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From the Publicity Director

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! As we conclude the bowhunting season, don't forget to send your applications for VBA Game Awards to Marie Bell no later than March 1st. The application and details are in the Fall and Winter issues of FLIGHT and on the VBA website. Please plan to attend our Twelfth Annual Awards Banquet that will be held on Saturday, March 24th at Pano's Restaurant in Harrisonburg with the social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be door prizes, silent auctions, and a guest speaker. We will recognize our Double Crown winners (Karin Eppard, Cay McManus, and David and Matthew Dobbins), and our Triple Crown winners (Lucas Kenley, Cay McManus, David and Matthew Dobbins). We will also be recognizing our Big Game and Double Slam winners, our Bill Bennett folks, and most importantly, our Order of the Golden Feather honoree. Tickets are available through your club president or by calling Kevin Reedy at 276-728-4456. Congratulations to all of you!

VBA 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Many of the state tournaments will be held in the northern part of Virginia this year. Belvoir Bowhunters and Sherwood Archers will once again be hosting the State Indoors Sectional on February 24th and 25th. Manahoac Bowmen will be hosting the Spring 3-D Classic (marked) on April 21st and 22nd, followed by the State Open hosted by Sherwood Archers on May 26th and 27th. As we wrap up the tournament season, Belvoir Bowhunters will be hosting the Fall 3-D Classic (unmarked) on August 18th and 19th, and Two Rivers Archers will be hosting the State Closed on September 1st and 2nd. I hope everyone will show their support and especially enjoy shooting on two ranges that have never held a state tournament.

The VBA: We continue to ask your support in soliciting members into the VBA. Why? The VBA is a state organization formed to promote archery and bowhunting in Virginia. It is an organization that helps protect your hunting rights, stands up against the anti-hunters, attends VDGIF meetings regarding issues that are important to us, the bowhunters; attends classes that are offered to our IBEP instructors and works with them in other hunting related projects. We have qualified instructors that conduct bowhunting and archery education classes. We are involved in the conservation and the preservation of our natural resources and wildlife, and attend many events to let folks know who we are, about the clubs, club and tournament shoots, and much more.

VBA EVENTS: In November (with many thanks to Joyce and Maxie Cameron from Two Rivers and Terry Ballowe from Shenandoah County Archers) we attended the grand opening of Gander Mountain in Winchester, along with representatives of other organizations such as Hunters for the Hungry, Ducks Unlimited, and Women in the Outdoors sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation. In January I will be representing the VBA at an annual event that is hosted by Heritage Baptist Church in Woodbridge where there will be exhibitors from various sporting organizations. Activities will include an archery and shooting competition and a wild game supper. In February, the Fredericksburg Expo Center and the Rockingham County Fairgrounds will be hosting outdoor shows, and we plan to be there too! Folks, this is why we need your club brochures for the VBA packets that we hand out at these events. Also, let me know if you know of other events that we can participate in.

VDGIF NEWS: J. Carlton Courter, III was named the new Director for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, effective November 1, 2006. Mr. Courter formerly served as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture. He was a member of the Agribusiness Council for 13 years and received the Distinguished Service Award and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Tech in 1979. He was raised in Amelia County, and he and his family now reside in Midlothian. Over the years, he has served in leadership roles in state and local associations. The VDGIF has started the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP), which began in Kentucky in 2002. As of spring, 2006, 31 states have implemented this program, and 50 schools in Virginia are currently participating. The VDGIF hopes to have 100 schools in the program by August 2007. Hopefully, this program will lead many of these young people to join the VBA.

HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY NEWS: In order to reach their 2006 goal, this organization needs help from both hunters and non-hunters. In addition to deer, monetary gifts in any amount are appreciated to help fund proper preparation of the meat for distribution to the poor. This all-important support comes from folks like you. You may send your gift to Hunters for the Hungry, PO Box 304, Big Island, VA 24526.

Your stories and pictures of bowhunting adventures and successes, archery education classes and achievements of your club members are always welcome in FLIGHT. Let us hear from you!

Yours in archery,
Irene Stocksdale

Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Spring issue of FLIGHT will be March 26, 2007. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your newsletter and we encourage your contributions!

**Virginia
Bowhunters Association**

Announces its

TWELVETH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, March 24, 2007

Pano's Restaurant

3190 South Main Street (Exit 243 off I-81)

Social Hour – 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Dinner 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Awards – 7:30 p.m.

AWARDS GIVEN FOR:

Biggest Buck – 1st, 2nd, 3rd (Antlers – Virginia Scoring System)

Biggest Buck (Weight)

Biggest Doe (Weight)

Biggest Bear (Weight)

Biggest Turkey (Weight)

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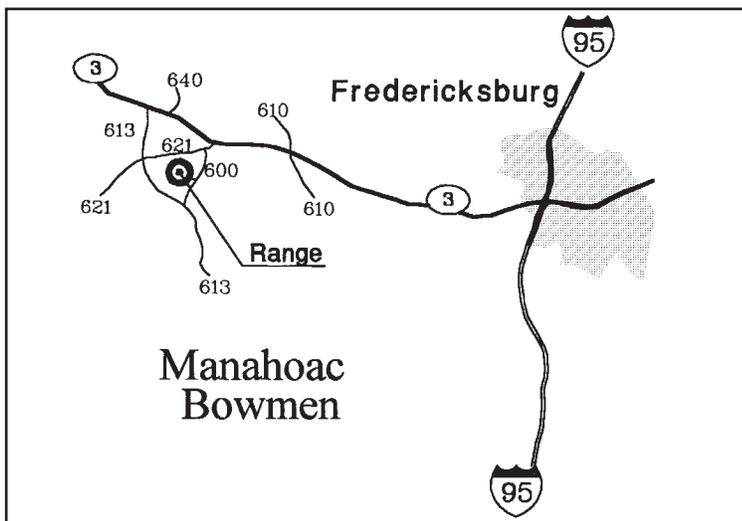
MANAHOAC BOWMEN AND THE VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO THE **2007 SPRING 3-D CLASSIC** (Marked Distance) April 21st & 22nd

- This is a two-day event and you must shoot both days
- Shotgun start 9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. Saturday; 9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. (if necessary) Sunday
- VBA rules apply
- 25 targets each day, marked distance

Registration Times
 Friday night: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 Saturday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

For additional information
 Jarrett Frame: (540) 373-2278
 Roger Almond: (540) 854-9825

Places to Stay (Fredericksburg)
 Best Western: (540) 371-5050
 Hampton Inn: (540) 371-0330
 Limited primitive camping at club



Breakfast will be served at the range 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

VBA 3-D Classic Registration		Mail to: Jarrett Frame 123 Ferry Road Fredericksburg, VA 22405
Fill out this form completely. Please print clearly and only one person per form		
All Archers Welcome.	Must shoot both days.	
Fees: \$20 per person	\$40 max per family	
Name: _____	Phone: _____	
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Home Club: _____		The Flight system will be used to determine classes.
Circle those that apply:		
Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Gender: M F		
Style: FS FS/F BHFS BHFS/F BH/BB TRAD		
Round Preference: Sat: Morning Afternoon Sun: Morning Afternoon (if applicable)		

THE VBA TROPHY ROOM



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HUNTER HEAVNER



PETE ACKER

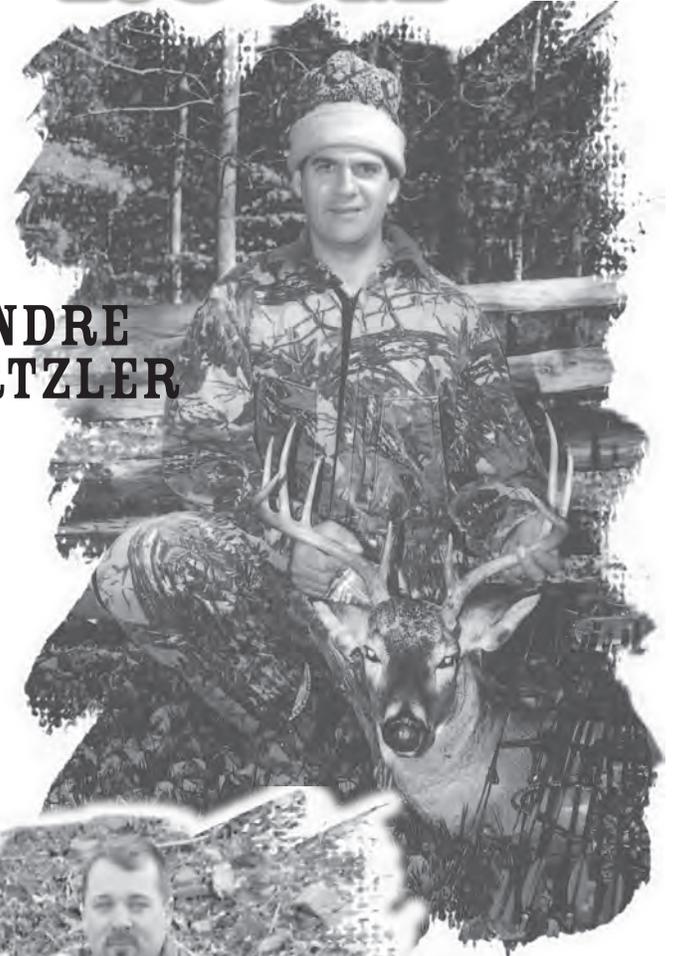


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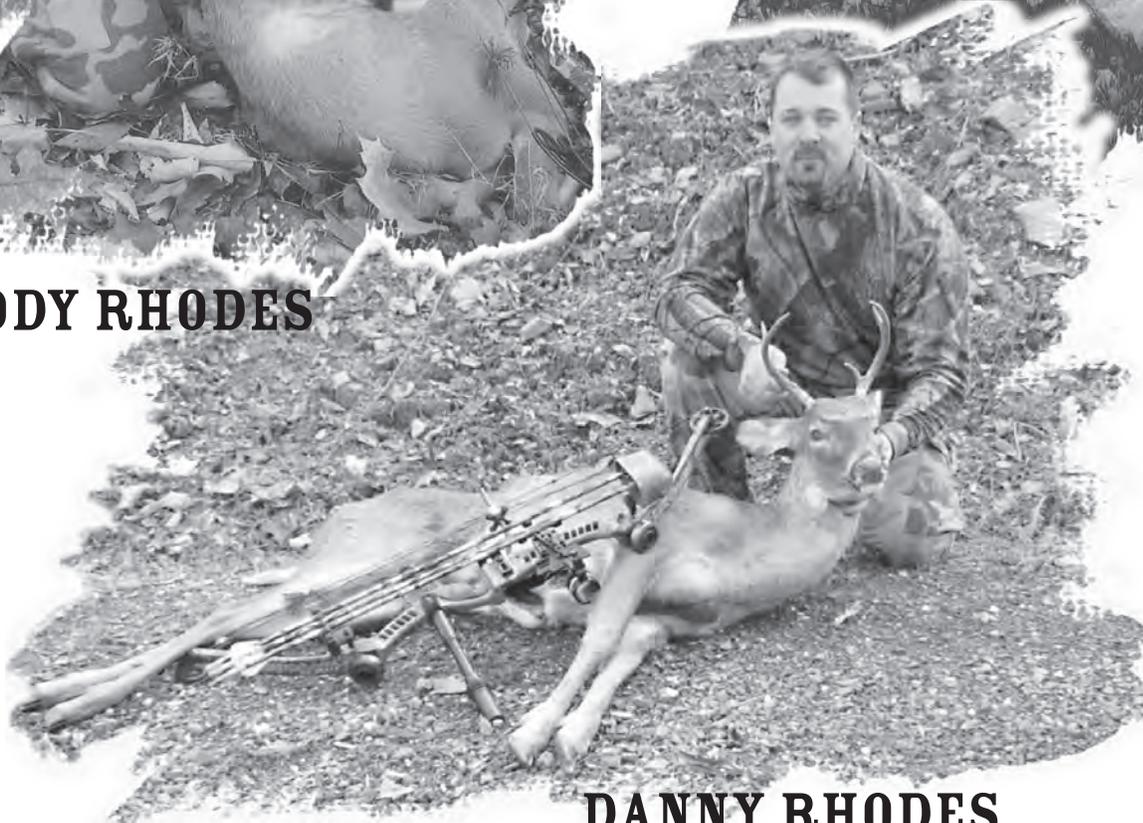
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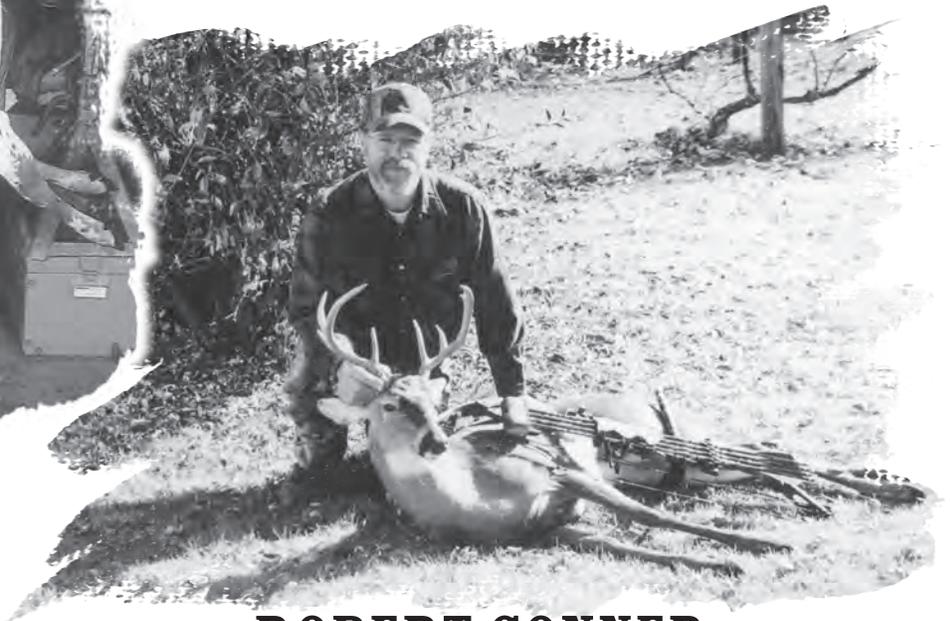
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Please call 540/894-5960 or email us at info@woodsandwatersmagazine.com to reserve your space today! General exhibitor space - \$400/10'x10'

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. Obtain a temporary vehicle pass at the visitor center adjacent to the control point by presenting driver's license and vehicle registration. 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 new 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 new Fort Belvoir Archery Center is located in the same building.

Detailed map at: <http://belvoirmwr.com/hunting-odr/index.html> or at <http://www.geocities.com/bbhunters/>

at the
**Fort Belvoir Archery Center
Tompkins Basin Indoor Range
Ft Belvoir, VA
February 24 & 25, 2007**

The Belvoir Bowhunters welcome you Friday evening (February 23rd) for Registration and Refreshments from 7 to 9 p.m.

Lodging

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

Registration

By Mail: Must be received by Feb 19, 2007

Friday: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday 7 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Send Pre-Registration form(s) to:

Kevin Brown

6041 Bonnie Bern Court

Burke, VA 22015

Make Check Payable to Belvoir Bowhunters

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.

VBA Membership required to receive awards. Must shoot both days.

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

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

State Indoor Sectional Championship Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VBA #: _____ Home Club: _____

Circle those that apply:

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

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

Class: Archers will be classed after the first days score.

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

2007 VBA SECTIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by

Sherwood Archers

February 24th and 25th



Registration Time	Sat. Rounds	Sun. Rounds
Friday: 6:00 – 8:00pm	1 st 9:00 am – 12:00	8:00 – 11:00 am
Saturday: 7:00 – 8:00 am	2 nd 12:00 – 3:00	11:00 – 2:00
'til noon for 3 rd round	3 rd 3:00 – 6:00	2:00 – 5:00 pm

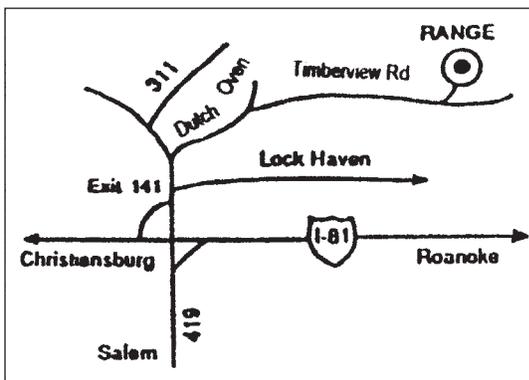
Pre-registration is recommended

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

VBA membership is required to receive awards. Must shoot both days.

PLACES TO STAY

- Baymount Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717
- Quality Inn (3 miles) 1-800-458-4949
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Make checks payable to Sherwood Archers.

Mail to: Sherwood Archers
 c/o Auvray Shumate
 1619 Mountain Heights Drive
 Salem, VA 24153

Phone: 540-389-3369
 Club: 540-366-3701

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

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

Class: Archers will be classed after the first days score.

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



APPLICATION FOR VBA GAME AWARDS VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Date: _____

I, _____,
(Print name as it appears on VBA card) (VBA Number) (Street Address)

_____,
(City and State) (Zip Code) hereby certify that I harvested a

_____, (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.

2007 VBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VBA Meetings

January 6-7
Meeting & Banquet - March 24-25
June 9-10
September 22-23

State Tournaments

State Indoor Sectional - February 24-25

Belvoir Bowhunters
Sherwood Archers

Spring 3-D Classic - April 21-22

Manahoac

State Open - May 26-27

Sherwood Archers

Fall 3-D Classic - August 18-19

Belvoir Bowhunters

State Closed - September 1-2

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Yes, I/we will help financially to offset the cost of processing and distributing venison to the hungry. Enclosed is my/our contribution.

- 100 servings - \$20 200 servings - \$ 40
- 50 servings - \$10 500 servings - \$100
- \$ _____ other

Please send me a listing of the locations where I can donate deer.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Complete and return to:

Hunters for the Hungry, PO Box 304, Big Island, VA 24526.

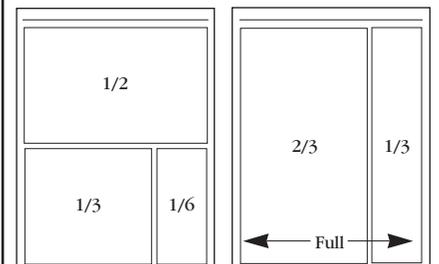
Hunters are also able to donate when purchasing their hunting license. Check the box marked Hunters for the Hungry, and you can make a \$2.00 gift to the program and provide 10 servings of venison for those in need.



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