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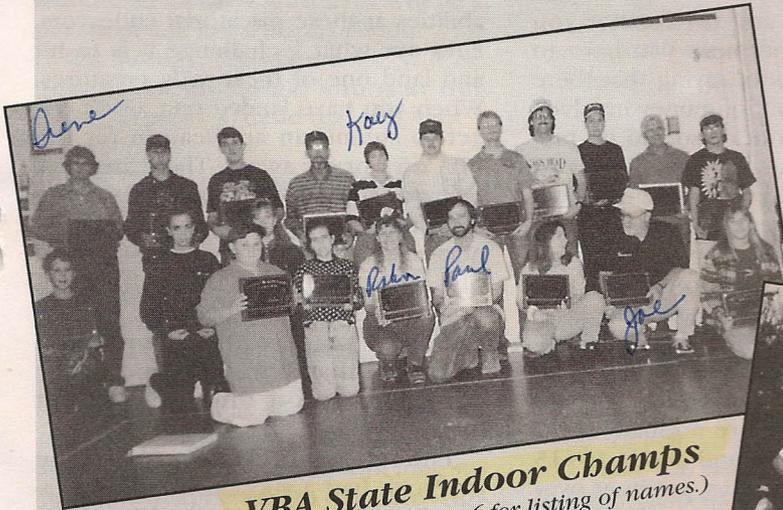
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**VBA State Indoor Champs**  
(See Page 6 for listing of names.)

**It's Been  
A Busy Time  
On The  
Tournament Trail!**



**VBA 3-D Spring Classic Champs**  
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**1995 VBA State Open Champs**  
(Complete listing of scores starts on Page 4.)

**Congratulations to All  
Our Winners and Thanks  
to All Participants!**

(More pictures on Pages 6 and 7.)

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## Flight Deadline

The deadline for the Summer issue of FLIGHT will be *August 31, 1995*. Submit your articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. I encourage readers to send in letters to the editor. Remember, this is *your* newsletter!

## “ramblin’ ’round” From the Hunting Vice President

It seems summer is almost upon us and all I can think about is my next hunt. It's just now May and my mind constantly wanders (my wife says it wanders year round!) to the bear hunt in Maine which my hunting partner, Ralph, and I have planned for early September. We have hunted Maine for black bear for seven years now and it's always more fun than should be allowed for two old guys like us. (I may be looking for a new hunting partner after Ralph reads this). This is leading up to something, obviously, and that something is — preparing for the hunt.

There is always a lot to do to prepare for a hunt, and the further you have to travel, the more you have to plan. It goes without saying that there is also a fair amount of money involved which is even more reason to be prepared. The most important part of preparation is your equipment, down to the real fundamentals, your bow and arrows and how you use them. Practice! Get out to your club and shoot! 3-D, paper, it doesn't matter — just shoot! Try to shoot from the distances and positions you are likely to be hunting from, for example when we hunt bears, we are normally 8 -12 feet off the ground and about 10 -15 yards from the bait. Yes, we hunt over bait. Ralph always has a big bag of doughnuts, but I think he eats most of them before he gets to the stand. We also practice shooting sitting down, since we'll probably be sitting when the bear sneaks in, and by that time, it's too late to move. Anyway, you get the idea: practice the type shots you will probably have to make. The other key item in preparing is to take back-ups. I have taken back-up bows, an extra dozen arrows and broadheads, two or three releases, an extra tree-stand, and on and on until I need a trailer to haul my back-up gear. No, I really don't take that much, but I would hate to find that I couldn't hunt because of equipment failure and I had no back-up. Point made? Sure, there's still a lot more involved with planning that hunting trip, but if you can't hit what you're shooting at, whatever the reason, then you might as well have stayed at home and saved your money.

The next subject is Bill Bennett

awards. I still have at least 40 awards that are for this past season. I will have them again at the next VBA meeting in June, but if the club representative doesn't come to the meeting, then I will still have them in July. If your club doesn't send anyone to the VBA meetings, a club officer should contact me to make arrangements for receiving these awards. Everyone who earned and applied for one should have it, no question. I need club help to ensure that we accomplish this.

Last subject this time around, carp and gar awards. It's almost time to get out on the local waters and test your abilities at these piscatorial endeavors. Find out what a challenge it is to hit and land one of these wily creatures. When you have landed one, don't forget to submit an application for the VBA carp or gar award. These are separate awards (a nice plaque), for the largest of each species. Last year's winners were Russ Hatchl with a 30-pound plus carp, and Greg Hise with a 15-pound gar. We only had five applications last year, so the competition wasn't all that stiff. We hope to see more competitors this year. Get out there and shoot!

Enough ramblin' for now. Hope everyone had a successful turkey season. Right now I'm just thinking about that bear hunt. See you in the fall! ↗

— Bob Seltzer

## Results of the March 1995 VBA Meeting

- Amend last sentence of the first paragraph of Article 17, *Order of the Golden Feather*, Section 2. to read as follows: "One candidate will be elected by a 90% majority vote." **FAILED.**

- Allow clubs in same zone to host shoots on same day as a closed club shoot in the same zone; eliminate clubs from posting "club only" shoots on schedule card. **PASSED.**

- Motion that any club that declines to host a State Shoot after being awarded that event, be removed from bidding on State events for a two-year period with the exclusion of extenuating circumstances. **PASSED.** ↗

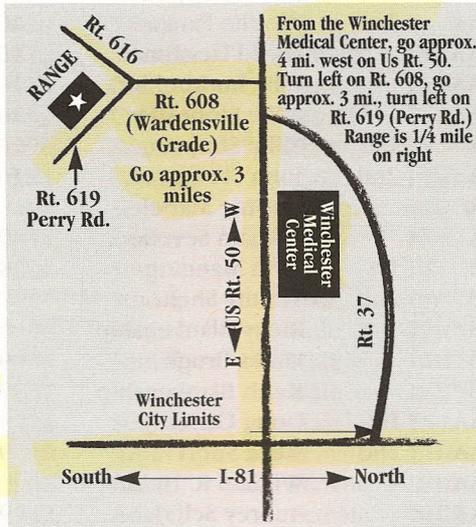
# Club News

## Shawnee Bowmen Opens New Range

Come join us for our first pin shoot of the year on Sunday, July 23, 1995. We will be shooting 1/2 Field and 1/2 Hunter, with registration from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Food and drinks will be available at the range. See map at right for directions.

Our second shoot of the year will be on Sunday, August 27th. This was to be our Annual Little Brown Jug shoot, but due to building the new range and working hard to get at least 14 targets ready by our July shoot, we decided that the shoot on August 27th will be a pin shoot and not a trophy shoot.

On Sunday, October 1 we will be hosting an all-animal shoot at our range, so plan to attend that one, too!



## New River Bowhunter's Club

Fellow Archers and Bowhunters,

The New River Bowhunter's Club is once again planning one of the largest 3-D shoots in the state for charity. We are looking forward to seeing all of you this July 29th and 30th. We planned this shoot to interest all. We have a style for everyone. We added an NFAA barebow style just so string walkers with long stabilizers would be able to compete without being placed in freestyle. So all you barebow shooters come on out and support us. We will try this to see if it is worthwhile to keep. All archers should expect stiff competition — last year 433 archers showed up.

This year, once again, Dan Fitzgerald will be present on Sunday to meet all. We will also have on hand the Ohio Whitetail Collection of some really big

deer heads. Hopefully we will again have some tobacco companies on hand passing out free samples to all adults wanting this.

Door prizes are already pouring in and should pass last year's total of over \$2,500.00.

So friends, come on up to the hills and bring the family for a weekend of fun and help us raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. We think you will enjoy yourself.

**P. S.** All you traditional archers come on up and shoot. Last year we had 13; this year we need more. We have some good traditional shooters around here. ↗

— **Tony Hall, Secretary**  
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## 20-Pin Winners

October 8, 1994 – June 1, 1995

### FIELD

- David Dickey - Centerville
- Richard Ness - Fairfax
- Evan Stachowicz - Manassas
- Irene Stocksdale - Dale City

### HUNTER

- David Dickey - Centerville

## Ethics in Sportsmanship and Leadership

At the risk of starting a "firestorm," there seems to be a need to address ethical sportsmanship and how it relates to leadership, especially leadership within the VBA. Several members from around the state have indicated concern over this issue, so maybe the time is right to ask ourselves what we really expect.

After being asked to be the one to respond to this issue in *Flight*, I gave it much thought. I have always believed in the direct approach, so I will try to make this short and to the point.

When we think of ethical sportsmanship, we automatically think of the sport of archery, both afield in the pursuit of wild game and on the range in pursuit of a target. Having a code of ethics and being an ethical archer means simply following the rules, all of the rules. In the pursuit of wild game, many of these "rules" are, in fact, laws. But being ethical as a hunter also refers to how you hunt, being above reproach, respecting other hunters, respecting the game you are hunting, and making a clean kill.

The last person we need representing us as a club officer or VBA officer is someone we know to be unethical. If we knowingly elect someone to represent us who has violated the rules or laws, aren't we sending a message about who we are and how we feel about those rules? Shouldn't we do our best to ensure that only those who exhibit the highest standards of conduct are elected to represent us as an organization? These are certainly rhetorical questions, but they need to be answered before you elect someone to represent you.

We should expect our elected leadership, whether archery club, PTA, or state or federal government to be ethical, above reproach in all they do. If we accept less than that, we have only ourselves to blame for poor leadership and poorer representation. ↗

— **Bob Seltzer**  
Hunting Vice President

# ★ 1995 VBA State Oper

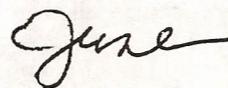
Dear Friends,

I'm sure by now some of you are wondering what has happened to Mel's Pro Shop. Because of medical reasons, I have the sold the shop inventory and assets to Bobby Norris who has renamed it B & B Archery Pro Shop. Bobby, who is an accomplished archer, will assist his son Bobby Joe in running the shop. Bobby Joe, who is one of the top archers in the state, will be a benefit to customers with his knowledge and experience. You will still see a familiar face when you visit the shop — Bobby has hired Don to assist them.

As for myself, it is getting a little hectic right now. I am still flying back and forth to Upper Michigan to help take care of my Dad. My doctors have advised me that I will probably need dialysis shortly. I am in the process of getting registered at the Fairfax Hospital Kidney Transplant Unit in hopes of receiving a kidney one day. If anyone would consider being a donor, please contact me. In fact, you may consider signing the donor spot on your driver's license — there are thousands of people out there like me who can benefit from the donor program.

I want to thank all you folks for all your support and prayers over the years.

Have a great hunting season.



June  
Mel's Pro Shop, Inc.

CLASS	PLACE	NAME	TOTAL SCORE	DIVISION	SEX	STYLE
AA	SC	Martin Stonesifer	1087	Adult	Male	BHFS
AA	2nd	Mitch Stonesifer	1075	Adult	Male	BHFS
AA	3rd	Charlie Parsons	1070	Adult	Male	BHFS
AA		David Heishman	1062	Adult	Male	BHFS
AA		Billy Burkholder	1060	Adult	Male	BHFS
AA		Mike Stonesifer	1047	Adult	Male	BHFS
A	1st	Mike Shupe	1059	Adult	Male	BHFS
A	2nd	John Stewart	1010	Adult	Male	BHFS
A		Donnie Maricle	998	Adult	Male	BHFS
A		William Sevebeck	979	Adult	Male	BHFS
B	1st	John Manning	999	Adult	Male	BHFS
B	2nd	Timmy Shelton	971	Adult	Male	BHFS
B		Ricky Blankenship	963	Adult	Male	BHFS
B		James Brugh	944	Adult	Male	BHFS
B		Keith Blankenship	904	Adult	Male	BHFS
AA	1st	Doug Carico	997	Adult	Male	BHFS-L
AA	2nd	Steve Short	969	Adult	Male	BHFS-L
AA		William R. Helsel	957	Adult	Male	BHFS-L
AA		Aubrey Self, Jr.	957	Adult	Male	BHFS-L
A	SC	Jim Little	1000	Adult	Male	BHFS-L
A	2nd	Evan Stachowicz	969	Adult	Male	BHFS-L
A		Robert Mitchell	910	Adult	Male	BHFS-L
A		Jerry Jordan	902	Adult	Male	BHFS-L
B	1st	Jamie Vargo	721	Adult	Male	BHFS-L
AA	SC	C. D. Miller	1102	Adult	Male	FS
AA	2nd	Woody Kendall	1097	Adult	Male	FS
AA	3rd	Bill Hamlin	1096	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Eddie Rogers	1092	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Terry Pendley	1091	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Danny Minnick	1087	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Steven Tinchler	1076	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Doug Hale	1075	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Robert W. Kenley	1075	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Philip Pritchard	1069	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Don Davis	1063	Adult	Male	FS
AA		James Lowe	1060	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Steven Lowe, Sr.	1059	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Bill Hamlin, Sr.	1043	Adult	Male	FS
AA		Mark W. Lohr	1029	Adult	Male	FS
A	1st	Barry Wolfe	1056	Adult	Male	FS
A	2nd	Keith David	1052	Adult	Male	FS
A	3rd	Bill Shumate	1039	Adult	Male	FS
A		Greg Slater	1038	Adult	Male	FS
A		Ronnie Dove	1036	Adult	Male	FS
A		Tommy Wilhelm	1033	Adult	Male	FS
A		Troy Wallace	1032	Adult	Male	FS
A		Danny Trent	1015	Adult	Male	FS
A		Quinter Cook	1012	Adult	Male	FS
A		Rob Pecora	1005	Adult	Male	FS
A		Kevin Woolwine	1004	Adult	Male	FS
A		Terry Ballowe	998	Adult	Male	FS
B	1st	Alan Smith	994	Adult	Male	FS
B		Keith Trent	978	Adult	Male	FS
AA	SC	Bobby Lowe	989	Young Adult	Male	FS

# Hosted by Sherwood Archers

CLASS	PLACE	NAME	TOTAL SCORE	DIVISION	SEX	STYLE
AA	1st	Jason Shelton	962	Young Adult	Male	BHFS
A	SC	Nick Willard	987	Young Adult	Male	BHFS
AA	SC	Steven Lowe, Jr.	1028	Youth	Male	FS
A	SC	Traci Manning	872	Youth	Female	FS
A	SC	Christopher Shelton	948	Cub	Male	BHFS
B	SC	Beth Pecora	859	Cub	Female	BHFS-L
AA	SC	Joe Herbert	1096	Senior	Male	FS
A	SC	Richard Merkel	981	Senior	Male	BHFS-L
A	1st	Billy Reynolds	467	Senior	Male	BHFS
A	1st	Andrew Dobranski	1034	Senior	Male	FS
A		George Harman	1014	Senior	Male	FS
A	SC	Haynes Davis	961	Senior	Male	BB
B	SC	Everett Witter	996	Senior	Male	BHFS
B		Charley Davis	933	Senior	Male	BHFS
B		Robert Colby	857	Senior	Male	BHFS
B	SC	Bev Hunter	723	Senior	Male	FS-L
AA	SC	Irene Stocksdale	940	Adult	Female	BHFS-L
AA		Christi Crawford	906	Adult	Female	BHFS-L
A	1st	Sarah Newmeyer	932	Adult	Female	BHFS-L
AA	SC	Robin Vogel	1027	Adult	Female	BHFS
AA		Gwenda Willard	964	Adult	Female	BHFS
A	1st	Auvray Shumate	885	Adult	Female	BHFS
AA	SC	Phil Cantrell	972	Adult	Male	BB
AA	2nd	Michel Smith	970	Adult	Male	BB
AA		Bill Keen	969	Adult	Male	BB
AA		Don Devall	941	Adult	Male	BB
AA		Paul Vogel	912	Adult	Male	BB
AA	SC	H. P. "Buddy" Lowman	1026	Adult	Male	FS-L
AA	2nd	Giles Gilley	1018	Adult	Male	FS-L
AA	3rd	John Grossl	1017	Adult	Male	FS-L
AA		Tom Halpin	1003	Adult	Male	FS-L
AA		J. Steven Tincher	990	Adult	Male	FS-L
AA		James Crawford	986	Adult	Male	FS-L
AA		Charles Waybright	974	Adult	Male	FS-L
AA		John McLaughlin	922	Adult	Male	FS-L
AA		Steven Overfelt	507	Adult	Male	FS-L
A	1st	John Van Lew	995	Adult	Male	FS-L
A		Kenny Atkinson	875	Adult	Male	FS-L
AA	SC	Cay McManus	978	Adult	Female	BB
AA	SC	Scarlet Rucker	1008	Adult	Female	FS
A	1st	Debbie Maricle	1001	Adult	Female	FS
A		Judyth Ingram	932	Adult	Female	FS
A		Louella Crawford	898	Adult	Female	FS
B	1st	Shirley Jordan	775	Adult	Female	FS
AA	SC	Howard Faris	998	Adult	Male	BH
AA	2nd	John Boyd	939	Adult	Male	BH
AA		Robert Baublitz	902	Adult	Male	BH
AA		Robert Craft	893	Adult	Male	BH
AA		Willard Carroll	879	Adult	Male	BH
AA		Joe McManus	805	Adult	Male	BH
A	1st	Terry Lambert	836	Adult	Male	BH
		David Schaub	1078	Pro		
		Dale Rucker	1052	Pro		

## 1995 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL OUTDOOR TOURNAMENT

The last week of July (24-28), 1995, will be the date for the 50th Anniversary of the NFAA Outdoor National Tournament, hosted in Wausau, Wisconsin, by the Rib Mountain Bowmen.

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**State Champions  
from the  
VBA State Indoor**

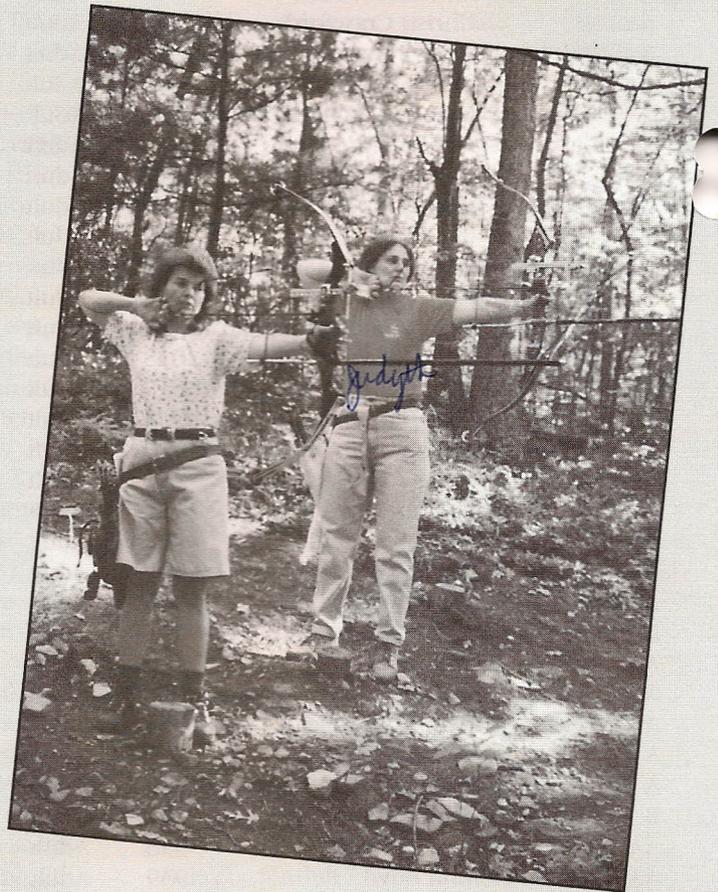
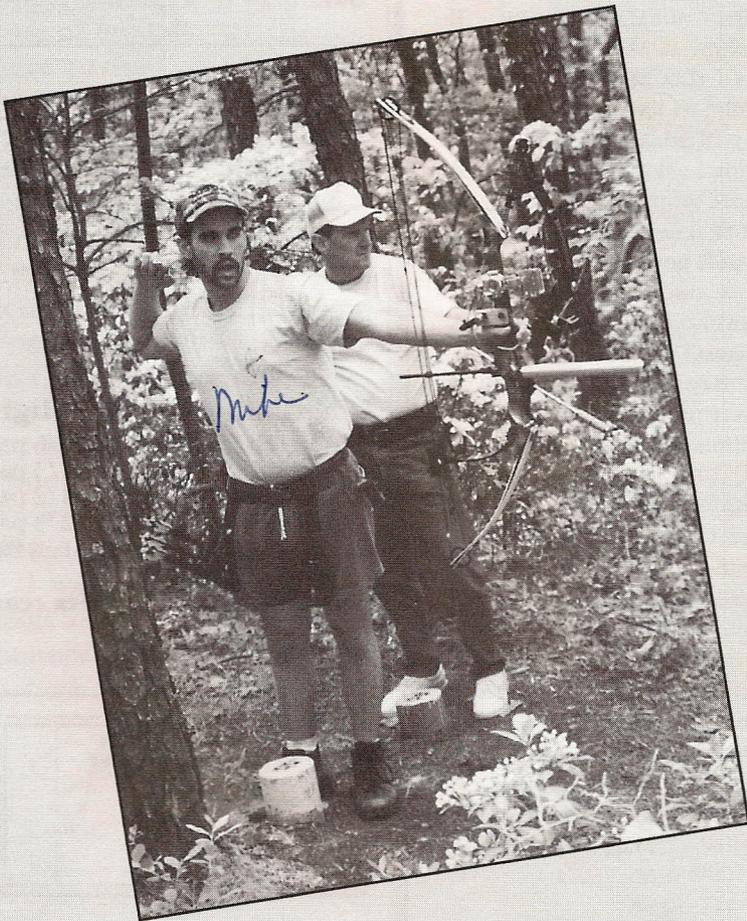
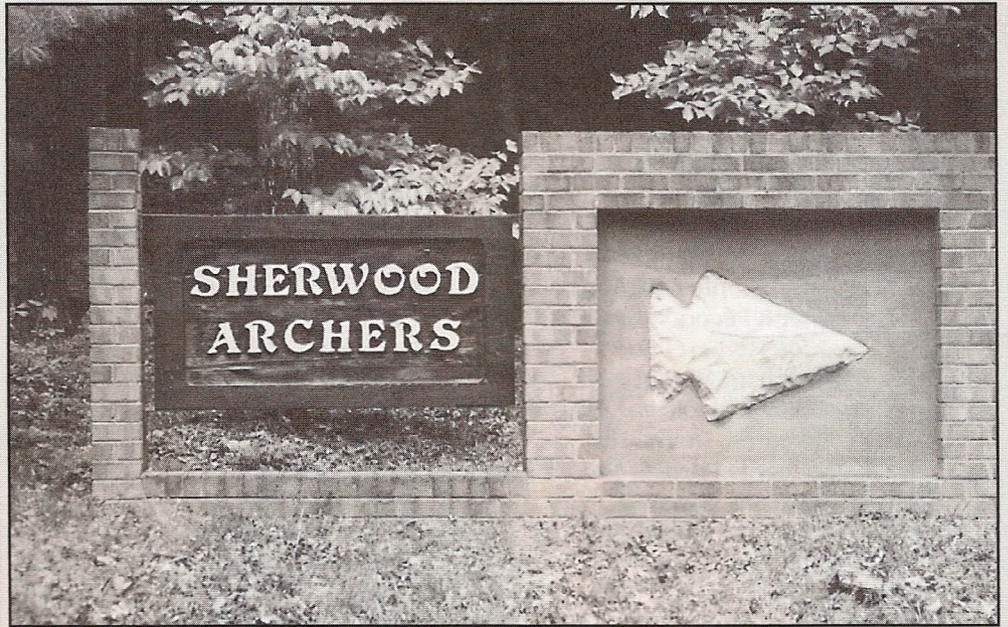
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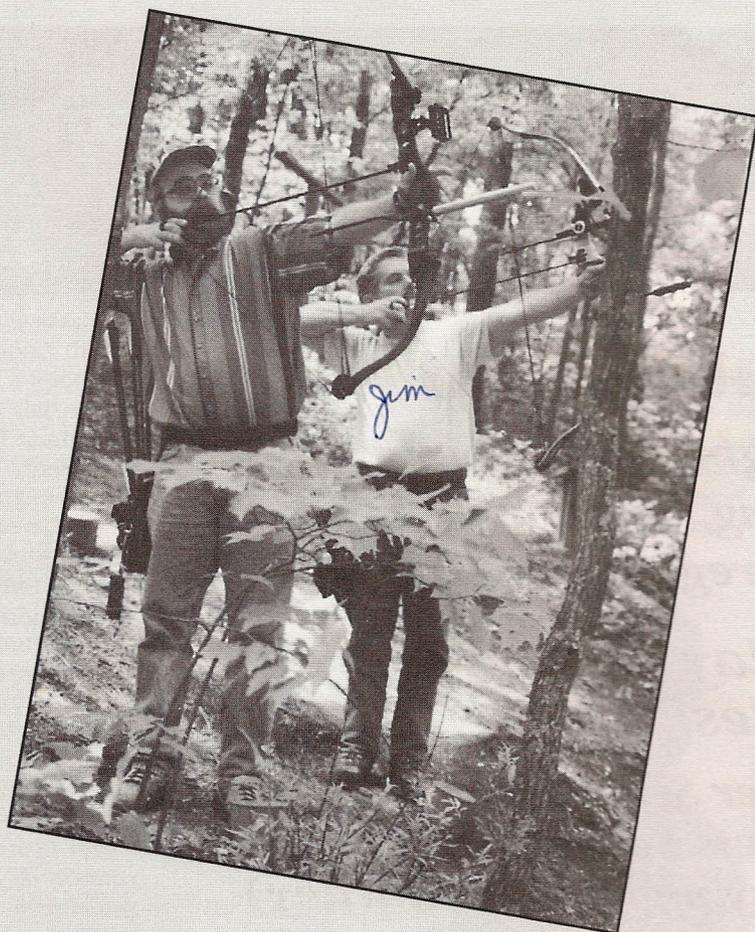
- Christopher Shelton
- Denya Pecora
- Jordan Street
- Traci Manning
- Beth Pecora
- Robin Vogel
- Paul Vogel
- Heather Stephens
- Joe Herbert
- Hilary Seabolt

*Back Row:*

- Irene Stocksdale
- Jason Shehan
- Nick Willard
- Giles Gilley
- Cay McManus
- Rick Stark
- Charlie Mullen
- Daryll Diehl
- Kenny Hale
- Westley Stigall
- Mike Bibee



**More Scenes from**



**VBA 3-D  
Spring Classic**

**Male Adult Free Style**

Danny Henshaw • State Champ • 527  
Greg Kreps • Second • 526  
Dwayne Risner • Third • 522

**Female Adult Free Style**

Chenee Tillett • State Champ • 538  
Barbara Bates • Second • 516  
Kathy Risner • Third • 496

**Male Adult Free Style Limited**

Dave Harrison • State Champ • 449  
Noah Painter • Second • 446

**Female Adult Free Style Limited**

Darlene Frye • State Champ • 384

**Male Adult Bowhunter**

**Free Style Limited**

Jim Flowers • State Champ • 380  
Buddy Altizer • Second • 367  
Bob Campbell • Third • 359

**Female Adult Bowhunter**

**Free Style Limited**

Irene Stockdale • State Champ • 386

**Male Adult Traditional**

Paul Vogel • State Champ • 516  
Tom Frye • Second • 481

**Male Cub**

Steven Hale • State Champ • 481  
Nathon Holmes • Second • 372  
Jason Boger • Third • 354

**Female Cub**

Kristina Marcom • State Champ • 421

**Male Young Adult**

Denver Nail • State Champ • 481  
Chris Perkins • Second • 464

**Male Youth**

William Hale • State Champ • 514  
Jason Bauserman • Second • 501

**Male Adult BB/BH**

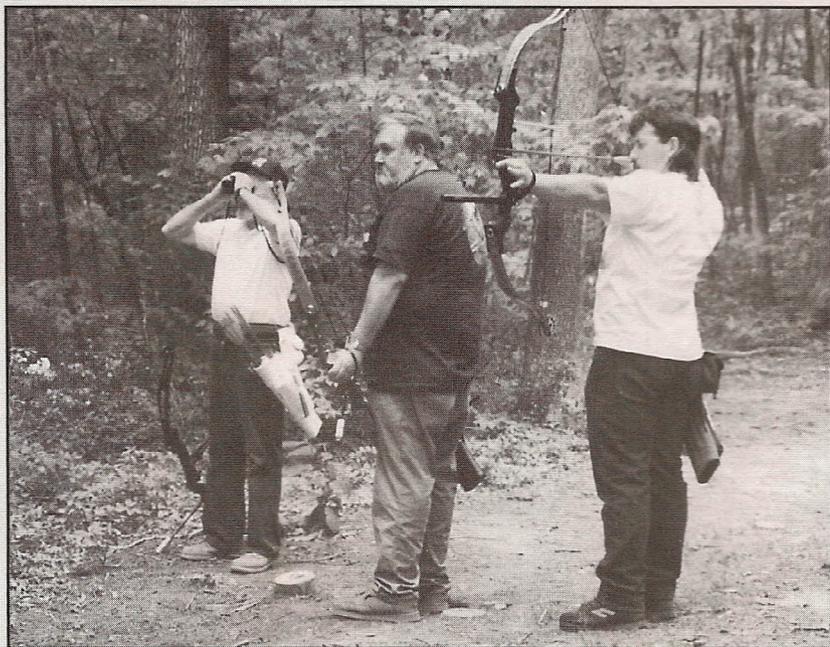
Doyle Ritchie • State Champ • 399  
Howard Faris • Second • 394

**Female Adult Bowhunter Free Style**

Robin Vogel • State Champ • 487

**Male Adult Bowhunter Free Style**

John Boger • State Champ • 478  
Mike Kudacille • Second • 470  
Frank Farley, Jr. • Third • 469



**the Tournament Trail!**

# 1995 VBA State Closed Tournament

## Hosted by Buggs Island Archers

**September 2 & 3**

**Registration Friday night, September 1, 6 – 10 p.m.  
and Saturday morning, September 2, 7 – 8 a.m.  
(No Pre-registration!)**

**Menu**  
 Barbecued Chicken  
 Baked Beans  
 Cole Slaw  
 Beverage  
 \$5 per Plate

### **Saturday Night Program Includes:**

- **Supper Served on Club Grounds  
(Tickets Sold in Advance on  
Friday night and Saturday)**
- **Bluegrass Band**

### **Area Motels**

#### **Clarksville, VA**

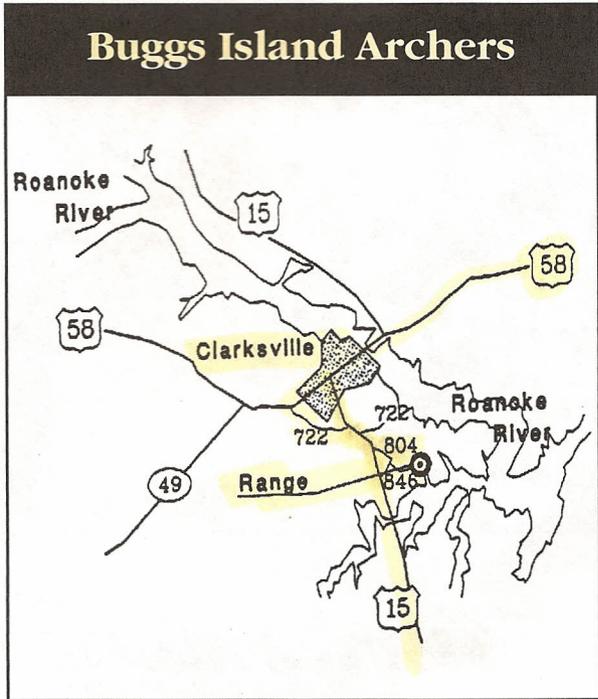
- Lake Motel - 1-804-374-1806
- Lighthouse Motel - 1-804-374-2123
- Slagle's Motel, Hwy. 58W - 1-804-374-8820
- Needmoor Bed & Breakfast - 1-804-374-2866

#### **South Boston Area (25 Miles)**

- Howard Inn, 360E - 1-804-572-4311
- Crestview, Hwy. 58W - 1-804-572-3022
- Hilltop Motel, Hwy. 58W - 1-804-572-3553
- Hudson Motel - 1-804-572-2959
- Super 8 Motel, Hwy. 58W - 1-804-572-8868
- Days Inn, Hwy. 58W - 1-804-572-4941

#### **Chase City (18 Miles)**

- Wesco Motel, Hwy. 92W - 1-804-372-5161



## Bowhunting for Carp — The Off-Season Sport

Have you ever been in hunter's limbo? You know, that time of year when spring gobbler season is just a memory, and you're anticipating that long, long wait until the opening of deer season. I have recently discovered a sport that not only gives me the thrill of a good hunt, but is also a great way to sharpen my shooting skills during off season — bowhunting for carp.

These overgrown goldfish are found in practically all freshwater lakes, rivers, and streams, and they've been known to grow to over 60 pounds, while their average weight is between 8 to 15 pounds. Carp can live almost anywhere and under almost any conditions, except for cold, clear waters. They were introduced into the United States from Asia in 1876, and the species has propagated and spread into nearly every state in the country.

Bowfishing for carp is quickly gaining popularity among many bowhunters. The action is fast with countless opportunities for success, as the next shot could be just around the next bend in the river. Although the carp is cussed out by most sport fishermen, he can be taken by bow, and he can put up quite a battle. Bowfishing tournaments for carp and gar (mostly carp) are becoming an annual event in numerous archery clubs, and contests are also on the increase in many small local bow shops. Prizes for largest fish taken can be quite substantial.

Just about any bow can be used for bowfishing. (My personal choice is a recurve I bought at a yard sale!) If your bow doesn't have a threaded hole for a stabilizer, there are tape-on reels available. You will also need a few fiberglass fish arrows tipped with a fishing head. There are several different fishing heads available. I prefer a Sting-A-Ree because of its

holding power and easy removal from the fish. You will most definitely need a pair of polarized fishing glasses, since the glare off the water can hinder your vision.

Also, it is advisable to target practice beforehand into the water, so you will know exactly where to aim. Due to light refraction in water, the fish is not exactly where it appears to be. You will actually shoot below the fish. Shooting carp is best done at close range for this reason.

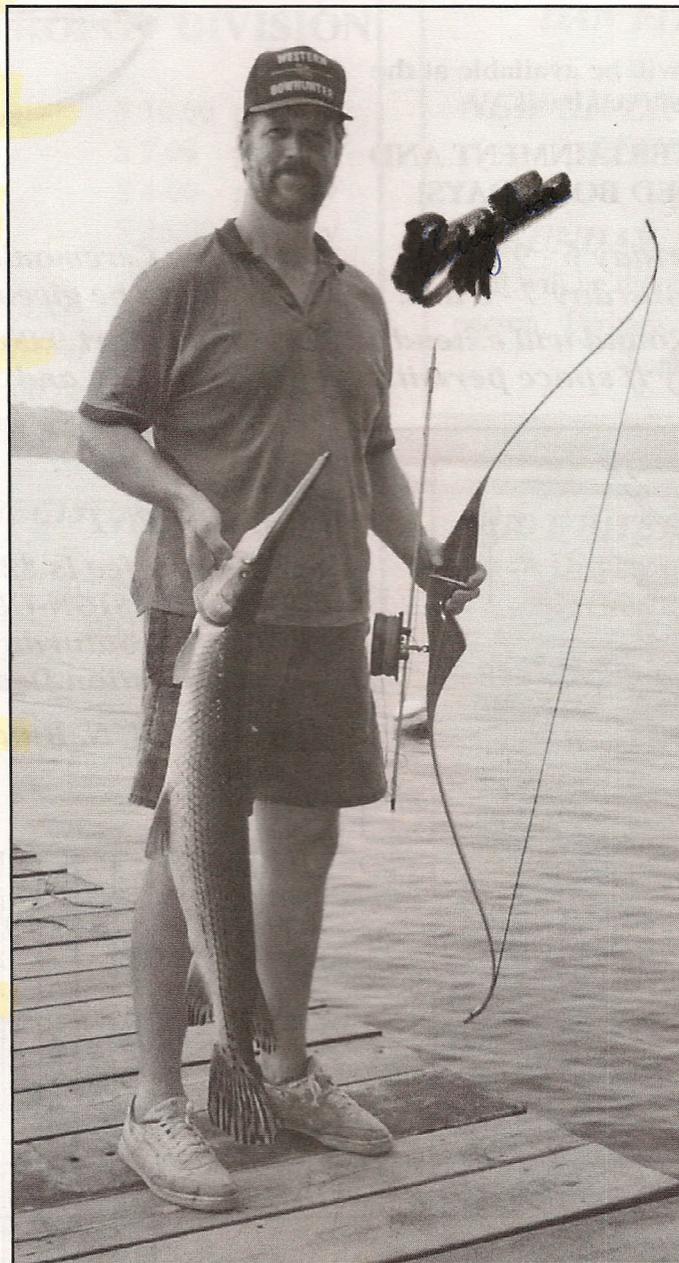
Carp are mostly bottom feeders, except during spawning when schools of carp are often seen thrashing about on the surface of the water. This is without a doubt your best chance to bring one in. They spawn in late spring; by mid-summer they will be heading for deeper water, or sleeping in vegetation pockets. You can probably hunt carp through the summer season, but as summer progresses, the spawning will eventually stop and the carp will go deeper. Remember, the deeper in the water they are, the less projection your arrow will have. You will also need to consider the greater light refraction in relation to the depth of the fish.

Carp bowshooting can be done from the shore line, but is much easier from a boat or canoe. With a boat, you can maneuver to where the fish are instead of waiting for them to come to you. I use a flat bottom Jon Boat, since the balancing element is one less worry for me; however, a friend of mine does a near-perfect balancing act in a canoe while placing an accurate shot in a fish, which proves that it can be done. Carp get skittish after their spawning period, and they seem to spook easily from any movement, including a boat going through the water. If you are fishing on a river, one excellent way to avoid alerting carp is to turn off the boat motor and drift with the tide.

Of course, as with most any game, you will need to scout for a good location before heading out to do any serious carp hunting. Carp are a sturdy species and can be plentiful, so shooting can be fast paced and constant if you are in the right locale.

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Greg Hise poses with his 15½ pound gar.



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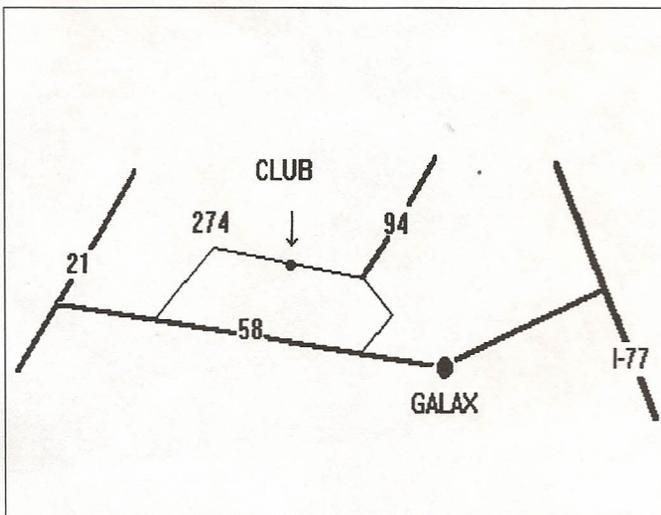
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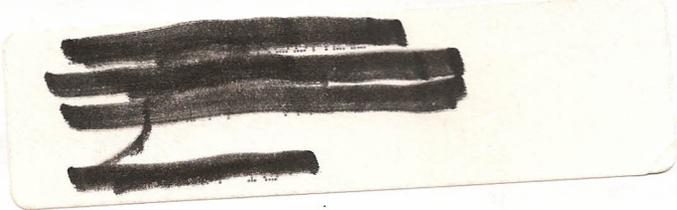
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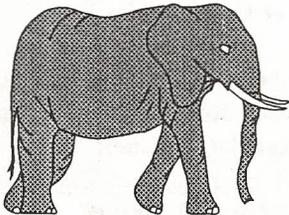
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