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**JASON SEALOCK FROM TWO RIVERS ARCHERY CLUB WITH HIS MULE DEER**  
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**From the President**

With bow season starting now is a good time to reflect on what the VBA has done for the bowhunters in the commonwealth of Virginia. Here are just a few examples of what we have done since 1941 !

1. 1949 – North River area (16 square miles) in Rockingham County was the first area opened to bowhunting in Virginia.
2. 1953 – “Big Levels” in Augusta County was opened to bowhunting.
3. 1956 – A statewide bowhunting season was enacted.
4. 1985 – A separate archery license for bowhunters was established, allowing two additional deer to be harvested.
5. 1994 – An additional week of bow season was added when the opening date of archery season moved from the second Saturday in October to the first Saturday in October.
6. 1994 – It was made legal to harvest turkey with a bow during the early archery season.
7. 2003 – It was made legal to harvest a black bear during the early archery season statewide.
8. 2005 – The VBA opposed the effort to legalize the use of crossbows in the regular archery season and in the process many valuable messages about hunting safety and ethics were reinforced with all involved.
9. 2007 – New “Urban Archery” regulations expanded the archery season by months in many locations and included harvest incentives such as “earn a buck.”
10. 2009 - Resumed responsibility to coordinate the After School Archery Program (ASAP) in Virginia.
11. 2010 – Supported a successful VDGIF plan to reintroduce elk to Virginia; Sponsored state-wide charity shoots to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; Revitalized the International Bowhunter Education Program in Virginia in conjunction with the VDGIF and National Bowhunter Education Foundation.
12. 2011 – The VBA was opposed to add a Bear Hunting license on top of our big game license. We supported the following: to expand the urban archery season to a few cities that were excluded in 2002; expand the “Youth” hunting day to include Fairfax, Loudoun and Pr. William counties; to close the elk season in Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise counties to be made available for collection of biological
13. Specimens for disease testing; to remove the daily limit and make it unlimited to hunt in Fairfax, Loudoun and Pr. William counties to bring the herd under control; and, the unauthorized feeding of deer, bear and other wildlife.
- 2014 – We were in support of the following items: to make it legal to allow Sunday hunting on private land with written permission; combined the archery and crossbow license into one license; require the use of blaze orange during muzzleloading and bowhunting season; prohibit the hunting of deer or bear with the aid or assistance of dogs on Sundays and to allow persons holding an apprentice hunting license to hunt unsupervised if they have successfully completed a hunter education course.
14. 2018 opposed the Arrow Gun for use in the archery season. Went to

**FLIGHT Deadline**  
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Richmond and fought it. We got the legislation the way we wanted it.

15. Opposed the 3 day early Bear season still opposing it!

16. Opposed the separation of the Bear Tag.

We are working harder now than ever to ensure your rights as a Bowhunter are protected. In saying Bowhunter that includes the Traditional bowhunters, the compound bowhunters, and the Crossbow bowhunters! We are all on the same team! Under my leadership I envision making the Association stronger and more accessible to all the bowhunters in the state of Virginia.

I believe it’s time we focus more on the hunting side of the Association!

Thanks for your support and happy hunting

Shannon Nesselrodt

VBA President 

**From the Executive Vice President**

Hope everyone is having a great and fruitful hunting season and so you will not fall asleep in the tree stand I will keep this short. Starting next year the Flight magazine will become Biannually instead of Quarterly, with this change you will immediately see that the issues are larger because we are not leaving anything out that you would normally see. We hope that with this change we can cut down on the cost of the magazine by saving on postage and setup charges. We have set the Flight cut off dates to Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> for the two issues.

If you have been an expert hunter and have harvested an animal please sent me your pictures of success and if happens to be a disappointment and you have a tall tale to tell sent it to me so we can share it with everyone.

The one thing I do want to advise all of the BAREBOW RECURVE shooters is that we have passed a BBR shooting style for the Indoors, Open and Closed tournaments. I will have the Constitution and Bylaws changed shortly to reflect those changes and you can access that info from our website at [www.vbarchers.com](http://www.vbarchers.com)

Executive Vice President

Terry Ballowe 

**VBA Raffle Tickets**

The VBA is raffling off a Parker Cross Bow(1<sup>st</sup> prize), Dual Mist Deerlure System (2<sup>nd</sup> prize) and 6 Carbon Express Arrows (3<sup>rd</sup> prize). The tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. If you are interested contact your club representative for your tickets or you can get your tickets at the VBA state Closed or VBA Fall 3D Classic, the drawing will take place at the 25<sup>th</sup> VBA Banquet on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 and you can probably get your tickets at the banquet also.

## From the Publicity Director

Our last sportsmen event this year was the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show (VOSS) in August. I would like to thank Ed Bickham from Kingsboro Bowmen and John, Kathy and Logan Weller from Manahoac Bowmen who helped at this event. The attendance for all three days was up from previous years. Many folks inquired about the VBA, our clubs, what we do for archers, bowhunters our archery educational programs and partner with the VDGIF. We referred many to Belvoir Bowhunters, Bowhunters of Rockingham, Dixie Bowmen, Kingsboro Bowmen, Pr. William Archers, Manahoac and Sherwood Archers. The VBA Packets and FLIGHTs were distributed, our Fundraising Crossbow Raffle tickets and promotional items were also sold. I had the honor to be introduced by Matt Knox to the new Executive Director, Ryan Brown. Mr. Brown appreciated and thanked us for what the VBA does for archers, bowhunters, and conservation and wildlife management in the Commonwealth.

The VBA was invited to help the Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation, American Heritage Girls Fall Camporee event on Saturday, October 19th, 2019. It was an awesome and quite a busy day. Seven groups with over 300 plus girls came through the archery range. The VBA Packets & FLIGHTs were included in the girls' take-home bags. Many Moms' inquired about the VBA, our website and go to the VDGIF website to take Hunting, NBEP/IBEP and Boating classes. The event would not have been a success without much dedication and time from Jerry & Mary Wenzel, Eugene Slagle, BBH folks, Jerry's JOAD/Goldminers and Eugene LOWC volunteers. Also, it was nice to work with Jill Delligatti, BBH Publicity Director, who helped solicit volunteers from BBH. Thanks again to all the volunteers!



At the VBA September's Quarterly meeting, two nominees were submitted for the Silver Arrow Award. Ricky Stark, a member of Pr. William Archers since 1969, has been shooting since he was nine and their Range Warden. Ricky is known nation-wide as a top barebow shooter, he puts on demonstrations for the 4-H Clubs, local schools and county libraries to promote the sport of archery to kids and youths. He has also helped qualify shooters for the Fairfax County Park Urban Hunting.

Second is John Hoffman, a member of NORVA for more than 40 years and Belvoir Bowhunters for over 15 years. John has managed NORVA's 3-D range for almost 30 years, the most challenging course in the Commonwealth. John was inducted into the Order of the Golden Deer, a very prestigious award, and the first to be awarded a lifetime NORVA member. He has won numerous VBA State Championship awards in 3-D and Field archery and holds the Fall 3-D State record in MHC and MCBH classes. John has helped many new members of NORVA and BBH to get involved in archery, especially youths.

Over the past year, we have discussed the cost of the FLIGHT issues and going 100% electronically. At the VBA September meeting, it was announced that FLIGHT would be published twice a year. The deadline for the Fall issue is due NLT November 1<sup>st</sup> and will include club ads for the VBA State Indoors, Spring 3-D, VBA Annual Awards Banquet, Trophy Room pics, articles and other ads. The Spring issue is due NLT April 15<sup>th</sup> and will have club ads for the VBA State Open, Fall, 3-D, Closed, articles and other ads. If we decide to publish an interim news bulletins, then they will be sent electronically to the clubs.

As a result of the Chronic Wasting Disease (CW) that was discovered in Culpeper County in 2018, the VDGIF will be taking samples for CWD in Culpeper, Madison, Orange and Shenandoah counties on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> only. They will have three stations in Shenandoah and 10 in the DMA2 areas of Culpeper, Madison or Orange counties.

Remember to refer to Page 6 of the VDIGF Hunting & Trapping Regulations "What's New for 2019-2020", especially in the counties or the surrounding counties where you hunt.

The Hunting & Trapping Regulations in Virginia is published every two years, July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup>. Currently, there are no Bills proposed in the Virginia Generally Assembly Legislation. In 2020-2021, we will probably see some Bills proposed by the House & Senate Agriculture Committees.

Our VBA 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet will be on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Am Vets-Post 7, 1340 North Liberty Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802. The flyer is in FLIGHT and on our website. Also, don't forget to mail your VBA Big Game Award application(s) to Marie Bell, NLT March 01, 2020.

Please be safe while bowhunting during the 2019-2020 Hunting season. Take a kid/youth or someone who has never bowhunted. Have a wonderful Holiday with your family and friends!

Yours in Archery - Irene Stocksdale 

## AGENDA ITEMS

### AGENDA ITEMS VOTED ON AT SEPT. MEETING

(1) By-law addition, Art.13, Shooting styles, add Section 13.8, Barebow recurve. Under VBA Rounds, Rules and Styles, add to 6. Shooting Styles, F Barebow Recurve. (1) Follow World Archery rules for Equipment, (2) No class breakdown or divisions in this style for age or sex, except under 18. Effective date, January 2020

Justification: Fast growing style of shooting and needs to be recognized at state level. Submitted by Two Rivers Archery Club.

Agenda Item was tabled at June meeting, brought back up at Sept meeting and voted on. **Passed** 21 yes, 5 no, 2 abstained. Effective Jan. 2020.

### AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY MEETING;

1. Delete Art.7,NBEP Director and replace with Article 7, Parliamentarian . It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to assist the President in following Robert's Rules of Order during meetings of the Board of Directors. It shall also be his duty to interpret the Constitution and By-laws of the association and to make any changes as voted on and directed by the Board of Directors. He shall make available an updated electronic copy of the Constitution and By-laws to all member clubs and Delegates in January of each year.

Also, in Table of Contents, change Art.7, NBEP Director to Parliamentarian,Sect.4.5.Elected/Appointed Officers, para. B, (pg.3of 37) Change NBEP Director to Parliamentarian. Effective date, Jan. 2020.

Justification; Since the VDGIF has taken on the role of training instructors and giving these courses, the need for an NBEP Director is no longer necessary and there is a need to formalize the office of Parliamentarian.

2. Add line 23 to Indoor Shooting Rules, pg.30-31 Sect. J to read; No lighted nocks allowed.
3. Add line 15 to Shooting Rules, pg.27-28; No lighted nocks allowed.

Justification; After complaints from 2019 State Indoor about distractions to other archers and also follow NFAA rules, we would like this added to Shooting Rules. Effective, Jan. 2020.

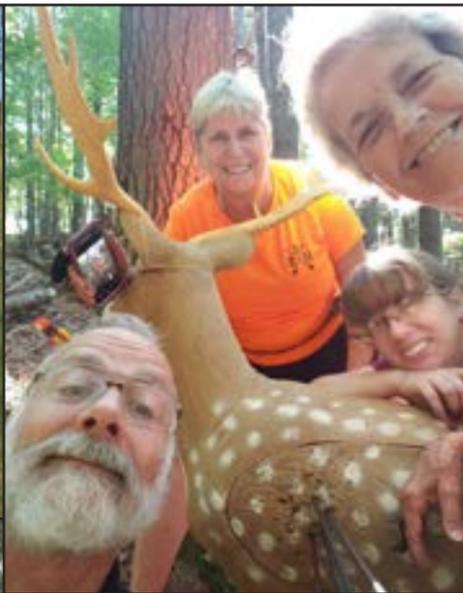
# VBA 2019 Fall 3-D Classic

Hosted by New River Archers



2019 Fall 3D Classic Champions

2019 Fall 3D Classic Winners



## VBA 2019 3-D Fall Classic (August 17-18, 2019)

HOST: New River Bowhunters

		DAY 1	DAY 2	Total Score				
IBO Style	Shooter Name	Rank	Day 1 Score	Day 1 11's	Day 2 Score	Day 2 11's	Total Score	Total 11's
<b>AHC (Adult - Advanced Hunter Class)</b>								
	John McKenzie	SC	203	6	232	7	435	13
	John Thomas - INC		0	0	251	10	0	0
<b>FHC (Adult - Female Hunter Class)</b>								
	Anne Le Clercq	SC	187	2	195	1	382	3
<b>FTRD (Adult - Female Traditional)</b>								
	Cay McManus	SC	222	5	221	4	443	9
	Robin Vogel	2nd	201	3	204	2	405	5
	Jessica Craig - INC		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HC (Adult - Hunter Class)</b>								
	Danny Korbin	SC	254	11	254	10	508	21
	Paul Whitlock	2nd	191	0	179	2	370	2
<b>HF (Adult - Hunter Fingers)</b>								
	Tony Hall	SC	201	3	201	2	402	5
<b>MBO (Adult - Male Bowhunter Open)</b>								
	Travis Casey - INC		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MBR (Adult - Male Bowhunter Release)</b>								
	Russell Whitlock	SC	216	7	236	8	452	15
	Travis Stewart	2nd	210	3	234	7	444	10
	Willy Whitlock	3rd	202	2	216	3	418	5
	Kemper Coleman - INC		186	2	0	0	0	0
	Mike Coleman - INC		174	2	0	0	0	0
	Eric Bane - INC		250	9	0	0	0	0
<b>RU (Adult - Recurve Un-Aided)</b>								
	Russell Newton	SC	184	3	160	2	344	5
<b>TRD (Adult - Traditional)</b>								
	Dale Wade	SC	173	4	189	3	362	7
	Jeff McManus	2nd	151	2	143	0	294	2
<b>MSR (Senior - Men's Senior Class)</b>								
	David Smith	SC	222	4	232	7	454	11
	Clarence Roten - INC		257	11	0	0	0	0
	Johnny Viers - INC		252	12	0	0	0	0
	Terry Call - INC		0	0	258	10	0	0
	Charlie Vipperman - INC		0	0	232	9	0	0



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<b>SHC (Senior - Senior Hunter)</b>								
	Arthur Sommers	SC	239	7	242	9	481	16
	Tom Korbini	2nd	228	6	221	3	449	9
<b>STRD (Masters - Senior Traditional)</b>								
	Paul Vogel	SC	222	2	223	4	445	6
<b>SMC (Senior Masters - Senior Master Class)</b>								
	Alan Hines	SC	238	11	48	2	286	13
<b>MK50 (Known Distance - Male)</b>								
	Allen Reedy	SC	254	11	256	13	510	24
	Robbie Moore	2nd	253	11	253	9	506	20
	Nathan Wolfe	3rd	247	10	234	7	481	17
	Rick Williams		220	4	228	4	448	8
	T. J. Clemmons		197	3	183	2	380	5
	Brian Moore - INC		0	0	192	3	0	0
	Jeff Icenhour - INC		0	0	214	7	0	0



# VBA FALL 3-D CLASSIC RECORDS 2019



Using IBO Format Starting in 2014  
Combined Score for Placement and Records

Style	Name	Year	1st Round/11s	2nd Round/11s	Record Score/11's
FBH	Chelsea Neville	2014	155/1	186/3	241/4
CUB	Camden Neville	2014	242/7	242/8	484/15
YH	Hunter Soldal	2014	182/3	199/2	381/5
YMR 13-14	Nicholas D'Imperio	2017	257/11	261/13	518/24
YMR 15-17	Nicholas D'Imperio	2018	250/8	207/4	457/12
YTRAD	Marlee Grant	2018	141/1	114/0	255/1
BBO	Charlie Cashion	2018	191/1	169/2	360/3
AHC	Jon Robertson	2014	239/6	237/6	476/12
FBO	Kayla Layton	2014	212/2	240/8	452/10
FBR	Amber Conley	2014	161/0	149/1	310/1
FHC	April Phillips	2016	236/7	240/10	457/8
HF	Tony Hall	2019	201/3	201/2	402/5
FTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2017	212/3	252/10	464/13
HC	Carl Frantz	2015	265/16	247/9	512/25
MBF	Bakari Dale	2015	168/2	176/0	344/2
MBO	Eric Roberson	2014	251/9	254/14	505/23
MBR	Lindy Fullerton	2015	244/9	240/7	484/16
RU	Denny Cline	2015	231/4	223/3	454/7
LB	Bob Hahn	2016	176/0	154/2	330/2
SHC	Wayne Rasnake	2016	247/7	241/6	488/13
TRD	Paul Vogel	2014	225/0	205/5	430/5
MSR	Robert D'Imperio	2017	234/7	232/5	466/12
MHC	John Hoffman	2016	249/8	217/7	466/15
FSR	Jonell Frantz	2016	239/8	237/7	476/15
MCBH	John Hoffman	2015	211/4	227/4	438/8
STRAD	Paul Vogel	2015	252/10	244/8	496/18
SFHC	Melinda Wilson	2016	252/10	241/8	493/18
SMC	Alan Hines	2019	238/11	48/2	286/13
FK45	Christina Tremblay	2018	241/7	239/7	480/14
MK50	Randy Patterson	2017	263/15	258/14	521/29

# 2019 VBA State Closed

Host: Massanutten Archery Club



2019 VBA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONS



2019 VBA STATE CLOSED WINNERS



VBA 2019 State Closed (August 31 - September 01, 2019)

HOST: Massanutten Archery Club (MAC)

VBA Style	Class	Shooter Name	Rank	Field Score	Field Xs	Hunter Score	Hunter Xs	Animal Score	Total Score	Total Xs
<b>AFFS/R (Adult Female Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	AA	Christina Tremblay	SC	538	52	271	26	290	1099	78
		Melissa Miller	2nd	502	31	253	13	279	1034	44
<b>AFTRAD (Adult Female Traditional)</b>										
	AA	Cay McManus	SC	473	17	231	6	245	949	23
	INC	Jessica Craig - INC		248	2	0	0	0	248	2
<b>AMBB (Adult Male Barebow)</b>										
	AA	Rick Stark	SC	470	21	241	6	274	985	27
	INC	Russel Newton - INC		260	2	0	0	0	260	2
<b>AMBHFS/R (Adult Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	AA	Eddie Mitchell	SC	539	53	268	25	285	1092	78
	A	Joe Kibler	1st	507	30	235	6	279	1021	36
		Danny Korbin	2nd	496	22	249	12	268	1013	34
	INC	Shannon Nesselrodt - INC		469	20	0	0	0	469	20
<b>AMFS/R (Adult Male Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	AA	Charlie Wright	SC	546	65	279	34	285	1110	99
		Roman Bond	2nd	529	52	274	29	286	1089	81
		Chris Carter	3rd	534	37	267	27	284	1085	64
	B	Dylan Bond	1st	445	10	221	4	263	929	14
	INC	Allen Reedy - INC		527	32	0	0	284	811	32
		Blake Perry - INC		540	47	0	0	0	540	47
<b>SFFS/R (Senior Female Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	A	Brenda Bond	SC	496	27	254	13	280	1030	40
<b>SMBHFS/R (Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	AA	Vance Cave	SC	528	36	261	19	280	1069	55
	A	Tom Korbin	1st	494	23	245	14	278	1017	37
	B	Uwe Jacobs	1st	471	12	238	9	274	983	21
<b>SMFS/F (Senior Male Freestyle / Fingers)</b>										
	B	Tony Hall	SC	358	4	208	3	240	806	7



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<b>SMFS/R (Senior Male Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	AA	Tom Lynch	SC	537	56	276	30	288	1101	86
		Daryl McKenzie	2nd	541	54	272	28	286	1099	82
		David Estep	3rd	538	40	271	25	284	1093	65
	A	Robert Kenley	1st	518	35	266	26	283	1067	61
<b>SSFTRAD (Silver Senior Female Traditional)</b>										
	AA	Robin Vogel	SC	453	12	228	4	241	922	16
<b>SSMBB (Silver Senior Male Barebow)</b>										
	A	John Mason	SC	422	10	209	2	251	882	12
<b>SSMBHFS/R (Silver Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	AA	Ronald Layman	SC	521	39	264	18	285	1070	57
	A	Billy Buckholder	1st	513	25	259	18	283	1055	43
<b>SSMFS/R (Silver Senior Male Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	A	Doug Bradford	SC	513	31	261	19	284	1058	50
	B	Kevin Brown	1st	472	18	256	15	262	990	33
<b>SSMTRAD (Silver Senior Male Traditional)</b>										
	A	Paul Vogel	SC	410	3	223	7	232	865	10
		Terry Ballowe	2nd	386	4	204	5	242	832	9
	B	Rob Pecora	1st	321	1	182	4	232	735	5
<b>MSMBB (Master Senior Male Barebow)</b>										
	A	Howard Farris	SC	444	8	231	4	268	943	12
	B	Denny Cline	1st	373	3	220	6	264	857	9
<b>MSMBHFS/R (Master Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	A	Harry Kibler	SC	485	18	248	14	260	993	32
<b>MSMFS/R (Master Senior Male Freestyle / Release)</b>										
	A	Lowell Hertzlar	SC	521	37	262	17	283	1066	54

# 1980 to 2019 VBA State Closed Records

5/4/3 targets used since 1978

1992 – only score posted was 28 Field

1993 -only scores posted were 28 F & 28 H.

1999-First day called because of storm. (NORVA)

**\*\*Beginning in 2008, Records reflect 28 F, 14 H & 14 A w/SPOTS until the format changes.**

**# Records not using spots on animal targets.**

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
AMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr.	2009/11	552	566		1118 Tied Yrs
AFFS/R	Cristina Tremblay	2019	538/52	271/26	290	1099/78
AMFS/F	Ronnie Lewis	1988/90				1054#Tied Yrs
AFFS/F	Debra Barker	1990				1035#
AMBHFS/R	Jeremy Dean	2011	548	287	273	1108
AFBHS/R	Stacy Pruitt	2004	527	548		1075#
AMBHFS/F	Danny Alger	1987	517	534		1051#
AFBHS/F	Irene Stocksdales	1995				960#
AMBB	Denny Cline	1983	521	528		1049#
AFBB	Cay McManus	1996	495	532		1027#
AMBH	John Mason	1998	493	529		1022#
AFBH	Gloria Smith	1988	463	506		969#
AMTRAD	Adam Phillips	216	456/5	231/4	247	934**
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2012	471	245	262	978
YAMFS/R	Brandon Armstrong	2008	540	272	286	1098**
YAFFS/R	Denya Pecora	1995				1009#
YAMFS/F	James Moore, Jr	1988	494	524		1016#
YAFFS/F	Angela Gordon	1982	363	364		727#
YAMBHFS/R	Travis Dillon	2008	524	261	281	1066**
YAMBHFS/F	John Coggin	1991				1004#
YAFBHS/F	Kimberly Dobbins	2004	238	342		580#
FAFBHS/R	Cory Mullins	2013	329	186	249	764
YAMBB	Todd Davis	1982	417	450		867#
YAFBB	Vickie Younger	1990				547#
YAMBH	Donald Tynes	1990				970#
YAMTRAD	Zach Stoner	2011	150	155	143	448**
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	536	553		1089**
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1991				1046
YMFS/F	Keith Faris	1982	513	521		1034#
YFFS/F	Sara Lavenhar	2006	277	301		578#
YMBHFS/R	Chris King	2015	531/33	273/16	279	1083/49**
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2012	439	230	266	935
YMBHFS/F	Nick Willard	1994				810#
YFBHFS/F	Shaie Hofmann	1991				685#
YMBB	Tad Davis	1981				973#
YFBB	Angela Gordon	1980	137	226		363#
YMBH	Matthew Hiedlebaugh	1990				866#
YMTRAD	Sean Ernst	1998	152	167		319#
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2008	549	271	289	1109**
CFFS/R	Amy Withers	1988	500	519		1019#
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	479	517		996**
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2005				913#
CMBHFS/R	Corbin Durham	2014	517/33	252/18	272	1041/51**
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	511	245	281	1037**
CMBHF/F	Tad Hartsel	1990				1031#
CFBHFS/F	Beth Pecora	1995				998#
CMBB	Bryan Lester	1980	465	481		946#

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
CFBB	Hope Wymer	2006	409	358		767#
CMBH	Anthony Shifflett	1989				1016#
CFBH	Denya Pecora	1989				797#
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2008	268	135	196	599**
PWMTRAD	Ethan Mullins	2010	318	356		674**
SMFS/R	Tom Lynch	2018	545/44	276/35	291	1112/79
SFFS/R	Brenda Bond	2018	515/35	268/27	286	1069/62**
SMFS/F	Richard Merkel	1996	491	516		1007#
SMBHFS/R	Vance Cave	2015	536/49	273/27	285	1094/76**
SMBHFS/F	Richard Merkel	1995				1084#
SFBHFS/F	Jane Mabe	1991				855#
SMBB	Dennis Cline	2011	479	280	234	993**
SMBH	Howard Faris	2005				981#
SMTRAD	Bob Baublitz	2005				912#
SFTRAD	Cay McManus	2015	440/10	209/14	251	900/24**
SSMFS/R	Carlos (CD) Miller	2016	436/51	269/19	284	1089/70**
SSFFS/R	Catherine Corris	2015	451/10	229/5	267	947/15**
SSMBB	John Mason	2019	422/10	209/2	251	882/12**
SSMBHFS/R	Paul Vogel	2017	533/40	259/16	281	1073/56**
SSFTRAD	Robin Vogel	2019	453/12	228/4	241	922/16**
SSMBHFS/F	David Dobbins	2016	327/6	146/2	232	705/8**
SSMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2016	427/7	207/0	252	886/7**
MSMTRAD	Mike Hand	2017	429/9	201/1	218	848/10**
MSMBB	Dennis Cline	2012	483	247	269	999**
MSMBHFS/R	Harry Kibler	2013	513	254	281	1048**
MSMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2013	471	242	272	985**
MSMFS/R	Lowell Hertzler	2016	524/31	261/25	286	1071/56**
MSFFS/R	Cathy Corris	2017	495/24	229/7	273	997/31**



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**Congratulations to the 2019 VBA Double & Triple Crown Winners**

**CRITERIA:**

**Double Crown.** Any person who, within the same calendar year and competing in the same style & division, wins the championship at the Spring and Fall 3-D Classics, shall be recognized as a VBA Double Crown Champion.

**Triple Crown.** Any person who, within the same calendar year and competing in the same style & division, wins the championship at the State Indoor, Open and Closed Tournaments shall be recognized as a VBA Triple Crown Champion.

**2019 Double Crown Winners: VBA 3-D Spring & Fall Classic (Marked/Unmarked)**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Styles/Division</u>	<u>Club</u>
1	Arthur Sommers	SHC	Massanutten
2	Paul Vogel	STRAD	Belvoir Bowhunters

**2019 Triple Crown Winners: VBA State Indoors, Field Open, & Field Closed**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Styles/Division</u>	<u>Club</u>
1	Christina Tremblay	AFFS/R	Belvoir Bowhunters
2	Rick Stark	AMBB	Prince William Archers
3	Tony Hall	SMFS/F	New River
4	Tom Lynch	SMFS/R	Prince William Archers
5	Robin Vogel	SSFTRAD	Belvoir Bowhunters
6	Doug Bradford	SSMFS/R	Belvoir Bowhunters
7	Paul Vogel	SSMTRAD	Belvoir Bowhunters
8	Howard Farris	MSMBB	Shenandoah County Archery Club

The awards for these accomplishments shall be presented at the Virginia Bowhunters Association Twenty Fifth ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Am Vets – Post 7 1340 North Liberty Street, Harrisonburg, Va. 22802. Please come out to support your fellow archers.



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VBA Field Vice President: Congratulations to all the 2019 VBA State Champions

### 2019 VBA Indoor State Champions:

PWFBHFS/R (PeeWee Female Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Aubrey Shull  
 CFBHFS/R (Cub Female Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Mackenzie Shull  
 CMBB (Cub Male Barebow) Raylan Dishman  
 CMBHFS/R (Cub Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Joe Parker  
 CMTRAD (Cub Male Traditional) Keishi Ruiz  
 YFBHFS/R (Youth Female Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Haley Berry  
 YMBHFS/R (Youth Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Andrew B. Fair  
 YMFS/R (Youth Male Freestyle / Release) Jacob Perdue  
 YAFBB (Young Adult Female Barebow) Vivian Vickers  
 YAFBHS/R (Young Adult Female Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Ella Moss  
 YAMFS/F (Young Adult Male Freestyle / Fingers) Wyatt Davidson  
 YAMFS/R (Young Adult Male Freestyle / Release) Justin Dove  
 YAMTRAD (Young Adult Male Traditional) Dheeraj Indela  
 AFBB (Adult Female Barebow) Cay McManus  
 AFBHFS/R (Adult Female Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) A Regina Stroop  
 AFFS/R (Adult Female Freestyle / Release) Christina Tremblay  
 AFTRAD (Adult Female Traditional) Paula Schasberger  
 AMBB (Adult Male Barebow) Rick Stark  
 AMBHS/R (Adult Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Darryll Diehl  
 AMFS/F (Adult Male Freestyle / Fingers) Charles Fridline  
 AMFS/R (Adult Male Freestyle / Release) Isaac Mack  
 AMTRAD (Adult Male Traditional) Robert Jennings  
 SFBB (Senior Female Barebow) Beth Stauffer  
 SFBS/R (Senior Female Freestyle / Release) Nadine Mohler  
 SFTRAD (Senior Female Traditional) Jenifer Stoner  
 SMBHFS/R (Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Vance Cave  
 SMFS/F (Senior Male Freestyle / Fingers) Tony Hall  
 SMFS/R (Senior Male Freestyle / Release) Tom Lynch  
 SMTRAD (Senior Male Traditional) Jeff Moore  
 SSFTRAD (Silver Senior Female Traditional) Robin Vogel  
 SSMBB (Silver Senior Male Barebow) Steve Moore  
 SSMBHFS/R (Silver Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Ronald Layman  
 SSMFS/F (Silver Senior Male Freestyle / Fingers) Jim Little  
 SSMFS/R (Silver Senior Male Freestyle / Release) Doug Bradford  
 SSMTRAD (Silver Senior Male Traditional) Paul Vogel  
 MSFFS/R (Master Senior Female Freestyle / Release) Mary Wenzel  
 MSMBB (Master Senior Male Barebow) Howard Faris  
 MSMBH (Master Senior Male Bowhunter) Joe Walsh  
 MSMBHFS/F (Master Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Fingers) David Dobbins  
 MSMBHFS/R (Master Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) William Etheridge  
 MSMFS/R (Master Senior Male Freestyle / Release) Lowell Hertzler  
 MSMTRAD (Master Senior Male Traditional) Dan Brewer

### 2019 VBA Field Open State Champions:

CMBHFS/R (Cub Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Jack Raber  
 YAMFS/R (Young Adult Male Freestyle / Release) Tanner Davis  
 AFBB (Adult Female Barebow) Cay McManus  
 AFFS/R (Adult Female Freestyle / Release) Christina Tremblay  
 AFTRAD (Adult Female Traditional) Jessica Craig  
 AMBB (Adult Male Barebow) Rick Stark  
 AMBHS/R (Adult Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Roger Raber  
 AMFS/R (Adult Male Freestyle / Release) Roman Bond  
 AMTRAD (Adult Male Traditional) Allen Spangler  
 SFFS/R (Senior Female Freestyle / Release) Brenda Bond  
 SMFS/F (Senior Male Freestyle / Fingers) Tony Hall

SMFS/R (Senior Male Freestyle / Release) Tom Lynch  
 SMTRAD (Senior Male Traditional) Michael Light  
 SSFTRAD (Silver Senior Female Traditional) Robin Vogel  
 SSMBB (Silver Senior Male Barebow) John Mason  
 SSMFS/R (Silver Senior Male Freestyle / Release) Doug Bradford  
 SSMTRAD (Silver Senior Male Traditional) Paul Vogel  
 MSMBB (Master Senior Male Barebow) Howard Faris  
 MSMBHFS/R (Master Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Harry Gene Kibler  
 MSMFS/R (Master Senior Male Freestyle / Release) Marvin Huffman

### 2019 VBA Field Close State Champions:

AFFS/R (Adult Female Freestyle / Release) Christina Tremblay  
 AFTRAD (Adult Female Traditional) Cay McManus  
 AMBB (Adult Male Barebow) Rick Stark  
 AMBHS/R (Adult Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Eddie Mitchell  
 AMFS/R (Adult Male Freestyle / Release) Charlie Wright  
 SFFS/R (Senior Female Freestyle / Release) Brenda Bond  
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 SMFS/F (Senior Male Freestyle / Fingers) Tony Hall  
 SMFS/R (Senior Male Freestyle / Release) Tom Lynch  
 SSFTRAD (Silver Senior Female Traditional) Robin Vogel  
 SSMBB (Silver Senior Male Barebow) A John Mason  
 SSMBHFS/R (Silver Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Ronald Layman  
 SSMFS/R (Silver Senior Male Freestyle / Release) A Doug Bradford  
 SSMTRAD (Silver Senior Male Traditional) Paul Vogel  
 MSMBB (Master Senior Male Barebow) Howard Farris  
 MSMBHFS/R (Master Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle / Release) Harry Kibler  
 MSMFS/R (Master Senior Male Freestyle / Release) A Lowell Hertzler

### 2019 VBA Spring 3-D Classic State Champions:

AHC (Adult - Advanced Hunter Class) Donald Hanger  
 BBO (Adult - Beginner Bowhunter) Christopher Moore  
 FBO (Adult - Female Bowhunter Open) Regina Stroop  
 FTRD (Adult - Female Traditional) Jenifer Stoner  
 HC (Adult - Hunter Class) Jeremy y Spiker  
 HF (Adult - Hunter Fingers) Bakari Dale  
 LB (Adult - Longbow) Ryan Johnson  
 MBO (Adult - Male Bowhunter Open) Jeremy Price  
 MBR (Adult - Male Bowhunter Release) Willy Whitlock  
 TRD (Adult - Traditional) Pete Darby  
 FK45 (Adult - Female Known Distance) Christina Tremblay  
 MK50 (Adult - Male Known Distance) Randy Patterson  
 FSR (Senior - Female Seniors) Sarah Ingram  
 MSR (Senior - Men's Senior Class) Charles Ingram  
 SHC (Senior - Senior Hunter) Arthur Sommers  
 MCBH (Masters - Masters Class) Danny Alger  
 STRD (Masters - Senior Traditional) Paul Vogel  
 SMC (Senior Masters - Senior Master Class) Lowell Hertzler

### 2019 VBA Fall 3-D Classic State Champions:

AHC (Adult - Advanced Hunter Class) John McKenzie  
 FHC (Adult - Female Hunter Class) Anne Le Clercq  
 FTRD (Adult - Female Traditional) Cay McManus  
 HC (Adult - Hunter Class) Danny Korbini  
 HF (Adult - Hunter Fingers) Tony Hall  
 MBR (Adult - Male Bowhunter Release) Russell Whitlock  
 RU (Adult - Recurve Un-Aided) Russell Newton  
 TRD (Adult - Traditional) Dale Wade  
 MSR (Senior - Men's Senior Class) David Smith  
 SHC (Senior - Senior Hunter) Arthur Sommers  
 STRD (Masters - Senior Traditional) Paul Vogel  
 SMC (Senior Masters - Senior Master Class) Alan Hines  
 MK50 (Known Distance - Male) Allen Reedy



## KINGSBORO BOWMEN 2020 Event Schedule



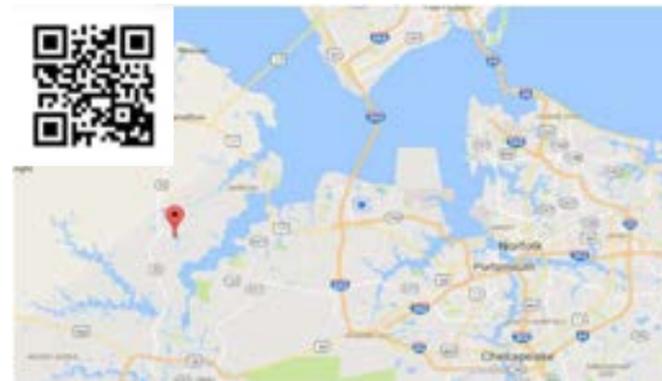
February 22 & 23	VBA Indoor Championship (Wilcox Indoor Range)
March 22	3D Shoot
April 26	3D Shoot
May 31	NC/VA ASA Qualifier (3D)
August 22 & 23	VBA Fall 3D Classic
September 27	Hunter for the Hungry Charity 3D Shoot **All Shooter Fees Donated

\*\*3D Shoots: Casual Registration - 8-11am\*\*

Contact Ed Bickham: 757-434-3046 or Chris Holloman: 757-542-5150

### Range Location:

401 Kings Highway, Suffolk, Va 23432

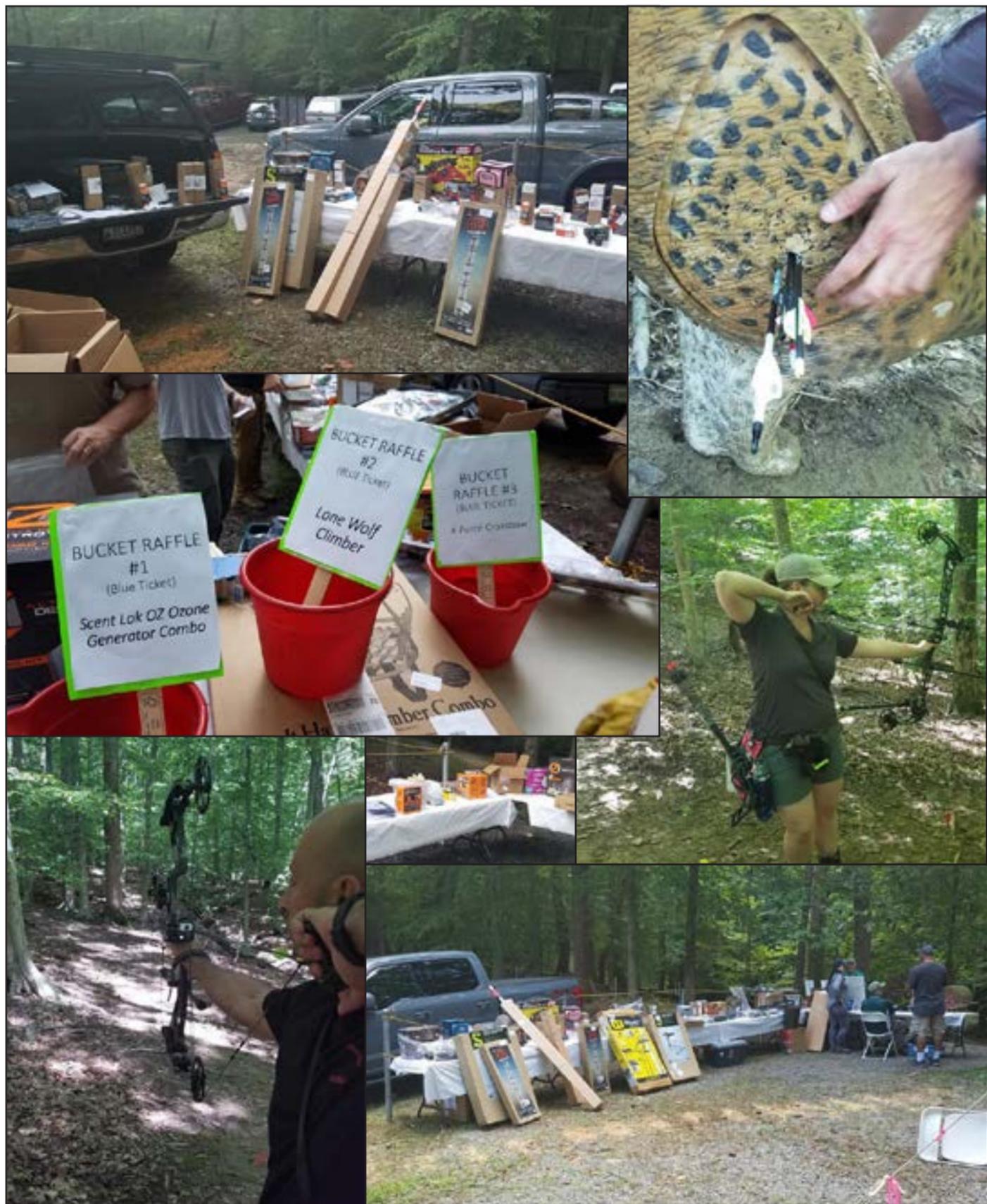


Website: <https://kingsborobowmen.wixsite.com/kbva>

Facebook: KingsboroArchery

# The Belvoir Bowhunters

## Hunters for the Hungry Benefit Shoot



# Better To Be Lucky Than Good

By Dave Burpee

You know the old saying: "It is better to be lucky than good." My recent antelope hunt is proof positive about the accuracy of that saying.

Fellow VBA members Bob Seltzer (Belvoir/NORVA), Dan Van Gundy (Belvoir/NORVA), Bo Slaughter(Dixie) and I (Belvoir/NORVA), along with friend and former VBA member Jack Denbow (Loudoun Bowhunters when that club was with the VBA), left Virginia on August 17 in two vehicles. Two-and-a-half days and about 2,000 miles later we arrived at the Werner Ranch, which is about 40 minutes due north of Douglas, Wyoming. We were joined by John Peeler (former Belvoir/NORVA VBA member) who drove in from Lawton, Oklahoma. Bob set this trip up several years ago to be a bi-annual event on odd years. He has been about a dozen times. This was my fourth trip. The previous three were successful, with one animal qualifying for Pope and Young. However, each year is different and in hunting there are no guarantees.....

This was a five-day hunt so none of us were in a hurry to take an animal. We did not want to target yearlings or barely mature bucks, but the first fully mature buck that came into range was in danger.

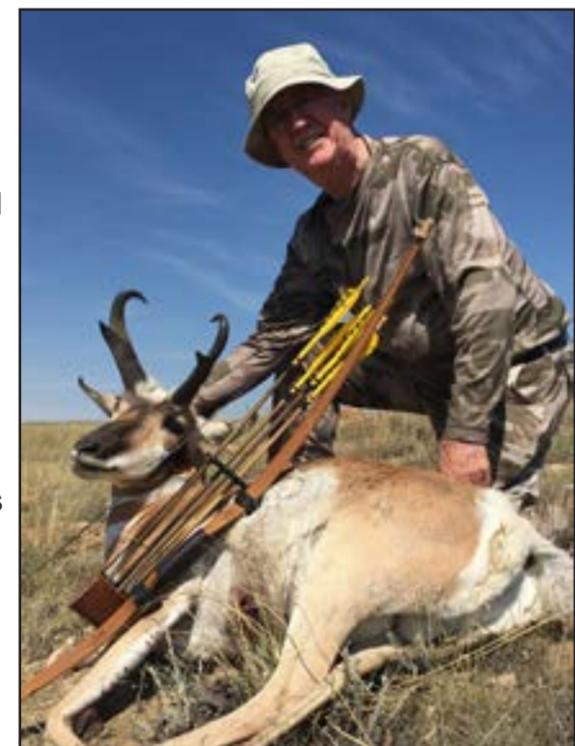
We were using longbows and recurves with wooden arrows so the action needed to be up close and personal. To accomplish this, the method of hunting was focused on wooden blinds set near watering holes. Hopefully animals would come to drink and do so within range of traditional archery – which for us tops out at about 25 yards.

Antelope typically are VERY wary when coming to water. Bucks will let does and fawns water while they stand far off and observe. Bucks also slowly feed towards water while continually watching the waterhole for any sign of unusual movement or a predator. This presents challenges to the hunter because, even though the hunter is in a blind, the antelope's eyesight is fantastic and movement within the blind can be spotted, even from a distance.

After a great breakfast, we were taken to our blinds. We had our lunches and reading material as we would not be picked up unless we got an animal or it got dark, whichever came first. I was dropped off at my blind about 7 AM and spent a few minutes getting set up. At the end of that process I sat in my chair, exhaled and looked out the window to my right. There, eight yards away and looking right at me, was a doe. Ten minutes in the blind and busted! I was sure she and her fawns would bolt, but they did not – just turned and walked away from the water feeding naturally.

I felt fortunate ("lucky") they did not dash off and thus did not alert a HUGE antelope that I noticed feeding about 300 yards away. I watched him for almost an hour, but he was not interested in water. I figured, "OK, feed now and water later. I've got time."

I had been watching that buck for some time when I decided to look out a window to my left. And, lucky me, there was another nice buck about 200 yards away just cresting the top of a hill. My luck continued to compound as this buck disobeyed all antelope rules about approaching a water hole. No feeding. No stops to observe. Just a steady walk straight to the water and immediately began to drink – 15 yards from me. I counted my blessings, knocked an arrow that was tipped with a 145-grain Eclipse broadhead, slowly drew back my Great Northern Lil' Creep longbow – and missed! The arrow was centered on the



Dave Burpee

sweet spot but unfortunately too high and over the back by an inch.

Here fate (luck) intervened again. An antelope that is missed low will run like the wind 110% of the time. An antelope missed high will VERY occasionally not run as he mistakes the sound of the feathers passing as a bird or an insect. I'm not sure why mine did not run, but he didn't. He took three quick steps to his left and froze. It also probably helped that my arrow fairly silently buried in mud. He stood there for a few minutes assessing what had just happened and finally decided that everything was OK. He turned, returned to almost his same hoof prints to continue drinking and presented me with another broadside shot. I counted my blessings, quit kicking myself for the miss and this time put an arrow in the right place. My five-day hunt was done in the first hour. Considering the circumstances, it does not get better – or luckier – than that.

The buck was nicer than I thought when viewed from the blind. It scored 5/8" short of Pope and Young and had a nice body. I spent the rest of the week hanging around the ranch, reading, and helping others with their antelope.

After very little activity at his water hole, John shot his "speed goat" on the second evening when a group of seven bucks came running in to chase off a young buck that was already watering. John's buck netted 66" and was also taken with a Great Northern Lil' Creep longbow and a homemade wood arrow topped with a 145-grain Eclipse



John Peeler

broadhead.

Bo also connected on the second day of the hunt. He arrowed his first ever antelope with a 7- yard quartering away shot using a Bear magnesium handle takedown bow and homemade Douglas fir arrow with 160-grain Ace Standard broadhead.

Late on day three, Dan connected on his 69 4/8" Pope and Young animal using a Great Northern Lil' Creep longbow and handmade wooden arrow. His antelope lay down and the following morning was still in the same spot. Dan was able to put a killing shot on the



Dan Van Gundy



Bo Slaughter

antelope without having to follow him.

Bob and Jack did not get traffic at their waterholes and so did not take an antelope, proving once again that luck can be both positive and negative.

Naturally all this hunting was enhanced by friendship and stories shared over meals and while relaxing in the evening. Our hosts and owners/operators Connie and JJ Werner are the best as is their guide and helper Mark Woolard, Connie's brother-in-law. We all had a wonderful time and are already looking forward to the 2021 hunt.



## Virginia Bowhunters Association Twenty Fifth ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

*Saturday, March 28, 2020*

*Am Vets – Post 7*

*1340 North Liberty Street, Harrisonburg, Va. 22802*

**Social Hour: 4:30 p.m. Dinner: 5:30 p.m.**

**Awards Ceremony: 6:30 p.m.**

**Menu: Fried Chicken & Pulled Pork BBQ**

**Tossed Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Marconi & Cheese, Bake Beans  
Rolls, Coffee, Iced Tea, Water & Assorted Desserts**

**Tickets are \$25.00 per Adult and Kids **12** and under is **FREE****

**Menu features an EXCELLENT Buffet & BYOB**

**RSVP to Marie Bell, Executive State Secretary, 1223 Jeanette Avenue,  
Vinton, VA. 24179. Call her at 540.330.6701 or at**

**mariebell77@hotmail.com**

**The RSVP deadline is March 21, 2020**

**Bowhunter & Tournament Archery Awardees,  
Order of the Golden Feather, Silver Arrow & Dave Proctor Awardees  
Great Door Prizes, Raffles and Silent Auctions**

**Bring your Big Game Trophies to be Displayed and Scoring**

**All VBA Big Game Award Application(s) need to be sent to  
Marie Bell - No Later than -- March 01, 2020**

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Allen Reedy - Massanutten



Allen Smith - BOR



Aurther Summers - Massanutten



Barkari Dale - Belvoir

Frank Emswiler - BOR  
42 Consecutive Years



Cay McManus - Staunton River



Robert Yager - BOR



Steve Strobe - BOR



Brian Benson - Massanutten





Brandon Houff - BOR



Matt Smith - BOR

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Wayne Gehman - BOR



Robert Garber - BOR



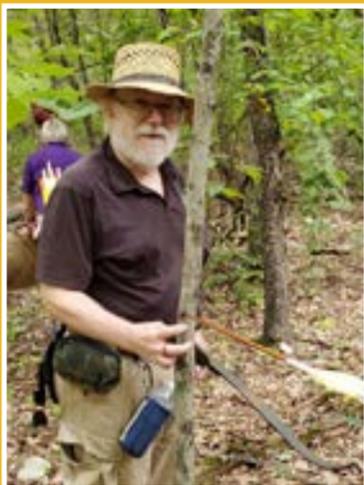
Charlie Wright - Two Rivers



Chris Heater - Two Rivers



Conner Heater - Two Rivers



John Boyd, Tree



Dalton Jenkins - Massanuffen



Dave Estep - Massanuffen



Doug May - BOR



Greg Liskey - BOR



Jay Sealock - Two Rivers

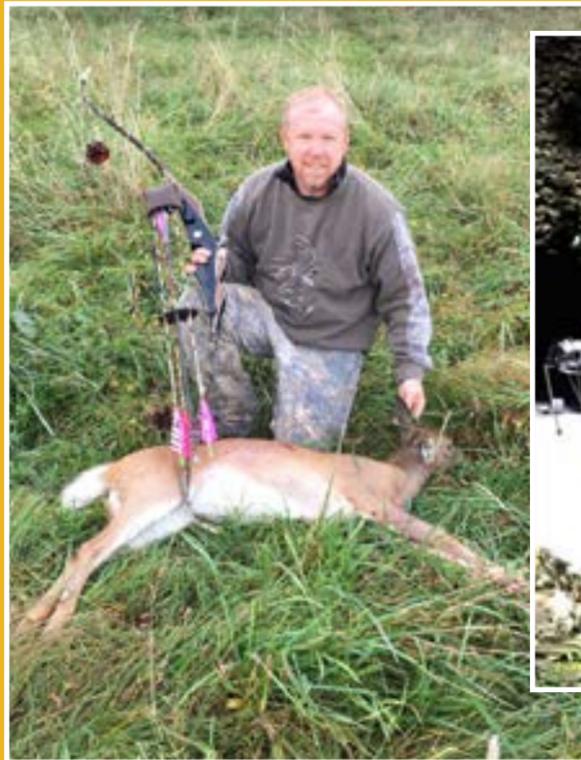
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Joey Giordano



Wade Colton - Massanutten



Stacy Knighten - BOR



John Rice - Buggs Island



C. J. Taylor - BOR, Bobcat and Turkey the same day



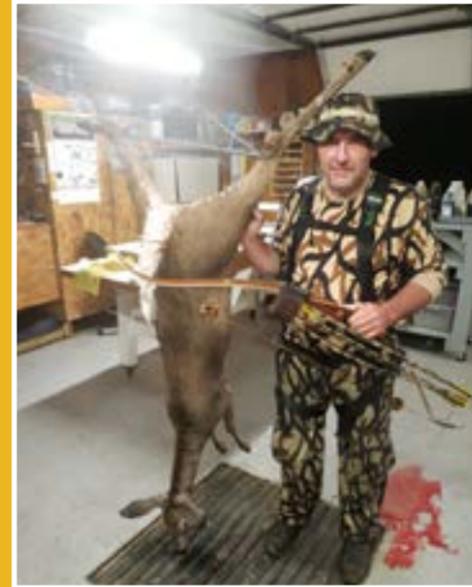
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Lowell Hertzler - BOR



Jeremy Dean - BOR



Kirby Gilesspi - BOR



Vance Cave - Two Rivers



## Game Management

By Matt Knox, Deer Project Coordinator

# 2019 Virginia Deer Season Forecast



Bachelor groups of bucks travel together throughout the summer months. In early September when they shed their velvet antlers, these bachelor groups will break-up and the fall rut is on the horizon. Photo by Dr. Leonard Lee Roe, III

### 2018 Virginia Deer Season Review

During the past deer season 191,947 deer were reported killed by deer hunters in Virginia (Figure 1). This total included 96,442 antlered bucks, 12,543 button bucks, and 82,962 does (43% females). Archery (including crossbows) accounted for 14% of the deer kill; muzzleloaders, 23%; and firearms, 63%. For the first time since crossbows became legal for all deer hunters in fall 2005, the number of deer taken with crossbows exceeded the number taken with traditional bows. Approximately 161,800 deer (85%) were checked using the Department's electronic telephone and online checking through the Go Outdoors Virginia system. The harvest numbers above do not include deer taken on out-of-season deer kill permits, or those deer hit and killed by vehicles. Deer hunters, who would like to know the annual deer kill totals by county dating back to 1947, including the county-specific 2018 totals, can find them on the Department's website at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/deer/harvest/>

### What's New for Fall 2019

There are many new deer regulation changes for fall 2019 including:

- It is now illegal to use unmanned aerial vehicles, commonly referred to as drones, for the purposes of hunting.
- Archery deer hunting on Coalfields PALS lands in southwest Virginia is now full season either-sex deer hunting.
- The firearms deer season on private lands in western Amherst, Bedford, and western Nelson counties has been extended from two to four weeks in length.
- Full season either-sex deer hunting has been established during both the early and late muzzleloading seasons on private lands in Botetourt, Rockingham (east of Routes 613 and 731) and Wythe counties.
- Earn A Buck (EAB) has been initiated on private lands in Albemarle, Culpeper, Floyd, Franklin, Grayson, Hanover, Henrico, James City, Pulaski, Shenandoah, and York counties and EAB on private lands in Clarke, Frederick, and Warren counties was changed from 1:1 to 2:1.
- The deer bag limit on private lands west of the Blue Ridge Mountains has been increased to two deer per day. Only one deer per day may be taken on National Forest lands, Department-owned lands, and Department-managed lands west of the Blue Ridge Mountains and on National Forest lands in Amherst, Bedford, and Nelson counties east of the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- Only one elk per day may be taken statewide.
- The Antler Point Restriction has been dropped in Rockingham.

and Shenandoah counties to reduce chronic wasting disease (CWD) transmission risks.

- Apprentice license holders are now included in the Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation.
- The Youth and Apprentice Antlerless Deer Regulation is now effective statewide and includes Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise counties.
- Firearms either-sex deer hunting days have been increased in Augusta (private lands), Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Charles City, New Kent, Page (private lands), Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Powhatan, and Smyth (private lands) counties.
- A firearms either-sex deer hunting day (the last day) has been initiated on National Forest and Department-owned lands in Alleghany, Amherst, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Frederick, Grayson, Highland, Nelson, Page, Roanoke, Rockbridge,

Rockingham, Russell, Shenandoah, Smyth, Tazewell, Warren, and Washington counties.

- A new deer feeding regulation was adopted that will prohibit deer feeding year-round in any county designated by the Department within 25 miles of a confirmed detection of CWD. Deer feeding is now prohibited year-round in Albemarle, Buchanan, Clarke, Culpeper, Dickenson, Fauquier, Frederick, Greene, Loudoun, Louisa, Madison, Orange, Page, Rappahannock, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren, and Wise counties (towns and cities within included).
- Lastly, a new regulation prohibits the importation of whole deer carcasses and certain high-risk carcass parts (e.g. head and spinal cord) from anywhere outside of Virginia.

**Hemorrhagic Disease (HD)**

Good news, it has been fairly quiet with regards to HD across most of

Virginia for two consecutive years, both fall 2017 and fall 2018. This is encouraging news because in 2012, 2014, and 2016 several areas in Virginia were hit hard by HD. Based on past experience, HD has the potential to have a major impact on deer herds in eastern Virginia and the best predictor for HD activity continues to be summer drought. For more information on HD go to <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlifediseases/hd/>

**Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)**

Bad news on two fronts. First, in the CWD area in and around western Frederick County the number and distribution of CWD positives continues to grow and spread. Clinically sick deer (e.g., starving, staggering, with neurological symptoms) are now being found and reported. To date, three clinical CWD deer have been found. CWD has also been found east of I-81 for the first time, and CWD is beginning to move south and become

established in northern Shenandoah County. Due to the shifting CWD surveillance needs in the state, the Department will only be conducting mandatory sampling of hunter-killed deer from Shenandoah County this fall, and only on the first Saturday of the firearms season (November 16th). Samples will continue to be obtained throughout the four-county disease management area (DMA 1; Clarke, Frederick, Shenandoah, and Warren counties) from processors, taxidermists, road-killed deer, and deer dropped off by hunters at self-serve refrigerator drop points any day of the season.

Second, CWD was discovered for the first time in another area of the state: Culpeper County. Using a pilot statewide taxidermist project, the Department found CWD in a Culpeper County deer killed by a hunter in November 2018. To address this situation, a new CWD disease management area (DMA 2) that includes all of Culpeper, Madison, and Orange counties has been established. This will mean major changes within these three counties. Deer hunters will no longer be allowed to transport whole deer carcasses out of this area, deer feeding will be prohibited year-round, and mandatory testing will be initiated on the first Saturday of the firearms deer season (November 16th). It goes without saying the Department will be relying on deer hunters for help.

Remember to report deer that appear sick with the following symptoms (starving, staggering, with obvious neurological symptoms) to your District Wildlife Biologist. For more information on CWD go to <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlifediseases/cwd/>

**Tidewater Forecast**

Deer herds and deer kill numbers are down from a decade ago but are stable to very slightly increasing over the past five years across most of the Tidewater Region. In Tidewater, if HD is not a big player in fall 2019, stable to slightly increasing deer herds are expected. Continued high human population growth rates, crop damage, and deer-vehicle collisions remain important deer management issues in Tidewater.

**SOUTHERN PIEDMONT FORECAST**

HD hit the southeastern half of the Southern Piedmont like a sledgehammer in fall 2014. Hence, deer populations are down over the last decade but increasing and recovering over the last five years. Although there have been ups and downs, overall the deer kill and deer populations in the Southern Piedmont has been relatively stable for the last three decades.

Just like in Tidewater, HD can play a major role in the Southern Piedmont. As long as there is not another big HD event in this area in fall 2019, deer herds over most of this region should be stable or up slightly.

**NORTHERN PIEDMONT FORECAST**

This is the one region where the Department continues to maintain long-term very liberal deer seasons. The female deer kill has been fairly high in this region for over a decade. Over most of this area, especially in NOVA, the Department continues to try and reduce the deer population. The good news is that the deer kill over the region has been stable to slightly declining over the last decade. Stable to declining deer herds are desired moving forward. Continued very high human population growth rates and deer-vehicle collisions remain important deer management issues in the Northern Piedmont. HD can also play a role here.

**WEST OF THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS**

Deer management in western Virginia remains the tale of two different deer management situations. Deer herds on private lands over most of western Virginia have been fairly stable over the past two decades (with the exception of Alleghany, Bath, Bland, and Highland counties). With the exception of CWD in the northern Shenandoah Valley, the biggest challenge in deer management in western Virginia over the past 20 plus years has been the decline in the number of public land deer hunters and the decline in the public land deer kill in the mountains. To address the decline

in the western public land deer kill, the number of either-sex deer hunting days on western public lands has been reduced significantly over the past decade to very conservative levels. These changes have been successful in reducing the female deer kill, but the western public land deer management situation has not shown any improvement to date.

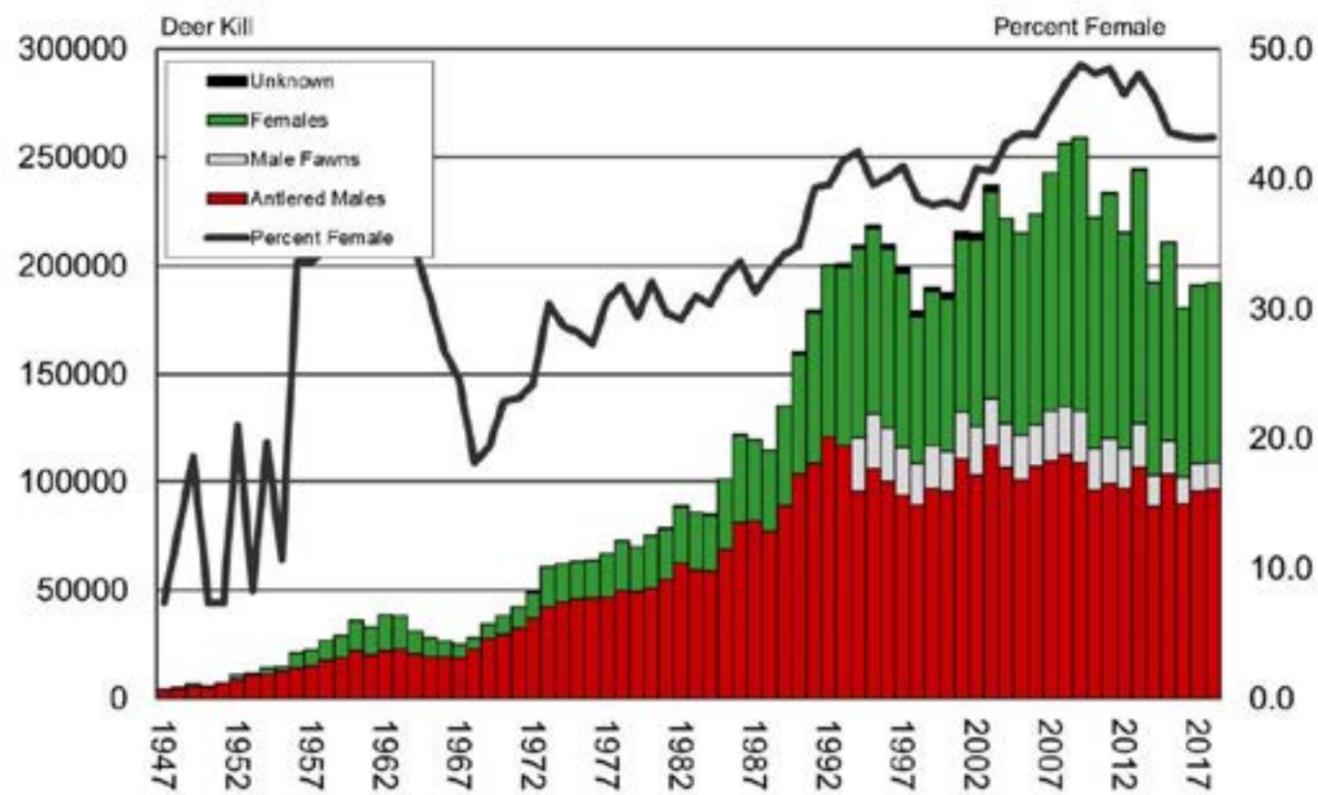
**Relative Deer Abundance Map**

The best way to compare deer populations in Virginia is based on the antlered buck deer kill per square mile of estimated deer habitat. Figure 2 shows the relative differences among counties in the kill of antlered bucks per square mile of habitat on private land averaged over the past three hunting seasons. The current deer population "status" is indicated by the base color of the county. The deer population management "goal" or "objective" is indicated by the color in the up or down arrow. Counties without an arrow are currently within their desired deer population range. This map indicates both the current relative densities of deer on private lands in counties across Virginia and the Department's current deer population management objective. This is the best map of "where" deer are in Virginia and at "what" deer population level the Department's Deer Management Plan indicates is appropriate for that area.

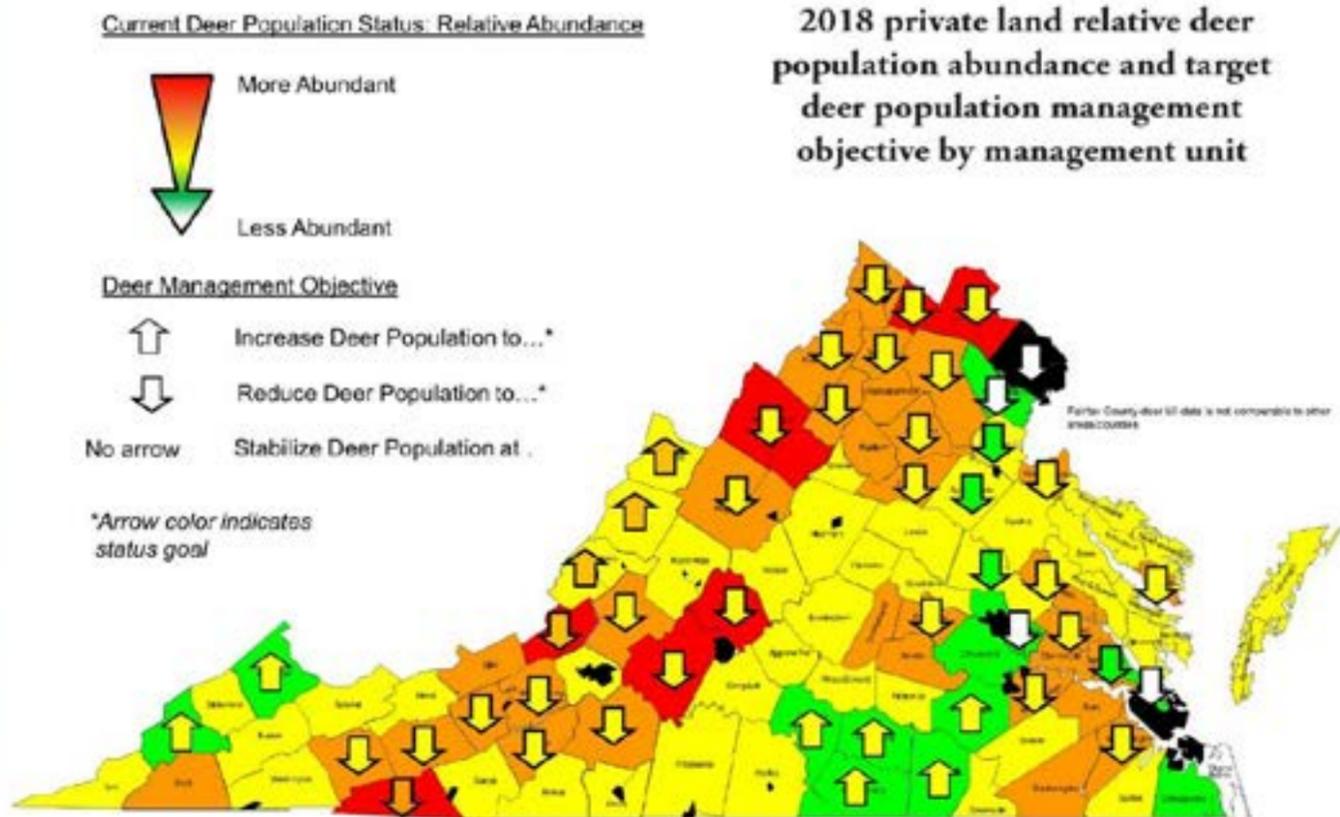
**TOP ISSUE: Declining Number of Licensed Deer Hunters**

A major limiting factor that cannot be overlooked in deer management in Virginia continues to be the steady decline in the number of licensed deer hunters. From just under 300,000 licensed deer hunters in the early 1990's to an estimated 185,000 in fall 2018, the Department has lost nearly 40% of its licensed deer hunters over the past 25 years; and the rate of this decline appears to be increasing. In the last decade Virginia has lost -57,900 (24%) and just last fall -8,600 (4-5%). What used to be a fairly stable -1.2% annual decline has evolved into an average four percent annual decline over the past five deer seasons.

However, the relationship between



Virginia deer kill 1947 to present



## Prince William Archers Brentsville, VA

VBA Board of Directors

Re: Nomination for the Silver Arrow Award

Prince William Archers would like to nominate Ricky Stark for the Silver Arrow Award. Ricky has been a member of Prince William Archers since 1969. He has been shooting since the age of nine. Over the years, he has participated in numerous club, state and national tournaments. He is known nationwide as a top bare bow shooter. Ricky is always willing to help other archers with their form, equipment and anything else they may need help with. He has been known to loan his competitors equipment so they could finish a round.

As the Range Warden for Prince William Archers, he maintains the range, keeping compliant with the regulations. He gets the range ready for all tournaments and many times does this without help. He makes sure there are targets for all indoor and outdoor shoots. He often puts on demonstrations for the 4-H Clubs of America, the local schools and even the county library to help promote the sport of archery to the kids. He has worked to qualify shooters for the Fairfax County Park Urban Hunting since its inception.

As one of the most valued members of Prince William Archers and a valued community promoter of the sport of Archery, he is deserving of this award.

Thank you

The Members of Prince William Archers.

the number of licensed deer hunters and the actual number of deer hunters going afield each fall is problematic because numerous groups of persons are exempt from purchasing a hunting license in Virginia and the number and participation trend of these license exempt hunters is unknown. Anecdotal evidence indicates that the number of license exempt deer hunters has increased significantly over the same time frame that the number of licensed deer hunter numbers has declined.

The decline in licensed deer hunters represents the biggest statewide deer management issue in Virginia. This decline in deer hunter licenses will have a significant negative effect on the Department's finances and at some point in the future may have a negative effect on the Department's ability to manage deer populations through recreational deer hunting over much of the Commonwealth.

### Summary

So, what is the forecast for the fall 2019 deer season? A major increase or decrease in the statewide deer kill

total from the past couple of years is not expected. The good news for deer hunters is that over much of Virginia, deer population numbers should be very similar to previous years and probably even up in those areas recovering from recent HD events. However, due to the continuing decline in the number of licensed deer hunters noted above, I expect the statewide deer kill total in fall 2019 will be down.

Lastly, past experience indicates that the ups and downs in annual deer kill totals are in part attributable to food conditions and/or HD outbreaks. In years of poor mast (acorn) crops, the deer kill typically goes up and in years of good mast crops, the deer kill typically goes down.

Persons interested in more information on Virginia's deer management program can find the Department's deer management plan at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/deer/management-plan/>

Please support the Virginia Hunters for the Hungry program, do not feed the deer, and, most importantly, be safe.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Matt Knox, a regular contributor to WhitetailTimes, is the deer project co-leader with Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. He holds degrees in zoology and wildlife management from the University of Georgia. The Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies named Matt Knox the 2016 Wildlife Biologist of the Year. "Matt has made significant contributions to important regional and national deer management initiatives," SEAFWA President Gordon Myers said. This high honor as Biologist of the Year Awards are presented to two biologists of state wildlife agencies, one each in the categories of wildlife and fisheries, who in the opinion of the SEAFWA Awards Committee have made outstanding contributions towards wildlife/fisheries conservation. In 2019 Matt was recognized again for his dedication and commitment to whitetailed deer management, when he was presented with the Southeast Deer Study Management Career Achievement Award. The VDHA and Whitetail Times is proud to congratulate Matt Knox for these most notable awards for wildlife biologist at the very highest level. Readers can contact Knox via email at [Matt.Knox@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Matt.Knox@dgif.virginia.gov) with questions and comments.*

To: The Board of Directors, Virginia Bowhunters Association  
Subject: Nomination of John Hoffman for the Silver Arrow Award



The Northern Virginia Archers take great pleasure in nominating **John Hoffman** for the Silver Arrow Award. John has been a continuous member of NORVA for more than 40 years as well as Belvoir Bowhunters for over 15 years. He joined the VBA on August 30, 1988 and has been a loyal member for over 30 years.

John managed NORVA's 3-D range for about 30 years. In the early years he performed almost all of the work by himself. John set up the most challenging course in the state and frequently changed layout and distances in order to keep the course fresh. During his tenure he moved the course from the front of the property to its current location. He also developed an alternate course through the adjacent field course range which can be used for State shoots with unknown yardage. Overall, John dedicated thousands of hours as the 3-D captain and made the 3-D course the pride of NORVA.

Although John has passed on the 3-D captain role, he stays active in all club affairs, attending almost every work party and membership meeting at NORVA or performing maintenance on his own and prepares food for many work parties.

To honor John's decades of contribution in support of the club, NORVA inducted him into the Order of the Golden Deer, a prestigious award which is only given out every 3 years, and made him the first lifetime NORVA member. John's expertise and knowledge are highly valued by the leadership and his constructive input is always appreciated.

John didn't hold a formal position at Belvoir Bowhunters, but he has donated countless hours to the club, improving the 3-D range by building bridges or cooking at shoots and the annual wild game dinner.

John is an accomplished and competitive archer who attends as many shoots within and outside of the VBA as time allows. He has won multiple VBA State championships both in 3-D and Field archery and holds the Fall 3-D State records in the MHC and MCBH classes.

Since his youth, John has hunted with bow and rifle, lately also with crossbow. Early on he taught himself how to butcher wild game and turned it into an art. In his best days he processed over 200 deer per season - on the side. His wild game dishes and especially his deer jerky are highly sought after. John shares his experience and knowledge with new hunters to maximize their chances of success and to keep them motivated.

John has helped countless new members at NORVA and Belvoir Bowhunters to get started with the sport of archery. He routinely approaches members who are struggling at the practice range with equipment or form to offer his advice or take them out on one of the courses. He takes great pleasure when his instructions show immediate improvements. Over the years he has gotten hundreds of members properly started, many who might of otherwise lost interest.

In summary, NORVA, Belvoir Bowhunters and by extension the VBA would not be where they are today without John's thousands of hours of outstanding support to these organizations. John is most deserving of the honor of the VBA Silver Arrow Award!

Joe Wolfe  
President, NORVA

John McKenzie  
Vice President, NORVA

Clint Snider  
Secretary/Treasurer, NORVA

Ann Jean  
NORVA Webmaster

Maureen Brothman  
NORVA Member



GAME MANAGEMENT

BY MATT KNOX, DEER PROJECT COORDINATOR, VDGIF

# You Can't Pray a Bullet Back Into a Gun



Hunters must be completely confident of their game animal target and beyond. Treestand hunters should always use a full body safety harness when climbing or hunting from an elevated stand. Photo provided by the VDGIF

I wish this article was mandatory reading for every deer hunter in Virginia each and every year. In fact, this entire article is about wishes.

For the past two decades, when I write my annual deer season forecast and annual letter to the 900-plus Deer Management Assistance Cooperators across Virginia, I always end with something to the effect:

Lastly, and most importantly, one last point that I think should be the number one priority is SAFETY. I am sure you have heard it all before, but hunting safety cannot be overemphasized. No deer that ever walked across the commonwealth is worth someone getting injured or killed over. For

example, if you allow hunting from tree stands, consider having a rule requiring a safety belt. Make all of your hunters hold a valid hunter safety card, regardless of their age. We have an excellent hunter safety staff and program; take advantage of it. Be safe.

Then, after every season, everyone wants to know how many deer were harvested and if the deer kill was a new "record," as though high deer kill numbers and records indicate a successful deer season. It may hurt some feelings, but I really don't care what the deer kill number is—last year, this year, or next year. Every year I have the same wish for what I would consider the "perfect" deer season, and it is based on a number: The number zero. It is a wish that no one will get

hurt or killed while deer hunting in Virginia. Will we ever accomplish it? No, but zero deer hunting-related accidents and fatalities have to be our number one deer hunting goal. Again, no deer that ever walked across the commonwealth is worth someone getting injured or killed over.

Data collected across the United States over the past several decades clearly show that feeling safe is the most important consideration for deer hunters going afield, followed closely by seeing deer sign, seeing deer, the challenge of the hunt, and being close to nature.

This helps me reconcile the fact that I tend to be obsessive about safety. I have



used a climbing tree stand for decades, but I also have always used a safety harness because I believe in gravity. I cannot see gravity, but I believe in it. And if you were to see me walking into or out of the deer woods, I would have on hunter orange—regardless of the season. If it is dark I will have on a head lamp, and I might be singing or whistling a tune. Hunting purists will tell you that I am scaring the deer. But it is not the deer I am concerned about.

I have been lucky. I have never been involved in a hunting accident, but I have a brother-in-law who shot his brother during a deer drive in New York about 20 years ago. The injured man survived, but only by the grace of God, good doctors, and time.

Every year, dozens of Virginia deer hunters are injured in deer hunting accidents. It is the most discouraging part of my job, because absolutely none of it has to happen.

Four years ago, the very worst happened: A non-hunter was shot and killed by a deer hunter. On November 17, 2009, in Franklin County, while walking with two other students work-

ing in the field on a biology class project, Ferrum College senior Jessica “Jess” Goode was shot and killed by a deer hunter who thought he was shooting at a deer. The bullet that killed Jess Goode also hit one of her fellow students, Regis Boudinot, in the arm and hand.

I had lived in fear of this type of accident for nearly twenty years, and it literally made me physically ill the afternoon it happened. It still evokes a very strong emotion in me to this day. I do not think it will ever go away. Why? On a daily basis I am asked to represent Virginia’s deer hunters. As a deer hunter, I readily acknowledge that we all accept some level of risk when we go afield. Hopefully, that risk is miniscule. Some of us do everything we can to minimize it. Climbing 10 to 20 feet in the air and hanging off the side of a tree, sitting with a loaded gun, has safety implications. Jess Goode and the public do not accept—and should not have to accept—a risk related to deer hunting. In my opinion, it was the “worst case” deer hunting accident and fatality scenario.

I have never met the shooter and will never have the chance to meet Jess Goode, but I have spent a lot of time thinking about Jess and her family, about the shooter and his family, and about what he did. Of

**Young hunters learn by example; be a role model. Teach our youth about hunter safety and how blaze orange will save lives. Photo provided by VDGIF**



**Fatal hunting accidents are never forgotten by all those connected. This picture is the last known photo of Jessica “Jess” Goode taken the day before she was tragically killed in a deer hunting accident. Photo provided by the Goode Family**

course, my first reaction like most deer hunters was shock and anger. Since that time, I have come to realize that he made a mistake. He made a very, very poor decision - a decision that he will have to live with. I do not need to talk to him. I have seen him on the news and realize that this hunting accident has changed his life and his family’s life forever, and not for the better. Today, I would not wish his situation upon my worst enemy.

So how do you avoid a deer hunting accident? Actually, I think it is very simple. First, follow the NRA’s gun safety rules:

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on each circumstance.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- Know your target and what is beyond. Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot.
- Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second.

Second, do not be a game violator or associate with game violators. I have never seen the study, but I am one hundred percent convinced that the odds of being involved in a serious deer hunting accident increase exponentially in cases where the deer hunters are violating game laws (e.g., hunting out of season, trespassing, hunting over bait, hunting without a license).

Why? These persons have already consciously decided to violate game laws, why should they follow basic gun safety rules? To break the game laws and then follow

the NRA’s gun safety rules is illogical. On the day Jess Goode was killed, for example, the shooter was trespassing, carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, and hunting without a license. As I wrote this article, one of our conservation police officers in the next office was writing a hunting accident report about a deer hunter who shot his hunting companion while standing in an illegal bait pile. Hunting with, or around, game violators can get you killed.

The deer hunter who shot Jess Goode was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to eight years in jail, with seven years suspended. He will be on probation for three years after he is released. As part of the plea agreement, the Goode family requested that he speak at Department hunter safety courses for five years after his release.

The bottom line is simple. When you go deer hunting and pull the trigger on a gun, you have made a decision that you are going to live with for the rest of your life. If you have followed a few, very simple safety rules, you will never have to give this decision a second thought. However, if you violate these safety rules, you may go to prison, and, I guess you will spend a good part of the rest of your life lying awake at night, wishing you could pray that bullet back into the gun.

The bad news is that you cannot pray a bullet back into a gun. Like many deer hunters, including the person who shot and killed Jess Goode, I have tried and failed. Please, be safe.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Matt Knox, a regular contributor to Whitetail Times, is the deer project coordinator for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Knox did his graduate study at the University of Georgia and is an avid deer hunter. His column this month is a reprint from Virginia Wildlife, November 2012. Whitetail Times does not make a practice of reprinting articles; however, this story needed to be read by all of our readers. The author welcomes questions and comments from our readers via e-mail at [Matt.Knox@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Matt.Knox@dgif.virginia.gov).

*This Article was previously published in Whitetail Times.*

# VBA State Indoor Sectional Championship

Hosted by

## The Belvoir Bowhunters

"Excellence in Archery & Bowhunting"



To enter Fort Belvoir, all **non-DoD** affiliated passengers of every vehicle must undergo a personal background check using the person's social security number. Allow up to one hour (usually faster) for this process. All must have a state/federal issued picture ID. **NEW DIRECTIONS:** Enter Fort Belvoir using Lieber Gate off US Route 1 (Richmond Hwy). (This is NE of the old entry point at Tulley Gate & on the opposite side of Route 1.) Proceed to the gate & process thru base security. After through the gate, turn left on Gunston Rd. Continue past the gas station & turn right at the next light onto 16th Street. Turn left on Theote Road. Proceed approx. ¼ mile to where the road splits; stay to the right. Turn right on Warren Road. Proceed about ½ mile & turn right at the bottom of the hill. The archery range is in the white building (Bldg 778) on the right.

### Fort Belvoir Outdoor Recreation Indoor Archery Range

10155 Johnston Rd, Bldg. 778  
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

## FEB 22-23, 2020

To register and MAIL-IN payment, mail to Kevin Brown at 6041 Bonnie Bern Court, Burke VA 22015. Call (571) 241-4457 or email [navigator79@verizon.net](mailto:navigator79@verizon.net) Mail-ins must be received by 19 Feb 2020; make check to Belvoir Bowhunters. To register VIA CREDIT CARD, contact Larry Readal at [LREADAL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LREADAL@GMAIL.COM) or 757.469.8700

#### In-person Registration:

**FRI 6 - 8 PM, 21 FEB**

**SAT 7 - 11 AM, 22 FEB**

### ROUNDS

#### SATURDAY

Opening Ceremony: 8 AM

1<sup>st</sup> Round: 9 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> Round: 12 PM

3<sup>rd</sup> Round: 3 PM

#### SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Round: 8 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> Round: 11 AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Round: 2 PM

**VBA membership required to receive awards**

Fees: \$20.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for youth (under 18); \$50.00 maximum per family

Fill out completely – please print clearly and only form per person

### STATE INDOOR SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

VBA # \_\_\_\_\_ HOME CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Circle those that apply:

Division: Peewee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Silver Senior Master Senior

Gender: M F Style: BB BBR BH BHFS/R BHFS/F FS/R FS/F TRAD Don't Know

Round Preference: SAT: 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> SUN: 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Round As Needed)

Guest are non VBA Members or without a VBA Card. Cubs and Pee Wees Shoot at 10 Yards – Indoors Only, Events are Shotgun Starts

# 2020 VBA State Indoor Sectional CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Bowhunters of Rockingham

February 22 & 23, 2020



#### Registration:

Friday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Until noon for 3<sup>rd</sup> round

#### PreRegistration: (Recommended)

By mail: Must be received by 2/19/2020

To: Lowell Hertzler

2895 Cedar Hill Drive

Harrisonburg, VA 22802

#### Shooting schedule: Saturday

1<sup>st</sup> round 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

2<sup>nd</sup> round 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> round 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Shoot one or both days (1 or 2 rounds and take your best score)

(Two rounds may be shot the same day space permitting)

**Shooting fee:** \$20 per archer for the first two family members, \$5:00 ea. for each additional youth (under 18) or younger archers, with a maximum of \$50 per family. Make checks payable to Bowhunters of Rockingham. (VBA Membership required to receive awards. Non Members are WELCOME to shoot as guests).

**Lodging:** Closest motels are near I-81, Exit 247, US Rt. 33, in Harrisonburg

**Directions to BOR Range:** From I-81, Exit 247, take US Rt. 33 east Rt. 33 east 3.7 miles to light at Indian Trail Road (Rt. 620) Left on Indian Trail Road 1.3 miles to Longbow Road (Rt. 684) Right on Longbow Road .8 miles to BOR (Follow signs to BOR)

Fill out form completely – Please print clearly – Only one person per form

### VBA State Sectional Championship Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

VBA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle selections that apply:

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior SilverSenior MasterSenior Guest

Shooting Style: FS FS/F BHFS BHFS/F BH BB Trad BBR

Gender: M F Round Preference: 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

For information call Lowell Hertzler 540-271-1811 or e-mail [BLHertzler@Verizon.net](mailto:BLHertzler@Verizon.net)



# 2019 VBA State Indoor Championship

Hosted by Kingsboro Bowmen



## February 22 & 23, 2020

### Registration

Online: <https://kingsborobowmen.wixsite.com/kbva>

Saturday: 8:00am – 11am

	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Shooting Schedule</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Round: 9am-12pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round: 12pm-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Round: 9am-12pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round: 12pm-3pm

Shoot one or both days (1 or 2 rounds and take best score).  
Two Round may be shot the same day, space permitting

\*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Round may be added if needed\*\*

**Shooter Fee:** \$20 per archer for first two family members, \$5.00 each for each additional youth (under 18) , with maximum of \$50 per family.

**Lodging:** Numerous lodging facilities are near Mercury Blvd and I-64 in Hampton

**Tournament Location** Wilcox Bait and Tackle  
9501 Jefferson Ave, Newport News VA 23605

**For More Information Call/Email** Tricia Holloman – 757-542-5150  
Chris Holloman – 757-542-5150; kbava1979@gmail.com

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) Email to: kbava1979@gmail.com									
NAME:		Mail to Ed Bickham							
ADDRESS:		6353 Godwin Blvd							
CITY-ZIP:		Suffolk, VA 23432							
VBA#	CLUB:	Phone#:	Email:						
One form per archer, Circle as applies: Birthday for YA, Youth, Cub, Peewee:									
(Age Range) Division:	(70+) Master Senior	(60-69) Silver Senior	(50-59) Senior	(18+) Adult	(15-17) Young Adult	(12-14) Youth	(8-11) Cub	(7&Under) PeeWee	
Sex:	Male	Female	Birthday:						
Style:	F/S R	FS/F	BH	BHFS/R	BHFS/F	BB	TRAD	Guest	
Rounds									
Saturday:	1 - (9am)		2 - (12pm)						
Sunday:	2 - (9am)		3 - (12pm)						

Website: <https://kingsborobowmen.wixsite.com/kbva>

Facebook: Kingsboro Archery

# 2020 VBA STATE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Sherwood Archers

February 22 & 23

[www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com](http://www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com)

email: [swarcher11@gmail.com](mailto:swarcher11@gmail.com)



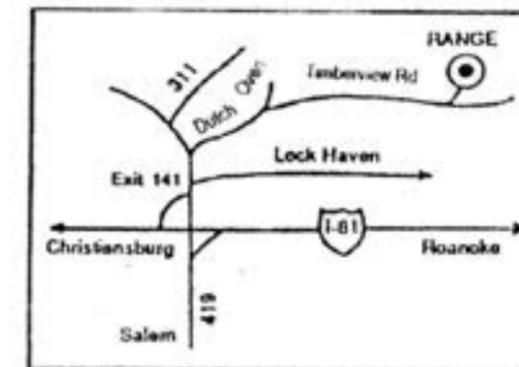
### New Time Schedule!

- >>> Shotgun start 9:00am or 1:00pm both days.
- >>> Must register no later than 30 minutes prior to start time.  
(No Friday night registration)
- >>> Must be a VBA member for awards. Please bring your VBA card.
- >>> Shoot one or both days (1 or 2 rounds) and take your best score.
- >>> Shooting fee is \$20 per adult, \$5 for 1<sup>st</sup> 2 youth, maximum \$50 per family.

*Snacks and Lunch available.*

### Places to Stay

- La Quinta Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717 Exit 141
- Bay Mount Inn (3 miles) 540-795-2114 Exit 141
- Holiday Inn Express (3 miles) 540-562-3229 Exit 141



Mail in Pre-registration; Make checks payable to:

**Sherwood Archers**  
c/o Auvray Shumate, Treasurer  
1558 Innsbrooke Dr.  
Salem, VA 24153 Phone: 540-389-3369 or 540-520-2135

**Robbie Whittaker Trn. Chrm.:** 540-597-8151  
**Club:** 540-366-3701

### Registration for VBA State Indoor Championship

Please print clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ VBA # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

Circle those that apply

Division: PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Silver Sr. Master Sr. Guest

Gender: Male Female Style: FS/R FS/F BHFS/R BHFS/F BH BB BBR TRAD

Round Preference: Sat.: 9:00am 1:00pm Sun: 9:00am 1:00pm Paid: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2020 VBA SPRING 3D CLASSIC

(Marked Distance)



Hosted by Bowhunters of Rockingham  
April 4 & 5, 2020

**Registration:**  
 Friday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
 Saturday and Sunday  
 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. for Morning round  
 Until 12:00 noon for Afternoon round

**PreRegistration:** (Recommended)  
 By mail: Must be received by 4/1/2020  
 To: Lowell Hertzler  
 2895 Cedar Hill Drive  
 Harrisonburg, VA 22802

**Shooting schedule: Saturday and Sunday**  
 Shotgun start: 1<sup>st</sup> round 9:00 a.m.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> round 1:00 p.m.

Shoot one or both days (1 or 2 rounds and take your best score)  
 (Two rounds may be shot the same day space permitting)  
 Twenty five targets each round, marked distance, IBO rules and classes.

**Shooting fee:** \$20 per archer for the first two family members, with a maximum of \$40 per family.  
 Make checks payable to Bowhunters of Rockingham.

**Lodging:** Closest motels are near I-81, Exit 247, US Rt. 33, in Harrisonburg

**Directions to BOR Range:** From I-81, Exit 247, take US Rt. 33 east  
 Rt. 33 east 3.7 miles to light at Indian Trail Road (Rt. 620)  
 Left on Indian Trail Road 1.3 miles to Longbow Road (Rt. 684)  
 Right on Longbow Road .8 miles to BOR (Follow signs to BOR)

## Primitive camping available at the Bowhunters of Rockingham – Party with us!

Fill out form completely – Please print clearly – Only one person per form

### VBA State Sectional Championship Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 VBA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle selections that apply:

**Age** <8 9-12 13-14 15-17 18+ 50+ 60+ 70+

**Class** (List your IBO Class or describe your equipment if you do not know) \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:** M F **Round Preference:** Sat a.m. Sat p.m. Sun a.m. Sun p.m.

For information call Lowell Hertzler - 540-271-1811 or e-mail - BLHertzler@Verizon.net

# 2020 VBA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

**Hosted by Sherwood Archers**  
[www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com](http://www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com)



**May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Registration Times: Sat. 7-8am Shotgun start 9:00**

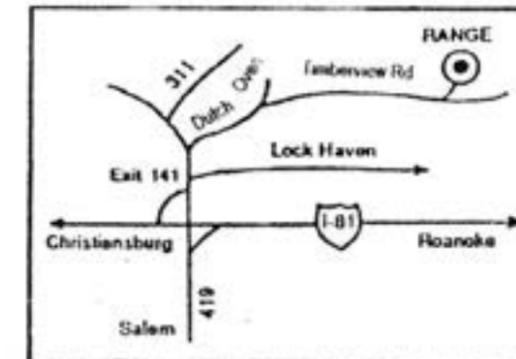
**Registration Fees: \$20.00 per adult, \$5 each for 1<sup>st</sup> two youth with a \$50 maximum per family.**

**28 Field targets 1<sup>st</sup> Day and 1/2 Hunter-1/2 Animal 2<sup>nd</sup> Day**  
**MUST Shoot both days for awards.**

**Breakfast and Lunch served daily. Dinner Sat. evening TBA**

### Places to Stay

- La Quinta Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717 Exit 141
- Baymont Inn (3miles) 540-795-2114 Exit 141
- Holiday Inn Express (3 miles) 54-562-3229 Exit 141
- Primitive Camping at Sherwood w/bathrooms



### Make checks to:

**Sherwood Archers**  
 c/o Auvray Shumate, Treasurer  
 1558 Innbrooke Dr.  
 Salem, VA 24153 540-389-3369

**Rob Whittaker Trn. Chrm.: 540-597-8151**  
**Club: 540-366-3701**

### Registration for VBA State Championship

Please print clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ VBA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Club \_\_\_\_\_ Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

Circle those that apply:

**Division:** PeeWee Cub Youth Young Adult Adult Senior Silver Sr. Master Sr.

**Gender:** M F **Style:** FS/R FS/F BHFS/R BHFS/F BH BB BBR TRAD

**Class:** AA A B C

## Sherwood Archers

Invites you to join us for our

### Annual Dogwood Tournament

May 02 & 03, 2020

Come get your 2 scores needed for an average.

**Casual Registration:** 8:00 to Noon both days

**Field/Hunter Round Both Days:** Shoot one or both days and take your best score.  
\$10.00 Single and \$25.00 Family (3 or more). \$5 & \$15 for second round.

Breakfast and Lunch served daily.

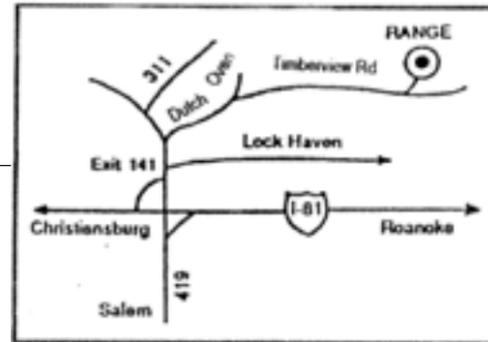
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Primitive Camping on site. (restrooms & showers).

Call Robbie @ 540-597-8151 for more information.

Club number: 540-366-3701 sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com

swarcher11@gmail.com



## Wally and Winnie's Venison Roast

#### Ingredients

- 1 venison roast (3 to 4 pounds)
- 10 whole garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
- 1-1/2 teaspoons onion powder, divided
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 7 medium carrots, quartered
- 5 small onions, quartered
- 1 tablespoon beef bouillon granules
- 1 teaspoon browning sauce, optional
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons cold water

#### Directions

- Cut 10 deep slits in roast; place a garlic clove in each slit. Combine the rosemary, 1 teaspoon onion powder, garlic powder and thyme; rub over entire roast. Cover; refrigerate for 2 hours.
- Add 1/2 in. water to a roasting pan. Place the roast, carrots and onions in pan. Cover and bake at 325° for 2-1/2 to 3 hours or meat is tender. Remove meat and vegetables to a serving platter; keep warm.
- Strain drippings into a measuring cup. In a large saucepan, combine

3 cups drippings, bouillon, browning sauce and remaining onion powder. Combine cornstarch and cold water until smooth; stir into drippings. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Serve with roast.

## Sherwood Archers

Will be hosting a Huge Event to Benefit

### Ronald Mc Donald House of Roanoke

In the Spring

Lots of different events including 3D, Outdoor and Indoor.

Raffles, Door Prizes and Awards and more.

Proceeds will be going to support the Ronald McDonald House of Roanoke.

They provide a free place for families of very sick children to stay while the child is being treated in the hospital. They are financed only by donations.

We don't have all the details yet, so watch for info and fliers in your emails and club news.

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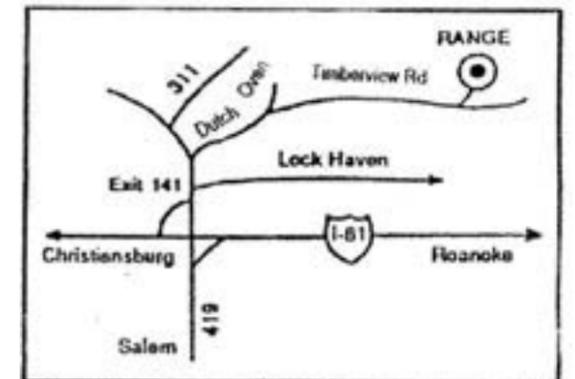
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# STATE CLOSED 2020 @ TRAC

## LaborDay Weekend

Buffet Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday morning. Food will be served during the competition.

### LOTS OF EVENTS ON SATURDAY

- A Special Dinner will be served on Saturday late afternoon.
- Novelty and/or Coon Shoot Saturday after Tournament.

### CONTACT FOR MORE INFO:

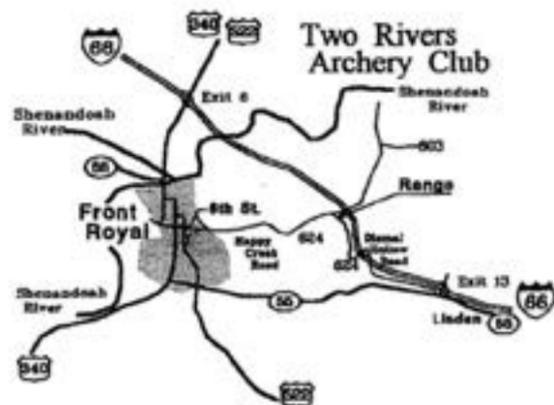
Rob Pecora 540.364.3936  
 Maxie & Joyce Cameron 540.635.8128  
 or email  
 rmpecora@gmail.com

Raffle prizes will be drawn on Sunday following awards ceremony.

### MOTELS

- Hampton Inn 540.635.1882
- Cool Harbor 540.635.2191
- Shenandoah Motel 540.635.3181
- Quality Inn 540.635.3161

Primitive Camping at Range



### REGISTRATION FORM

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

Fees: \$20 per person/\$50 max per family

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

VBA#: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: PEEWEE - CUB - YOUTH - YOUNG ADULT - ADULT - SENIOR - SILVER SENIOR - MASTER SENIOR - GUEST Gender: M F

Style: FS FS/F BHFS BH BB BBR TRAD Class: AA A B C

Must have 2 previous scores, otherwise, shoot AA. 2-4 scores = best score. 5 or 6 scores = avg of best 2

7 or more = avg of 3 highest of last 7

For Preregistration : Joyce Cameron, 3313 Harmony Hollow Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630

# 2020 VBA Calendar of Events

## VBA Meetings

- January 18 & 19 Quarterly Meeting
- March 28 VBA Awards Banquet
- March 29 Quarterly Meeting
- June 6 & 7 Quarterly Meeting
- September 19 Scheduling Meeting
- September 20 Quarterly Meeting

## VBA State Championship Shoots

- February 22 & 23 VBA Indoors
- April 4 & 5 VBA Spring 3D Classic (Marked)
- May 16 & 17 VBA State Open
- August 22 & 23 VBA Fall 3D Classic (Unmarked)
- September 5 & 6 VBA Closed



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## Conservation Scholarship

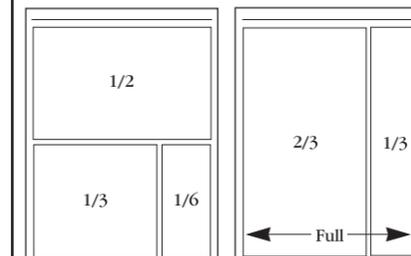
Just a reminder that the VBA has a \$500.00 Conservation Scholarship Available each year [providing funds are available]. Written request for the scholarship must be submitted to the VBA President by March 1st for approval by the directors. VBA members and their immediate family members are eligible. Scholarship can be used at any institute of higher learning for Forestry or Wildlife Conservation/Law Enforcement.



### Advertising Rates for Flight

- 1/6 page • 2 3/4" x 5" • \$20
- 1/3 page • 5" x 5" • \$35
- 1/2 page • 7 1/2" x 5" • \$60
- 2/3 page • 5" x 10" • \$70
- Full page • 7 1/2" x 10" • \$100

(Price is based on camera-ready art.)



## Change of Address?

If you have had a change of address and are not receiving your *Flight* newsletter, please fill in the following information and send to

Marie Bell, Executive State Secretary  
 1223 Jeanette Ave  
 Vinton, VA 24179



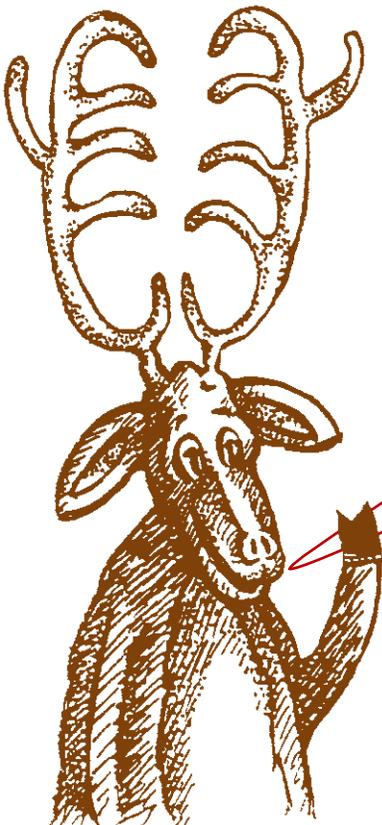
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falling from the  
trees.**

## 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 86 people have been elected to the Order in the past 78 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.