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Fall 3-D Classic Champions**



2011 State Closed Champions

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The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be January 9, 2012. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your magazine and we encourage your contributions!

From the President

Another season of tournament archery has come to a close and most of us are out bow hunting. I hope all members have fond memories of shoots past and good luck in the hunting season.

Looking back at the tournament season, the numbers of shooters seems to have dropped off again. This is especially true at state tournaments. There was a very dismal showing of only 41 shooters at the State Closed and only slightly more at the State Open. The numbers were also down at the 3D tournaments. Even local shoots and annuals seem to have had lower numbers of attendees this year. Most clubs do a lot of work to get and keep their ranges in shape for every shoot they hold. There are usually only a few members who do the bulk of the work. I can tell you from experience that it is very disheartening when only a few souls show up to shoot. A state tournament requires a lot more effort and expense to make sure the range is in top shape, as the host club wants to present themselves as best they can. When only a small number of shooters take the time to participate, this can be very disappointing to those who spent so much time and effort preparing for the tournament.

So what can we do to increase the number of shooters? Those clubs who have recently hosted these shoots are at a loss to know what to do about this. We need suggestions from you, the archers. One suggestion that was made at the Closed was to hold the shoots on weekends that are not 3-day holiday weekends. This has been brought up and discussed in the past, but may need to be re-examined. There were many activities planned to be held after the State Closed tournament (novelty shoots, horseshoe tournament, coon shoot) but not enough shooters stayed at the range to participate. What can a hosting club do to attract more shooters? Please let your local clubs and the VBA know your thoughts on this matter.

In closing, I hope everyone has a successful hunting season and I look forward to seeing you on the range next year.

Rob Pecora - President 

From the Executive Vice President

I have had a very enjoyable summer with all of the shoots and with the fellowship at the shoots. I had the opportunity to go to two different ranges that I have not had the pleasure of going to before. The first range was Singers Glen Bowbenders range which is Northwest of Harrisonburg. I went there to inspect the range and also shoot the field range and found it to be a very nice range. It is a fourteen target range with another fourteen target range in the works with some uphill and downhill but nothing too severe for us ageing shooters. I will be back to shoot this range at the first opportunity. The second range was Manahoac Bowmen just west of Fredericksburg. I went there to take photos of the VBA Fall Classic and was very impressed with the range. I can't believe I have never been to this range before but I will make it back there to a shoot next year. There is not a lot of up and downhill shots on this range. The Field range and 3-D range should be an enjoyable day of shooting. I have shot most of the ranges in the state but there are a few that I have not been to and I hope to get to all of the ranges even though some of them will require a bit of traveling.

But now it is time to think about the one thing that most of us live for every year, yes, it is time to sharpen your broadheads and climb a tree. First, you should check the VGDIF booklet for law changes and season changes. Shenandoah County has had changes the past several years. So, you should go by your sporting goods store and pick up a copy of the booklet or go online at www.HuntFishVA.com.

But most importantly you need to be safe in the woods, follow the laws, and always wear a safety harness when you're in your stand.

After your great experiences this fall and winter please share with the rest of us your triumphs and if you dare your defeats by sending photos of your conquests and any stories that you have about your trips to the woods or hunting camps. Send them to vbafight@yahoo.com and we will get them in the next issue of the *FLIGHT*.

Executive Vice President

Terry Ballowe 

From the NBEF/IBEP Director

On 25 June I had the opportunity to join Mr. Mike Norkus in providing an IBEP course to 13 Hunter Safety Instructors who were attending the Advanced Training Workshop sponsored by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) at Holiday Lake. The following day we were joined by Mr. Ken Sorrels, Master IBEP Instructor, and provided an IBEP Instructor's Training to this same group. As a result, our number of IBEP instructors around the Commonwealth of Virginia continues to grow. More importantly, these new instructors come from areas where bowhunters had little opportunity to take this valuable safety course locally, thus allowing the VDGIF to continue to reach out to bowhunters across Virginia.

During this same workshop, Mr. Sorrels recognized both myself and Mike Norkus as having fulfilled the experience, knowledge and training required to reach the Master Instructor level, and awarded both of us that status. This means that Mike and I now join Ken in being able to conduct training and certify new IBEP instructors, so we can continue growing our numbers and making classes readily accessible for bowhunters across Virginia.

As we move forward down this path, we don't want to lose any of our existing IBEP instructors. We are trying to put together a database of all our instructors, both those that have and those may not have attended the VDGIF Basic Instructor's Course. I would like to ask for help from all of you to identify all active IBEP instructors. If you know of one, please ask them to contact me at my email: rrfoster@verizon.net. I'll get their basic contact information and enter them into our database. I'll also work with those that have not attended the VDGIF Basic Hunter Safety Education Course to get them certified as VDGIF instructors. That will allow them to create classes in the VDGIF on-line Hunter Education web site (<http://my.register-ed.com>) so their students get entered into the VDGIF database when they successfully complete the IBEP instruction. Finally, this will allow us to assist our member clubs and other groups that are interested in finding an IBEP instructor in their local area to offer an IBEP course. Your help in finding these folks and helping me to reach out to them is greatly appreciated!

Good Hunting!

Bob 

From the Field Vice President

Most of my VBA family already knows me, for the others let me tell you a little about myself.

I was 3 years old when my father, A.L. Self (one of the original members) founded Blackwater Bowhunters and the only one still in the VBA. I shot from then until I was about 15 years old. Then when I was 31 years old, Blackwater Bowhunters moved the range to a new location. The members dropped and we almost lost our range. At that time I was asked to take the Secretary /Treasurer Position. For the next 5 years we barely survived. Then we made a move to our present range and became incorporated. Shortly after this I decided to start shooting again. I practiced for 2 days, then on the way to our spot shoot I wrecked my ATV and messed up my shoulder. The doctor told me it wouldn't get any better (no more archery). That's why most of you won't see me attending many shoots outside of my zone.

Although I am new to the office of VBA Field Vice President, I am not new to the VBA quarterly meetings. I have attended as an assistant to our Delegate for about 3 years. I think every range needs an assistant to go to the meetings in case the Delegate can't make it.

I have been looking over the paperwork and records. I need **HELP** from our VBA family members.

What has happened to the shooter participation on state as well as on club levels? The VBA has 1129 members as of June 10th, 2011 and only 153 attended the State Indoor, 71 at the State Spring 3D, 51 at the State Open, 28 at the State Fall 3D, and 39 & 2 guests at the State Closed. Most of these people attended more than one and some attended all. Email me to let me know if you have an opinion of something that could be done to get more participation. Please invite all of your friends to shoot with you "Carpooling could be as fun as the shoot!"

I will be waiting for your calls at 540-493-2281 or emails at blackwater_bowhunters@yahoo.com anytime.

Remember this is your organization and it is only as strong as its links. You don't have to be the strongest, but don't be the weakest.

Aubrey T Self
Field V-P 

Venison Jerky

Wally says this is the best way to use all that extra deer meat you have. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 3 pounds venison, frozen 1 hour, cut into extremely thin strips
- ½ cup Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup soy sauce
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon

Directions:

- 1) Combine all ingredients in a large plastic bag; mix well and seal. Refrigerate 6 to 8 hours, or overnight.
- 2) Preheat oven to lowest temperature possible, around 200°F. Remove meat from marinade; drain well. Place strips directly on oven racks. Prop oven door ajar with balled up aluminum foil. Cook until venison strips are sufficiently dried, from 12 to 24 hours.



From the Publicity Director

As the year ends we conclude the 70th Anniversary of the VBA, which has successfully and effectively represented its members and tens of thousands of individuals who have an interest in archery and bowhunting in Virginia. The organization has also effectively represented bowhunting issues to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF).

Some of you will ask “What’s New for 2012?” That folks is up to you. Only you can answer questions such as: how can we improve on getting more clubs to charter or re-charter with the VBA; how can we increase membership, whether it be within our own club or Associate or Bowhunter memberships; and, how can we increase participation at State Tournament and club shoots. As members, you need to let your county schools, parks and recreational centers, Boy & Girl Scout clubs, neighborhood resources, government facilities and libraries and other organizations know about the VBA, what it has to offer and its educational programs. Invite your community non-profit organizations such as the VFW, Moose, Elks, American Legion, or your county fire & rescue and law enforcement agencies to come out to your club meetings and shoots.

At the September’s meeting, Marie Bell, Executive State Secretary, reported for the Third Quarter membership was 1220. This was up by 21 members over 2010 and new membership was up by 3.

Aubrey Self, Field Vice-President, reported that participation at State Tournaments was down from 434 to 342 over last year. Aubrey mentioned that Augusta Archers, Bowhunters of Rockingham, Buggs Island Archers and Walton Park Bowhunters outdoor ranges needed to be inspected by the end of the year and he solicited names of range inspectors from each club. He also mentioned that for the State 3-D Fall, John Hoffman, Jr’s record for 2010 was listed incorrectly as SMBHFS/F and that Dallas Hoover will be reinstated with his 2009 record as SMBHFS/R.

Rob Pecora announced the following clubs that will be hosting the VBA State Tournaments for 2012: State Indoor Sectional – Augusta Archers, Belvoir Bowhunters, Kingsboro Bowmen and Sherwood Archers; Spring 3-D Classic is Singers Glen; the State Open is Sherwood Archers; Fall 3-D Classic is Augusta Archers and the State Closed is Two Rivers Archery Club.

This past June Bob Foster, Rick Atchison and I attended the VDGIF Advance Hunter Education Training workshop at the Holiday Lake 4-H Center in Appomattox, VA. While Rick was attending his classes, I was completing my required classes to get my Master. And where was Bob? He was busy teaching archery classes the entire weekend. On Saturday evening, Bob Foster was recognized and designated as Master IBEP Instructor for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries by Sgt. David Dodson. The VBA is proud to have one of members and officer to be recognized by the VDGIF. Congratulations Bob!

As a note, these training classes are offered to Hunter Ed & IBEP instructors. Please contact Bob for further information.

Over the past year, I have been involved with a lot of volunteer services for the VDGIF Complimentary Work Force program. CWF folks are always looking for volunteers to help with their Fish for Kids, VOSS, NASP, Virginia State Fair events, permit inspections & issuance, trout stocking, wildlife damage inspections, exhibits, programs, presentations, waterway marker inspections, region office assistance, equipment repair and maintenances research assistance, yearly awards program and much more! I’ve been doing this for the past five years and would like to see more of you participate in this program. Rick Atchison from BBH is another volunteer who finds time to help out. If you are interested in joining the CWF, go to www.dgif.virginia.gov/volunteer and sign up. Oh, and don’t forget to sign-up to receive their bi-weekly “Outdoor Report.”

Remember: Since September 1st it has been illegal to feed deer statewide in Virginia through the first Saturday in January.

Always Harness Up Before You Climb Up! And, don’t forget to take a Kid Hunting!

Yours in Archery – Irene Stocksdale 

From the Hunting Vice President

Ed Bickham's son Lon is still in the hospital in critical condition as a result of the burns he suffered earlier this year. We will continue to pray for Lon and the entire Bickham family.

There have been a few developments in the hunting arena since the last *FLIGHT*. Most notable is that Clint Keller, a member of Two Rivers Archery Club in Front Royal, has agreed to be the Hunting Committee Chairman. This is a terrific plus for the VBA because it fills a key position that has been vacant for a long time and also because it brings such a quality individual to the VBA leadership. Clint has already attended VDGIF meetings in Richmond and has met the leadership of that organization. He also has a great deal of enthusiasm to revitalize the Hunting Committee Chairman position. Please welcome Clint when you see him at meetings or at the ranges.

The second development is VBA participation in the VDGIF-sponsored study to develop a policy related to kill permits. The process to develop a kill permit policy was near its end when this edition of *FLIGHT* went to press. Clint or I (or both) attended all the meetings this summer and were able to express the opinions of bow hunters. The study was commissioned by the State Legislature and the final result will be provided to them for their use next year. The VDGIF will also use the study results to change their operational procedures. Clint will keep you informed and will let you know how you can view a copy of the study when it is completed.

A third development is the untimely illness of Dave Proctor. He underwent an operation this summer and will continue to visit the hospital for follow-up procedures. Dave is a member of the VBA Order of the Golden Feather, a past-editor of *FLIGHT* for nearly 20 years and a long-time advocate of bowhunting in Virginia. He will continue to work at Good Printers and hopefully get into the woods this fall. We will keep him and his family in our prayers.

As a final note, always remember to be safe in the woods. This includes a long list of things to do, but at the top of the list is to check your treestand before each use and always wear (and attach to your tree!) a harness whenever you are off the ground. Among the items not usually considered are to be safe with fires and gas BBQ grills when you camp. Nothing like starting a forest fire to ruin your day.....

I hope to see you in the woods.

Dave Burpee (for Ed Bickham) 

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS VOTED AT SEPTEMBER MEETING:

1. The VBA should increase the fees for a regular Field/Hunter Shoot to \$10.00 per round.; **Effective January 2012.**
2. Shooting Styles , Sect. 1 , Item 2 , pg. 10 ; An adjustable arrow plate or any part of the arrow rest may not extend over 1/4" above the arrow : [add] with the exception of a full containment rest.; **Effective January 2012.**

AGENDA ITEM FOR JANUARY MEETING:

1. Shooting Rules , Traditional Style , Sec. 7 , Item 6 , pg. 11 ; Allow clickers on Trad. bows as long as it does not attach or is visible through the site window.; **Effective January 2012.**

Justification:

Shooter can come to a consistent anchor - won't lose as many traditional shooters from these classes because of target panic.

VDGIF FALL MESSAGE

By Bob Ellis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Wildlife Resources,
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

Another September is quickly upon us and it will not be long before the woods are turning to a crisp fall color and the excitement of another hunting season enters our daily thoughts. With every hunting season changes abound in habitat conditions, population levels and to be sure regulations! The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries promulgated regulatory changes last spring that encompasses the next two hunting seasons. Although not all of them have an impact on your upcoming archery hunting experiences a quick rundown of some the changes will be worth looking over as you take up your hunting experiences this season. For all the changes and season and bag limits for the 2011-2012 season please refer to the Hunting and Trapping in Virginia digest or go to www.HuntFishVA.com for more information. Have a great and safe hunting season.

URBAN ARCHERY

- There are now 34 cities, towns, and counties across the Commonwealth that participate in the urban archery season. Only antlerless deer may be taken during this season, which is open September 3-30, 2011 and January 9-March 31, 2012 in localities that have opted in. New participants for the 2011-2012 season include the cities of Hopewell, Lexington, and Suffolk and the counties of Chesterfield and York. All cities and towns in the Commonwealth are eligible to participate, along with every *county* with a human population density of 300 persons per square mile. For more information on the season, please visit the following webpage: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/urban-archery/>.”

DEER HUNTING

- The youth deer hunting day on September 24, 2011 is now statewide. The counties of Fairfax, Loudon and Prince William were initially excluded from the one day youth deer hunting day because of the overlap a day of the early antlerless-only archery season in those areas. Hunter support for expanding youth hunting opportunities outweighed the concerns some expressed with the blaze orange requirement. Because this is a firearms deer hunting season/day, all hunters (e.g. archery and squirrel) will be required to wear blaze orange unless otherwise exempted.
- All deer killed after the first Saturday in January must be checked by telephone or internet checking systems.
- Language regarding the transportation of processed deer carcass parts has been updated to allow deer hunters to possess unmarked parts of a deer carcass after it has been processed (cut-up) provided that they can provide sufficient verbal or written information which establishes legal possession. This will help many hunters who participate in club hunts where meat is often dispersed to individuals and in the past each individual part had to be identified.
- The daily bag limit for deer in Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties has been made unlimited. Hunters are still restricted to three antlered bucks in a license year. The purpose of this regulation change was to continue to address increasing deer populations beyond the deer objective for these counties.
- The Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) carcass transportation regulations were changed to apply only to deer carcasses that originate from any area designated by the department as a carcass restriction zone in or adjacent to a state or Canadian province in which CWD has been found in

free ranging or captive cervids. More information on this change and a listing of the identified restricted zones can be found in the Hunting Digest or on line at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/cwd/>

TRACKING AND RECOVERING DEER AND BEAR

- Legislation passed in the 2011 General Assembly provided for the use of tracking dogs to retrieve bear and deer. Tracking dogs maintained and controlled on a lead may be used to find a wounded or dead bear or deer statewide during the archery, muzzleloader, or firearms bear or deer hunting seasons or within 24 hours of the end of such season, provided that those who are involved in the retrieval effort have permission to hunt or to access the land being searched and do not have any weapons in their possession. Archery hunters have requested over the years a regulation or law that would aid in their retrieval of deer that may have traveled a distance or into difficult cover by using a dog. Hunters exercising this privilege need to be mindful of the fact that permission by the landowner must be granted and that no weapons can be in possession.

FALL TURKEY SEASON

There are a number of changes in the fall turkey season, some result in longer fall seasons and others shorten the length of the fall seasons.

- The length of the fall season was adjusted in several counties. The adjustments were made based on the status of turkey populations. The status assessment was based on current turkey population density estimates and long-term population growth rates. The season was extended in a number of counties in eastern Virginia where good population growth rates have created high turkey population densities that can withstand higher fall hunting pressure. On the other side of the state, the season was reduced because of concern for declining population trends and low densities. The cause of low population densities and declining trends in these mid-western counties is unknown, but the Department believes lower fall harvest rates may result in a more rapid recovery of these populations.
- Of particular note, is the addition of two weeks of turkey hunting in January in counties that have the full six week fall season. This season expansion was done with the intent of recruiting and retaining fall turkey hunters. This is a new hunting opportunity that has never been offered to Virginia hunters before. The Department will be monitoring the January harvest, but we believe the harvest will not impact turkey populations.

Please check the Hunting Regulations Digest or check online at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations/turkey.asp> for a list of the counties affected by these changes.

ELK

- Elk season will be closed in the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise.

BOWHUNTERS NEEDED FOR SURVEY

- The Department has an ongoing statewide bowhunter survey to obtain information on bear, deer, turkey, small game, and furbearer populations. The Department would like to increase the number and distribution of cooperators across the Commonwealth.

Participants will receive an annual survey form to complete during the early archery deer season and a copy of the results after they are compiled.

To participate, please contact Mike Fies with your **complete mailing address** at mike.fies@dgif.virginia.gov. 

TOP TEN NEW HUNTING REGULATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2011-2012

1. **License fees for hunting and trapping have increased slightly** – only the second increase in 24 years... License fees for youth, crossbow, archery and muzzleloader did not increase
2. **Partially disabled veterans shall pay half of the resident or nonresident hunting license fee**, Veterans must have at least 70 percent service-connected disability
3. **Tracking dogs maintained and controlled on a lead may be used to find a wounded or dead bear or deer statewide** during any archery, muzzleloader, or firearm bear or deer hunting season, the retrieval participants must have permission to hunt on or to access the land being searched and cannot have any weapons in their possession.
4. **The Special Muzzleloader Season for bears will be a uniform 1- week statewide season.** Firearms Bear Season dates have changed for many areas of the state.
5. **The Youth Deer Hunting Day will be open statewide September 24, 2011.**
6. **Urban Archery Season has been expanded to include new areas.**
7. **Beginning fall 2011-2012, all deer killed after the first Saturday in January must be checked by the telephone or Internet checking systems.**
8. **Changes in the length of the fall turkey season in many counties- most new seasons are longer, some are shorter.** Turkeys killed in the fall *may be checked* using the telephone or Internet.
9. **Turkey hunting in January is provided in many counties for the first time.** Turkeys killed in January *must be checked* using the telephone or Internet.
10. **A Facility Use Permit has been established, effective January 1, 2012.** Users with a valid hunting, trapping or fishing license, boat registration, 16 years old or younger, or hiking the Appalachian Trail **are exempt and will not have to pay the Use Fee.** The fee will provide the means by which outdoor enthusiasts who use the VDGIF Wildlife Management Areas and state fishing lakes can contribute, on either a daily or annual basis, to the stewardship, maintenance and management of these facilities and their natural resources.

Refer to the full description of these new regulations in the *Hunting & Trapping in Virginia July 2011*



VBA 2011 Fall 3-D Classic



2011 Fall 3-D Classic Winners



UBA Fall 3D Classic 2011

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
SC	Jennifer Stoner	AFTRAD	225	2	196	0	421	2
2nd	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD	181	2	186	3	367	5
3rd	Cay Mcmanis	AFTRAD	147	0	134	0	281	0
	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	129	2	105	0	234	2
SC	Darrell Wyant	AMBHFS	260	10	239	6	499	16
2nd	Tied Davy Alger	AMBHFS	270	12	229	4	499	16
3rd	Don Hickerson	AMBHFS	221	3	190	0	411	3
	Lucas Shartzter	AMBHFS	172	2	164	1	336	3
	John Hoffman,III	AMBHFS	191	2	0	0	191	2
SC	Mike Spring	AMFS	270	11	259	9	529	20
2nd	Chris Batton	AMFS	264	10	254	8	518	18
	Joel Lecker	AMFS	260	8	0	0	191	2
SC	Troy Stoner	AMTRAD	208	6	191	2	399	8
2nd	Kevin O'Shea	AMTRAD	170	1	191	1	361	2
3rd	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	172	1	188	0	360	1
	Greg Szentkiraly	AMTRAD	158	2	192	2	350	4
	Joe McManus	AMTRAD	143	0	129	1	272	1
	John Mason	AMTRAD	140	0	123	0	263	0
	Howard Faris	AMTRAD	134	1	0	0	134	1
SC	Ethan Mullins	CMTRAD	63	0	74	0	137	0
SC	John Hoffman, Jr.	SMBHFS	214	3	213	3	427	6
SC	Danny Alger	SMFS	245	9	249	9	494	18
2nd	Jarrett Frame	SMFS	238	5	235	4	473	9
SC	Garry Halim	SMTRAD	167	0	201	3	368	3
SC	Zach Stoner	YAMTRAD	150	0	186	2	336	2
SC	Cory Mullins	YFBHFS	181	3	186	1	367	4
SC	Don Hickerson, Jr.	YMBHFS	244	7	235	5	479	12
2nd	Logan Shartzter	YMBHFS	107	0	117	0	224	0

Note: D. Wyant and D. Alger tied at the end of the State 3-D Tournament. Both left before shoot-off. D. Wyant was declared the winner based on Sunday results.

State 3-D Fall Classic Records 1993 -2011

Style	Name	Year	1 st Day	2 nd Day	Aggre.
AMFS/R	Roy Strong	1996	274	274	548
AFFS/R	Karin Eppard	2010	274	267	541
AMFS/F	Michael Smith	2001	244	246	490
AMBHFS/R	Robbie Moore	2002	266	259	525
AFBHFS/R	Kay Core	2007	250	243	493
AMBHFS/F	Les Goss	1999	227	221	448
AFBHFS/F	Darlene Frye	1993			324
AMBB/BH	Chris Willard	2010	260	252	512
AFBB/BH	Cay McManus	1997			441
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2010	262	248	510
AFTRAD	Jennifer Stoner	2011	225	196	421
YAMFS/R	Denver Nail	1995	231	246	477
YAFFS/R	Lindsay Lavenhar	2004	216	209	425
YAMFS/F	Patrick Vogel	2003	165	169	334
YAMBHFS/R	Travis Dillon	2008	195	233	428
YAFBHFS/R	Jessica Callison	1995	218	226	444
YAMBHFS/F	Matthew Dobbins	2007	171	171	342
YAFBHFS/F	Jennifer Link	2000			139
YAMTRAD	Patrick Vogel	2005	161	188	349
YAFTRAD	Nickole Ernst	2000			124
YMFS/R	Chad Detwiler	1999	284	278	562
YMBHFS/R	Hunter Carper	2010	262	266	528
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2011	181	186	367
YMBHFS/F	Matthew Dobbins	2005	147	184	331
YMBB/BH	Zach Ramos	2003	148	81	229
YFBB/BH	Sara Lavenhar	2005	147	145	292
YMTRAD	Sean Ernst	1998	139	133	272
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	198	216	414
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2004	138	120	258
CMBHFS/R	Joshua Bowers	2001	221	222	443
CFBHFS/R	Chelsea Kinley	2002	181	190	371
CMBHFS/F	Hunter Davis	2007	260	224	484
CFBHFS/F	Cheyenne Humphrey	2005	59	131	190
CMBB/BH	Nicolas Torres	2006			174
CFBB/BH	Nichole Willard	2010	58	55	113
CMTRAD	Justin Ernst	1998	112	174	208
PWMBHFS/R	Trystan Johnson	2003	190	196	386
PWFBHFS/F	Caitlin Willard	2010	112	107	219
PWMBB/BH	Joshua Meadows	2001	224	228	452
PWFBB/BH	Nichole Willard	2008	85	142	227
PWMTRAD	Ben Torres	2008	192	202	394
SMFS/R	Danny Alger	2010	259	260	519
SMBHFS/F	Dallas Hoover	2010	214	192	406
SMBHFS	John Hoffman, Jr.	2010	216	218	434
SMTRAD	Garry Halim	2011	167	201	368

Crossbows - *Should VBA Recognize Them?*

Odds are that if you want to start a heated discussion in any of your clubs these days, all you have to say is one word: Crossbows. There are those that are passionate about them in every club and want to allow their use; and also those that are equally passionate about keeping them out. Both sides have legitimate points, so most of the time there never is a clear winner.

This isn't anything new to our sport. At the risk of giving away my age, let me say that compound bows didn't exist when I first took up archery and the sport of bowhunting; and I heard many of the same arguments that I'm hearing with the crossbow controversy today. Compounds were dangerous; they were too powerful for the target butts we were using and shouldn't be permitted on the ranges; they shouldn't be allowed to be used during the regular archery season (which was intended to be for primitive weapons) and would make it too easy to harvest deer, reducing their numbers. Nevertheless, compound bows didn't go away and eventually became accepted (albeit grudgingly). At that time compound bows were only capable of 30% reduction in draw weight, so when archery manufacturers introduced bows with 50% let off, the controversy started again. When manufacturers pushed the envelope to 80% let off, Pope and Young refused to allow animals taken with bows that offered that much let off. We've had arguments about mechanical releases, lighted sight pins, expandable broadheads, and the list goes on. More often than not, when innovation comes to our sport, there are those that love it, those that hate it, and a new round of controversy starts anew.

So now we find ourselves discussing the merits and evils of crossbows. Let me say upfront that I don't own a crossbow; in fact, I've never fired one, so I'm not a zealous advocate. However, it isn't hard for a non-user like me to see that crossbow users are quickly becoming the fastest growing segment of new archers joining our ranks. This fact hasn't been lost on the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, who have made crossbows legal equipment for use during archery season. Neither has it been lost on the National Bowhunter Education Foundation, who has added teaching materials for crossbows to the International Bowhunter Education Program so that instructors can add them to the course curriculum. Having lived through many other such controversies in our sport, my assessment is that new innovations like those mentioned above never go away. It may take time, but eventually they do become accepted into our sport and life goes on. So, like them or not, crossbows are here to stay and will continue to grow in popularity and use over the next several years.

This has led the Executive Board to open a dialog with our affiliated clubs - do you want the VBA to lead the way to accepting these new archers into our mist by creating shooting rules and styles for crossbows, so our clubs can welcome them as members? This is certainly within our Constitution, which calls on the VBA to "...foster, expand and perpetuate the use of the bow in hunting all legal game." Moreover, if the VBA doesn't accept this new generation of archers, will our rejection cause them to organize on their own, leading to a Virginia Crossbow Archers Association in the near future? In an era when our numbers are declining, the last thing we need is to alienate fellow archers and drive them from our ranks.

So, have your debates, form your club positions, and send your representative to the January VBA meeting with your club's views. As always, the Executive Board looks forward to using your views to shape your Virginia Bowhunters Association.

Good Shooting! Bob Foster 

2011 VBA State Closed



2011 State Closed Winners



VBA STATE CLOSED 2011

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Hunter/Animal Round		Total	
				Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
SC	Jennifer Stoner	AFTRAD	AA	361	6	411	6	772	12*
2nd	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	AA	164	0	177	2	341	2
SC	John Mason	AMBB	AA	476	15	520	10	996	25
	William Keen, Jr.	AMBB	AA	414	9	0	0	414	9
SC	Howard Faris	AMBH	AA	451	8	507	5	958	13
	Walter Kimble	AMBH	AA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Jeremy Dean	AMBHFS/R	AA	548	67	560	30	1108	97
2nd	Vance Cave	AMBHFS/R	AA	537	47	555	24	1092	71
3rd	Mitch Stonesifer	AMBHFS/R	AA	514	34	556	22	1070	56
	Robert D'Imperio	AMBHFS/R	AA	510	35	530	12	1040	47
	Donald ickerson	AMBHFS/R	AA	419	9	468	1	887	10
	Arthur Sommers	AMBHFS/R	AA	499	27	0	0	499	27
1st	Ray Miller	AMBHFS/R	A	514	30	546	13	1060	43
2nd	Dale Woodiel	AMBHFS/R	A	479	24	519	10	998	34
3rd	Clint Keller	AMBHFS/R	A	476	23	514	14	990	37
	Ray Kimble	AMBHFS/R	A	445	8	479	6	924	14
	Scotty Gerbrish	AMBHFS/R	A	0	0	527	10	527	10
	Mark Lohr	AMBHFS/R	A	482	19	0	0	482	19
SC	Bradley Baker, Jr.	AMFS/R	AA	550	74	568	42	1118	116**
2nd	William Hamlin	AMFS/R	AA	530	41	551	25	1081	66
3rd	Daryl Mckenzie	AMFS/R	AA	525	37	549	21	1074	58
	Terry Ballowe	AMFS/R	AA	0	0	545	18	545	18
SC	Michael Light	AMTRAD	AA	376	4	433	5	809	9
2nd	Troy Stoner	AMTRAD	AA	285	9	310	1	595	10
1st	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	C	263	0	330	9	593	9
SC	Ethan Mullins	CMBB	AA	262	3	295	0	557	3
SC	Nicholas D'Imperio	CMFS	AA	448	7	467	0	915	7
	Robert Fitzgerald	GUEST		519	31	537	16	1056	47
	Jessica Tomlin	GUEST		485	22	532	15	1017	37
SC	Dennis Cline	SMBB	AA	479	18	514	3	993	21*
SC	Jim Little	SMBHFS/F	AA	484	14	519	7	1003	21*
SC	Harry Kibler	SMBHFS/R	AA	485	25	528	10	1013	35
2nd	Butch Grim	SMBHFS/R	AA	465	13	515	11	980	24
3rd	Bill Swick	SMBHFS/R	AA	440	11	509	11	949	22
	Dwight Grammon	SMBHFS/R	AA	416	14	478	7	894	21
	Mike Stonesifer	SMBHFS/R	AA	172	6	0	0	172	6
SC	Jerry Wenzel	SMFS/F	AA	445	9	510	6	955	15*
SC	Ted Lytton	SMFS/R	AA	521	41	535	14	1056	55
SC	Zach Stoner	YAMTRAD	AA	150	1	298	0	448	1*
SC	Cory Mullins	YFBHFS/R	AA	422	12	441	0	863	12*
SC	Donald Hickerson, Jr.	YMBHFS/R	AA	464	14	443	12	907	26

Note: * New Records, ** Tied his record both in 2009 & 2011.

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.

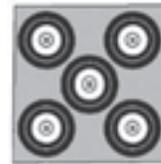
Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
AMFS/R	Brad Baker Jr.	2009/11	552	566		1118
	Darryl Diehl	2004	552	564		1116# ^{Tied Yrs}
AFFS/R	Ginger Hamlin	2008	518	265	283	1066**
	Scarlet Rucker	1990				1062#
AMFS/F	N/A	2008				
	Ronnie Lewis	1990				1054#Tie
	Ronnie Lewis	1988				1054#Tie
AFFS/F	N/A	2008				
	Debra Barker	1990				1035#
AMBHFS/R	Jeremy Dean	2011	548	287	273	1108
	Tim Ewers	2008	539	273	286	1098 **
	Andy Stonesifer	2005				1102# tie
	Darryl Diehl	1998	551	551		1102# tie
AFBHFS/R	Joyce Cameron	2009	434	480		917**
	Stacy Pruitt	2004	527	548		1075#
AMBHFS/F	Randy Hoover	2008	490	252	286	1028**
	Danny Alger	1987	517	534		1051#
AFBHFS/F	Irene Stocksedale	1995				960#
AMBB	Rick Stark	2008	510	255	280	1045**
	Denny Cline	1983	521	528		1049#
AFBB	Cay McManus	2008	481	246	269	996**
	Cay McManus	1996	495	532		1027#
AMBH	Howard Faris	2009	453	511		964**
	John Mason	1998	493	529		1022#
AFBH	Gloria Smith	1988	463	506		969#
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2008	439	215	252	906**
	George Dalton	2006	402	419		821#
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2011	361	216	185	772
	Debbie Woofter	2003	199	282		481#
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**
	Nathan Kline	2003	505	535		1040#
YAMBHFS/F	John Coggin	1991				1004#
YAFBHFS/F	Kimberly Dobbins	2004	238	342		580#
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**
	Steven Stark	1998	522	545		1067#
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1991				1046
YMFS/F	Keith Faris	1982	513	521		1034#

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter	Animal	Aggre.
YFFS/F	Sara Lavenhar	2006	277	301		578#
YMBHFS/R	Jake Dean	2009	501	532		1033**
	Nathan Kline	2002	473	507		980#
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2011	422	257	184	863
	Denya Pecora	1994				843#
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**
	Stephen Lowe, Jr	1994				1100#
CFFS/R	Amy Withers	1988	500	519		1019#
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	479	517		996**
	Kurtis Russell	1983				991#
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2005				913#
CMBHFS/R	Dakota Cash	2009	484	522		1006**
	Lee Short	1994				993#
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	511	245	281	1037**
	Lyndsie Dore	1991				988#
CMBHF/F	Benjamin Torres	2009	157	111		268**
	Tad Hartsel	1990				1031#
CFBHFS/F	Beth Pecora	1995				998#
CMBB	Dewey Cash	2009	353	392		745**
	Bryan Lester	1980	465	481		946#
CFBB	Hope Wymer	2006	409	358		767#
CMBH	NAnthony Shifflett	1989				1016#
CFBH	Denya Pecora	1989				797#
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2008	268	135	196	599**
	Kristofer Black	2005				529#
PWMTRAD	Ethan Mullins	2010	318	356		674**
SMFS/R	Thomas Gallaher	2009	541	566		1097**
	Lucian Butler	1991				1104#
SFFS/R	Mary Wenzel	2009	487	516		1003**
	Christine Cable	1991				532#
SMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2011	445	275	235	955
	Richard Merkel	1996	491	516		1007#
SMBHFS/R	Billy Burkholder	2009	523	546		1069**
	Webb Babcock	2007	516	260	283	1059#
SMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2011	484	280	239	1003
	Dallas Hoover	2010	463	530		993**
	Richard Merkel	1995				1084#
SFBHFS/F	Jane Mabe	1991				855#
SMBB	Dennis Cline	2011	479	280	234	993
	Bill Keen	2008	465	233	265	963**
	Larrie Emerson	1996	456	508		964#
SMBH	Howard Faris	2005				981#
SMTRAD	Grant Patton	2008	300	171	212	683**
	Bob Baublitz	2005				912#

Note: Bradley Baker, Jr. broke his ties in both 2009 & 2011



2012 VBA Indoor Sectional Championship



Hosted by
Augusta Archers

February 25th & 26th, 2012

Directions:

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

Registration

By Mail: Must be received by mon. February 14th
Friday: 6pm – 8 pm
Saturday: 7am- 8am
Send Pre-Registration forms to
Augusta Archers
P. O. Box 336
Fishersville, VA 22939
Make Checks Payable To: Augusta Archers

START TIMES

	Saturday Feb. 25 th	Sunday Feb. 26 th
1 st	9am – 12pm	8am – 11am
2 nd	12pm – 3pm	11am – 2pm
3 rd	3pm – 6pm	2pm – 5pm

Contact Information

William Arbogast (540)255-2705 Email: augustaarchers@yahoo.com

Lodging

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

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

VBA Membership required to receive awards
Archer may shoot two rounds on the same day,time and space permitting

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

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

VBA Indoor Sectional Championship Registration

NAME: _____ PHONE:(____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

VBA#: _____ HOME CLUB _____

Circle those that apply:

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

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

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

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



2012 VBA State Indoor Sectional Championship Hosted by The Belvoir Bowhunters



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

at the
***Fort Belvoir Archery Center
Tompkins Basin Indoor Range***
Ft. Belvoir, VA
February 25 & 26, 2012

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

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

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

Opening ceremony and reading of the rules: 8am, Feb 25

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

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

VBA Membership required to receive awards.

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

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

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

2012 VBA State Indoor Sectional Championship Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VBA #: _____ Home Club: _____

Circle those that apply:

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

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

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

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

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February 25th & 26th, 2012
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757-595-5537

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

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

1 ST ROUND Saturday February 25 th	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
2nd ROUND Saturday February 25 th	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
3rd ROUND Saturday February 25 th	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
1 ST ROUND Sunday February 26th	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
2nd ROUND Sunday February 26th	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
3rd ROUND Sunday February 26th	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

VBA membership required for VBA Awards

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

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

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

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) POSTMARK BY 2/11/2012

NAME _____ **Mail or email to Ed Bickham**
ADDRESS _____ **6353 Godwin Blvd**
CITY-ZIP _____ **Suffolk, VA 23432**
VBA # _____ **CLUB** _____ **Phone #** _____ **E-Mail** _____

One form per archer, Put X as applies: Birthdate for YA, Youth, Cub, PeeWee: _____
(55+) (18 & Over) (15-17) (12-14) (8-11) (7 & Under)

DIVISION: SENIOR ___ **ADULT** ___ **YOUNG ADULT** ___ **YOUTH** ___ **CUB** ___ **PEE WEE** ___

SEX: MALE ___ **FEMALE** ___ **Sat Round #** _____ **Sunday determined by Scores**

STYLE: FS/R ___ , **FS/F** ___ , **BH** ___ , **BHFS/R** ___ , **BHFS/F** ___ , **BB** ___ , **TRAD** ___

Guest Class for Non-VBA members _____ **(No awards)**

2012 VBA STATE INDOOR SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sherwood Archers
February 25th & 26th, 2012



Registration Time	Registration Fees
Friday 6:00 – 8:00pm	\$20.00 per Archer
Saturday 7:00 – 8:00am	\$40.00 per Family

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

- 1ST ROUND Saturday February 25th 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**
- 2nd ROUND Saturday February 25th 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**
- 3rd ROUND Saturday February 25th 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**
- 1ST ROUND Sunday February 26th 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**
- 2nd ROUND Sunday February 26th 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Pre-registration is recommended to save time Sat. Morning

VBA Membership required to receive awards

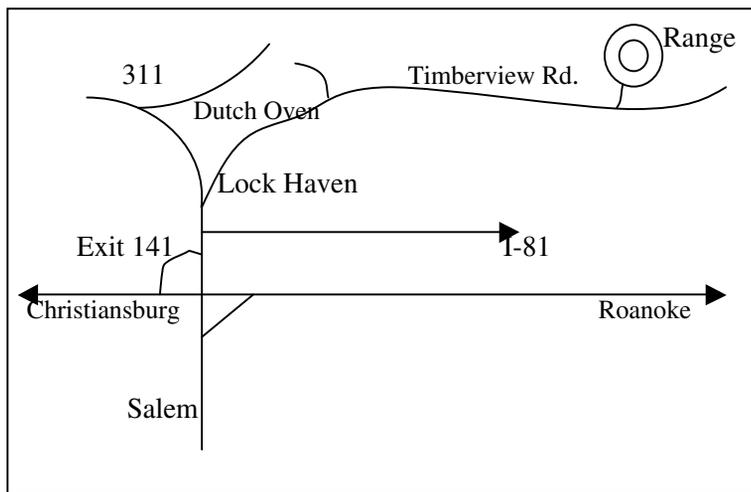
Lunch served both days.

www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com
make checks payable to Sherwood Archers
P. O. Box 1272
Salem, Va. 24153

Contact Numbers:
Tournament Chairman
Dean Weikel (540) 520-8455
Club: (540) 366-3701

PLACES TO STAY

- La Quinta Inn (3 Miles) 540-562-2717 Exit 141
- Quality Inn (3 Miles) 1-800-458-4949 Exit 141
- Holiday Inn Exp (5 Miles) 1-800-Holiday Exit 141
- Holiday Inn (6 Miles) 1-800-Holiday Exit 137
- Howard Johnsons (6 Miles) (540) 389-7061 Exit 137
- Super 8 Motel (6 Miles) (540) 389-0297 Exit 137
- Comfort Suites (6 Miles) (540) 387-1600 Exit 137
- Econo Lodge (6 Miles) (540) 389-0280 Exit 137
- Primitive Camping at Sherwood (restrooms & showers)
- Call for more information



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

State Open Championship Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 VBA#: _____ Home Club: _____ Average: _____

Circle those that apply

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

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



APPLICATION FOR VBA GAME AWARDS VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Date: _____

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

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

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

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

Pertinent information is provided below:

Signed: _____

VBA Club Affiliation: _____ State Game taken in _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rack Score Using the Virginia System: _____

Name of Official Scorer (print): _____

(Note: Signed score sheet must accompany this application)

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

Print Name and Signature of Witness: _____

(Person who saw game after it was harvested)

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HARVEST (BUT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1ST AFTER THE SEASON) TO: VBA EXECUTIVE STATE SECRETARY, MARIE BELL, 1223 JEANETTE AVENUE, VINTON, VA 24179.

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

2012 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

January 7 – 8
 March 17 (Banquet) and 18 (Meeting)
 June 9 – 10 (Meeting)
 September 15 (Scheduling Session) and 16 (Meeting)

State Tournaments

State Indoor Sectional: February 25 – 26
 Spring 3D Classic: April 14 – 15
 State Open: May 26 – 27
 Fall 3D Classic: August 11 – 12
 State Closed: September 1 – 2



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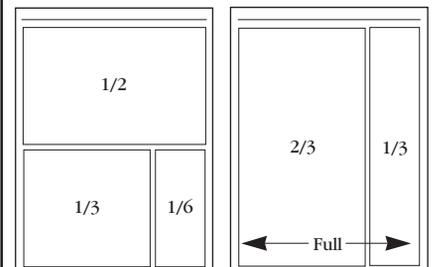
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Marie Bell, Executive State Secretary
 1223 Jeanette Ave
 Vinton, VA 24179



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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hunting season.**