frontiers

Louv divides America's experience with nature into three big waves over our nation's history. The first wave began with Lewis and Clark and the sense that America was an expansive, unlimited resource.

The second begins with President Theodore Roosevelt and the conservation and outdoor movements that followed, such as the formation of national parks, scouting, and, I might add, the birth of VBA. These were boom times for hunting, fishing, and archery in America, a time when Ben Pearson and Fred Bear sold thousands of bows.

In so many ways, VBA is living off the legacy of this second wave, and that is a good thing. The challenge ahead is to re-tune for the period we are in now.

Louv says the current wave we are in is characterized by several disturbing trends. First, he notes that people are increasingly separated from the food they eat. Second, people now experience nature mostly through digital or electronic media. This leads to an abstract, less physical and more intellectual understanding of nature.

It boils down to this: the link between food and killing has been broken in a way that is unnatural and unhealthy in our society.

Louv concludes that modern society acts like it understands nature. But most people want nature on their terms: sanitized, safe, removed from bugs, blood, and death. (As I have said here before, any hunter stands on higher moral ground than the grocery store meat eater given the conditions of most slaughter houses.)

I was surprised that Louv spent such little time discussing hunting and fishing as possible solutions to what he calls "nature deficit disorder."

Both sports re-establish the link between food and the wild, and give direct experience with nature as it is, not as Disney or some other media outlet would like it to be.

All of this brings me back to a point about membership growth. The future of bowhunting may not be about "preserving traditions," a phrase I hear a lot in the hunting world. If Louv is right, it might be more about getting other people to join our tradition.

People have a renewed desire to eat locally, preserve habitat, and to see and experience nature up close. I am convinced of this because the signs are everywhere. Just ask the beef or egg seller at the local farmers market how his or her business is going.

States and hunting organizations are going to have to think differently about how to build the pro-hunting constituency, if Louv is right.

New members of VBA or new alliances on preserving habitat and hunting may come from people or kids who have had no exposure to hunting, or who don't even have the means to start.

The new youth members of VBA in 2028 may come from families that would never imagine keeping a bow or arrow in their house. And yet, the desire to be outside, to get back

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From the Hunting Vice-President

by Dave Burpee

In with the new.....

The target archery season has closed and that brings the fact that autumn is in the air with hunting just around the corner. Also high on the list of facts is the reality that we have nine new International Bowhunter Education Program instructors in the state. They have received their instruction and are on the right path to obtain a VDGIF instructor number. Eight are from northern Virginia; one is from Blackwater. Our thanks to them and to the Master Instructors -- Bob Seltzer, John Stockman and John Peeler -- for giving up a weekend towards this vital program. Another IBEP instructor class can be conducted elsewhere in the state. If you want a class, let me know. Some details: there must be at least 10 persons for the class; each must have already completed an IBEP student course (no other student course is acceptable); each must be a current VBA member; each must complete a VDGIF form that will initiate a nation-wide criminal background check; each must become a VDGIF Hunter Safety Instructor by attending a two-day course; each must teach at least one IBEP/Hunters Safety class; and, each must be on-call to help teach IBEP in their VDGIF Region. The advantage of these requirements is that at the end of the day Virginia has the best-qualified and best-motivated instructors possible. Again, thanks to our new instructors and we encourage more to take up the challenge as have many before you.

Out with the old.....

It is not too early to let you know that next summer there will be a big turnover in VBA officers. Most of the officers have multiple years of service and it is now time for them to step aside and let new blood take the organization to greater heights. I often hear the refrain that the VBA Executive Committee runs the VBA. Nothing could be further from the truth -- the Clubs and their designated representatives at the quarterly VBA meetings run the VBA because none of the VBA officers have a vote. That said, the VBA officers do provide leadership in positions that help make the volunteer organization strong. At this writing, it is certain that Dave Proctor will take a few years off from the VBA Executive Committee to concentrate on his club activities. Clinton Western has provided long and faithful service and will not run for reelection. Dave Burpee has had multiple stints as Publicity Director, Hunting Committee Chairman and Hunting Vice President and will step aside. Kevin Reedy has expressed an interest in not running for reelection as President (we are hoping to entice him to run for another office, but that is not certain). Each election cycle (every two years), the VBA asks people to step into leadership positions and each time the same familiar faces show up because no one else tosses their hat in the ring. For proof, look back through the past few years of FLIGHT magazines and check the officer names. This year, the Clubs need to give serious consideration regarding who they want to nominate for VBA Officers because there will be many vacancies. Frankly, I think this is a good thing. The departing officers have provided loyal service but the openings give an opportunity to infuse new ideas and new enthusiasm. The oldies but goodies are not disappearing off the face of the earth and will still be VBA members who can be consulted as desired, but new leadership will bring their own ideas and directions. A thorough knowledge of the VBA would be nice, but the most important attributes for a new officer would be a willingness to serve and a desire to see the VBA succeed. There are many paths to success. The leaders of the past have a good track record, but just as "change" is an issue in the Presidential election, so too is change an important opportunity for the VBA. So, start thinking about how YOU can help the VBA by running for one of the offices that will be vacated. I'm confident the VBA can produce a great slate of officers; we have so much talent in our membership. The talented folks just need to realize that their time is now. Consider the opportunities and put your hat in the ring.

Have a Safe and Successful Hunting Season!

The VBA 3D Fall Classic

hosted by Kingsboro Bowmen



The 3D Fall Classic Overall Winners



VBA Fall 3D Classic 2008

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1 Score	Day 2 Score	Total Score
SC	Cay McManus	AFTRAD	167	195	362
SC	Chris Willard	AMBB	225	240	465
SC	Tami Willard	AFBHFS/R	134	189	323
SC	R. Vance Stallard	AMBHFS/R	224	249	473
2nd	Billy Callis	AMBHFS/R	213	226	439
3rd	Shawn Bennett	AMBHFS/R	229	205	434
	Joseph Heavner	AMBHFS/R	193	193	386
	Tom Badillo	AMBHFS/R	213	162	375
	Robert Sirles	AMBHFS/R	167	199	366
	Trey Sledge	AMBHFS/R	171	172	343
	Tom Crawford	AMBHFS/R	163	171	334
	Craig Torres	AMBHFS/R	147	144	291
	Terry Tichy	AMBHFS/R	140	0	140
	Leroy Eaves	AMBHFS/R	0	0	0
SC	David Mott	AMFS/R	237	260	497
2nd	Joe Pitt	AMFS/R	240	254	494
3rd	Joe Bailey	AMFS/R	233	229	462
	Joey Truslow	AMFS/R	236	224	460
	Burley Miller	AMFS/R	211	239	450
	James West	AMFS/R	176	159	335
SC	Paul Vogel*	AMTRAD	247	256	503
2nd	Mike Fee	AMTRAD	206	209	415
3rd	Michael Light	AMTRAD	210	192	402
	Allen Kline	AMTRAD	195	199	394
	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	196	170	366
	Joe McManus	AMTRAD	180	184	364
SC	Cory Lynn Mullins	CFBHFS/R	156	165	321
SC	Sebastian Torres	CMTRAD	103	74	177
2nd	Nicholas Torres	CMTRAD	80	79	159
SC	Nichole Willard*	PWFBB	85	142	227
SC	Ben Torres*	PWMTRAD	192	202	394
2nd	Ethan Mullins	PWMTRAD	115	182	297
SC	Travis Dillon*	YAMBHFS/R	195	233	428
SC	Brandon West	YMBHFS/R	204	259	463
SC	Hunter Heavner	YMFS/R	265	264	529

Note: * = Archers with New State Records

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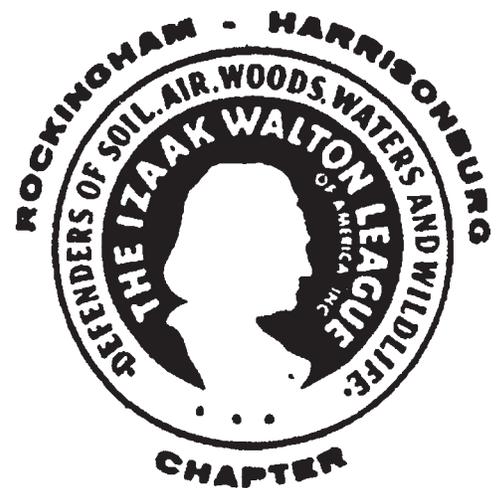
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THE VBA STATE CLOSED

HOSTED BY TWO RIVERS ARCHERS



The 30 VBA State Closed Overall Winners



VBA State Closed 2008

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	AA	481	23	515	0	996	23
SC	Ginger Hamlin	AFFS	AA	518	30	548	22	1066	52
1st	Bertha Brugh	AFFS	A	476	19	513	6	989	25
2nd	Auvray Shumate	AFFS	A	462	16	503	5	965	21
3rd	Kimberly Dobbins	AFFS	A	457	12	490	6	947	18
SC	Rick Stark	AMBB	AA	510	30	535	0	1045	30
2nd	Mike Brown	AMBB	AA	435	7	497	4	932	11
SC	Howard Farris	AMBH	AA	453	0	483	0	936	0
2nd	John Boyd	AMBH	AA	413	0	477	0	890	0
3rd	Joe McManus	AMBH	AA	419	0	450	0	869	0
	Gary Maggard	AMBH	AA	382	0	439	0	821	0
SC	Randy Hoover	AMBHFS/F	AA	490	15	538	17	1028	32
SC	Tim Ewers	AMBHFS/R	AA	539	60	559	29	1098	89
2nd	Robert Tyree	AMBHFS/R	AA	542	56	556	24	1098	80
3rd	Mitch Stonesifer	AMBHFS/R	AA	538	43	550	16	1088	59
	Vance Cave	AMBHFS/R	AA	529	41	553	22	1082	63
	Leo Weigand	AMBHFS/R	AA	527	41	546	23	1073	64
	Vance Stallard	AMBHFS/R	AA	526	44	542	17	1068	61
	Tony Reese	AMBHFS/R	AA	516	37	542	17	1058	54
	Brian Benson	AMBHFS/R	AA	511	29	546	17	1057	46
	Arthur Sommers	AMBHFS/R	AA	521	0	0	0	521	0
1st	Joseph Heavner	AMBHFS/R	A	502	30	528	13	1030	43
2nd	Darrell Brooks	AMBHFS/R	A	507	23	523	7	1030	30
	Mark Lohr*	AMBHFS/R	A	494	13	528	15	1022	28
	Josh Lohr*	AMBHFS/R	A	477	17	493	6	970	23
	Forrest Mathias	AMBHFS/R	A	481	22	0	0	481	22
	Keith Maddox	AMBHFS/R	A	476	18	0	0	476	18
1st	Ron Meadows	AMBHFS/R	B	476	19	516	9	992	28
2nd	John Rumley	AMBHFS/R	B	467	13	496	5	963	18
3rd	Justice Percell	AMBHFS/R	B	450	11	495	5	945	16
	Robert Dillon	AMBHFS/R	B	446	11	477	3	923	14
	Craig Torres	AMBHFS/R	B	428	8	459	6	887	14
	Mike Hand	AMBHFS/R	B	436	0	0	0	436	0
SC	Brad Baker, Jr	AMFS	AA	550	68	562	37	1112	105
2nd	Vince Santmyer	AMFS	AA	539	50	560	26	1099	76
3rd	Bill Hamlin	AMFS	AA	537	64	559	33	1096	97
	David Estep	AMFS	AA	541	47	548	27	1089	74
	Matthew Faulkner	AMFS	AA	535	44	552	29	1087	73
	J.T. Hunt	AMFS	AA	531	41	550	25	1081	66
	Russel Ogden	AMFS	AA	537	50	542	22	1079	72
	Terry Ballowe	AMFS	AA	525	41	549	26	1074	67
	Alan Chad	AMFS	AA	531	35	541	21	1072	56
	Robert Kenley	AMFS	AA	528	45	542	20	1070	65
	Doug Bradford	AMFS	AA	525	35	541	17	1066	52
	Jeremy Muncey	AMFS	AA	508	21	534	14	1042	35
1st	Steve Moor	AMFS	A	501	21	524	6	1025	27
1st	John Bryan	AMFS	B	474	17	531	8	1005	25

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
2nd	Tom Colbert	AMFS	B	435	12	550	7	985	19
SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	AA	439	12	467	6	906	18
2nd	Craig Ernst	AMTRAD	AA	231	4	365	2	596	6
1st	Michael Light	AMTRAD	A	300	5	332	2	632	7
1st	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	C	240	2	307	1	547	3
SC	Cory Mullins	CFBHFS		511	25	526	15	1037	40
SC	Lucas Kenley	CMFS		549	61	560	30	1109	91
SC	Sebastian Torres	CMTRAD		268	1	331	0	599	1
2nd	Benjamin Torres	CMTRAD		197	1	226	4	423	5
3rd	Ethan Mullins	CMTRAD		81	0	97	0	178	0
	Dennis Cline	GUEST		447	15	506	6	953	21
SC	Bill Keen	SMBB		465	12	498	0	963	12
2nd	James Sorrell	SMBB		406	7	480	6	886	13
SC	Dallas Hoover	SMBHFS/F		456	10	493	7	949	17
2nd	David Dobbins	SMBHFS/R		432	13	494	3	926	16
SC	Webb Babcock, Jr	SMBHFS/R		497	26	539	22	1036	48
2nd	Harry Kibler	SMBHFS/R		508	35	528	11	1036	46
3rd	Stan Parmentier	SMBHFS/R		498	30	533	12	1031	42
	Don Armstrong	SMBHFS/R		447	7	510	9	957	16
	James Bond	SMBHFS/R		461	16	490	8	951	24
SC	Ted Lytton	SMFS/R		535	43	553	32	1088	75
2nd	Robert Baublitz	SMFS/R		509	17	528	5	1037	22
3rd	Bob Lyons	SMFS/R		480	20	530	10	1010	30
	James Brugh	SMFS/R		478	17	527	14	1005	31
	Hank Megee	SMFS/R		485	22	506	5	991	27
	Bill Shumate	SMFS/R		472	19	515	9	987	28
	Clarence Switzer	SMFS/R		463	10	498	9	961	19
SC	Grant Patton	SMTRAD		300	4	383	2	683	6
SC	Travis Dillon	YAMBHFS/R	AA	524	28	542	17	1066	45
	Ray Kimble	YAMBHFS/R	AA	458	17	0	0	458	17
SC	Brandon Armstrong	YAMFS	AA	540	41	558	28	1098	69
SC	Joseph Dawkins	YMBHFS	A	498	13	511	2	1009	15
SC	Hunter Heavner	YMFS	AA	537	36	547	19	1084	55

*Note: Self-disqualification due to equipment.

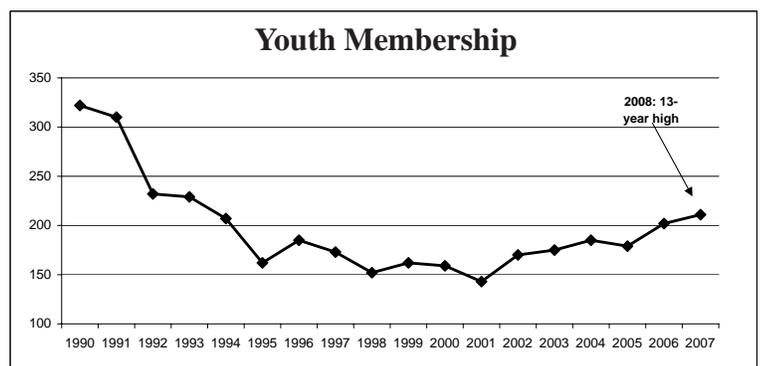
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to something ancient such as harvesting one's food or being proficient at a shooting art persists.

Many of these folks aren't going to hear about us in archery pro shops, hunting stores, or in the post-hunt chatter in the parking lot at the wildlife management area. They don't move in those circles.

They are going to look for us on the Internet, and through partnerships with states, counties, and schools, or maybe at the hunting counter at Dick's or Wal-Mart. As a friend of mine says, if we don't want them to be with us, they will be against us.

These could be the best of times for nurturing interest in hunting and archery. Are we inviting these Third Wavers in? How will they find us? Are we meeting their desire to be outside with the ancient tools of bow and arrow in hand?





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) 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
- Best Rack Score (in the VA System)
- Largest VA Bear by Dressed Weight
- Largest VA Turkey by Live Weight
- Double Grand Slam for: VA. Bear, Deer, Turkey (circle 2) From Spring Turkey Season
- Triple Grand 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)

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 AVENUE, 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. The first Bill Bennett award is a Plaque and following awards are cast arrows.

2009 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

January 10-11
March 21 (Banquet) and 22 Meeting
June 13-14
September 19-20

State Tournaments

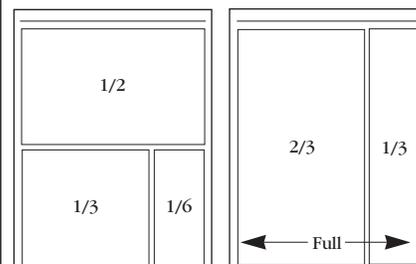
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Belvoir Bowhunters
Augusta Archers
Sherwood Archers
Kingsboro Bowmen
Spring 3D Classic: April 18-19
Augusta Archers
State Open: May 23-24
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Fall 3D Classic: August 15-16
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State Closed: September 5-6
Augusta Archers



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The best quality bowhunter success photographs exhibit four essential ingredients:

- The animal
- The bowhunter
- The archery equipment used
- The natural setting

Presenting the Animal

- 1) Place the animal so that it is in the approximate center of the photo.
- 2) Position the hunter so that he or she does not steal the show.
- 3) Blood, gaping wounds and hanging tongues are offensive and totally destroy an otherwise good quality hunter-success photo. Treat your trophy animal with the respect and dignity it deserves.

Presenting the Hunter

- 1) The hunter should be posed in hunting

clothing. Como, wool, or whatever you wear when seriously hunting is appropriate.

- 2) Relax and smile!

Presenting the Archery Equipment Used

- 1) The bow should always be shown clearly, but is best shown almost casually or incidentally in the photograph.
- 2) If arrows are displayed, clean any blood from them.

Presenting the Natural Setting

- 1) The natural setting is the key ingredient that ties all the other ingredients together. The setting can make or break most photographs. A completely natural setting is the only acceptable one.
- 2) ***Hunter-success photos should NEVER be taken in garages, on driveways, in pickup truck beds or on front lawns!***