



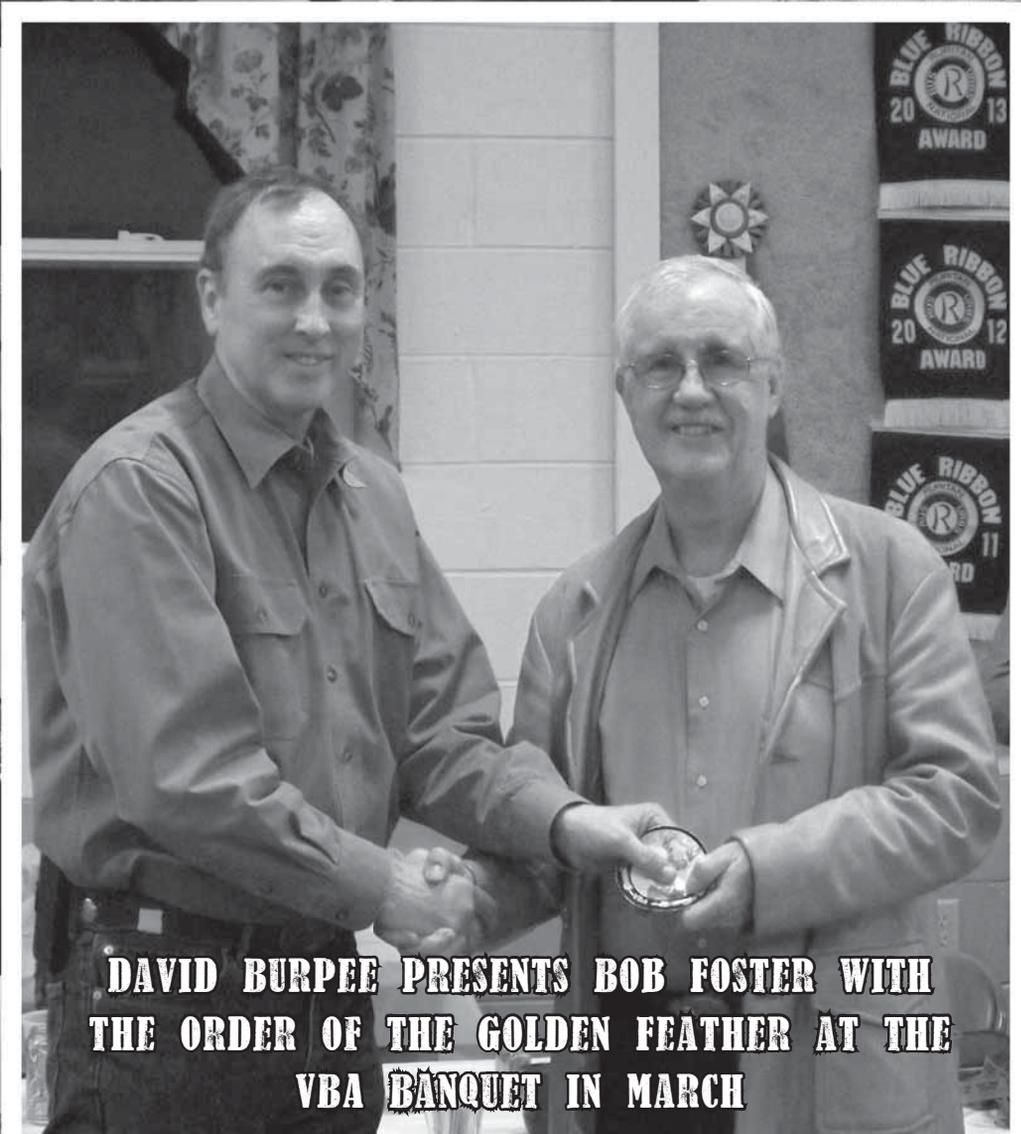
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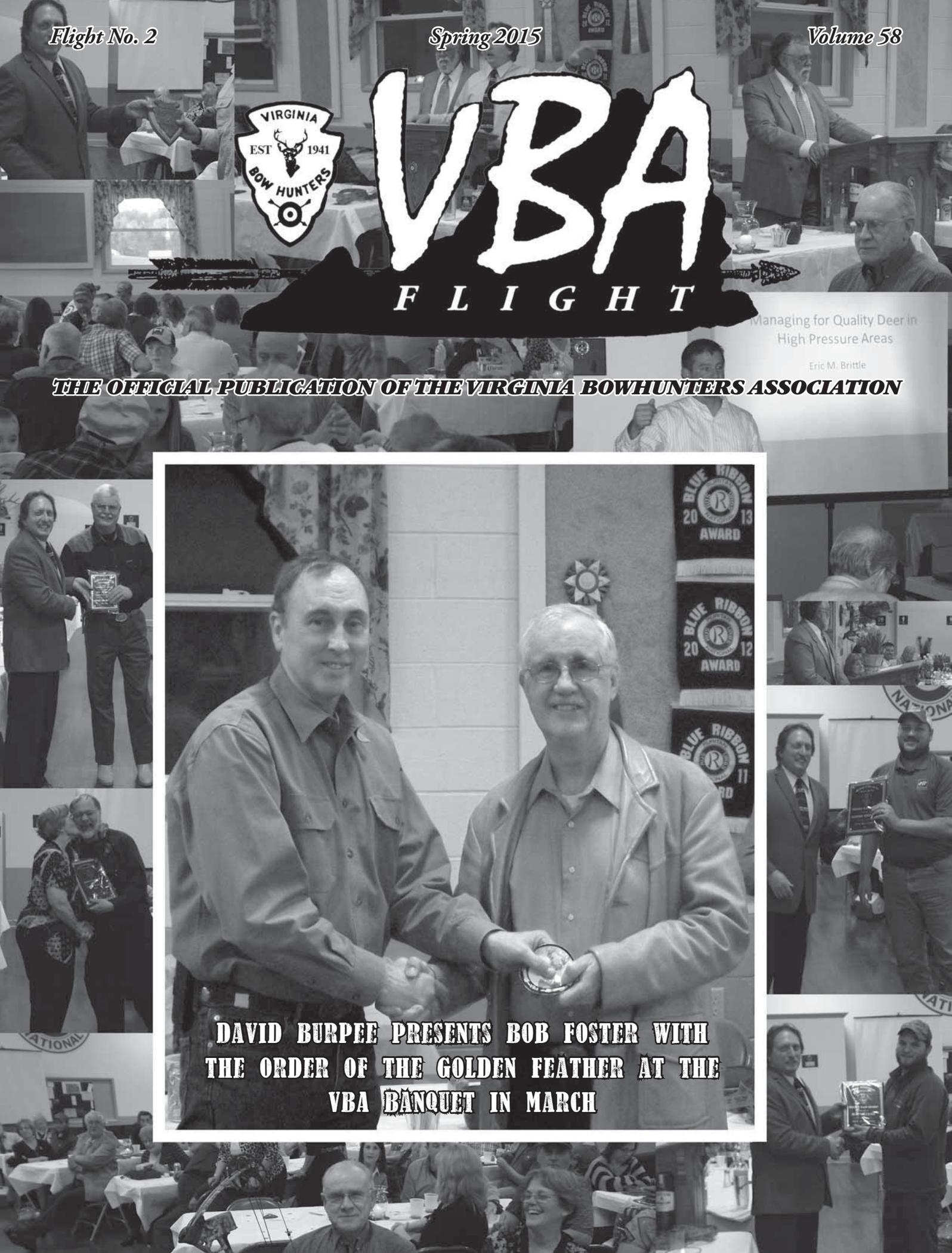
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From the President

This will be my last “*Flight*” article as President of the VBA. First I would like to thank and praise all the hard work that the Officers of the VBA have done over the last four years of my terms. I know they have spent much of their valuable time serving in their various offices with little acknowledgment from the membership and have often been criticized for decisions that have been made. Please remember that with the exception of the Executive State Secretary, these are all voluntary positions with only travel and related expenses reimbursed. The pay that the Executive Secretary receives is a small compensation for all that she does. Each year it becomes harder to fill these offices and to find people to help keep the VBA strong. Again as President, I thank the officers for all their contributions and I hope that you as members of this organization will do the same whenever you have the chance to meet them.

The Annual Banquet held last March was a very nice and well-received affair. I thank all those who attended and big thank you to Jon Robertson for all his work in organizing this event. For those of you who did not attend, many awards were given out for both tournament accomplishment and hunting successes. Our guest speaker gave a very informative talk on managing deer on his own property. The food was excellent and many great items were raffled off including two bows and an excellent hunt. As President, I gave out two awards for special merit. The first was given to Robert Yager who helps publish the ‘*Flight*’ every issue and is a long-standing member of Bowhunters of Rockingham. Without his help, our Executive Vice President would be lost.

The second award was given as a Lifetime Achievement Award to Dave Proctor. Dave has been deeply involved in the VBA for many years. He has served as Hunting Vice President where he was instrumental in getting the archery season established as well in establishing our strong ties with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Dave also served many years as Executive Vice President and was in charge of the publication of ‘*Flight*’. Dave also has been the delegate for Bowhunters of Rockingham for many years both attending and contributing to most of our quarterly meetings. Dave was also instrumental in obtaining and setting up our VBA prop booth which was on display at the banquet and is available for any club to use to promote the VBA. Dave has in fact used this booth several times at shows promoting the VBA. Unfortunately, due to illness, Dave was not able to attend the banquet this year. I believe it is the first one he has missed. I and several other officers went by Dave’s house after our meeting where we presented Dave with his award. It was great to see and talk to him and to see that he is on the mends and looking forward to getting back out shooting and hunting. Our prayers and best wishes are certainly with him.

In my last article I wrote that I am working on a new book celebrating our 75th year in 2016. I requested both articles from and about our affiliated clubs and as well as any articles written by individuals about their experiences with or the history of the VBA. To date I have had little

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FLIGHT Deadline
The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be June 8, 2015. 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 Executive Vice President

Well spring is here and the outdoors are calling, whether it be shed hunting, turkey hunting or shooting paper and rubber animals. I only hope we don't see any more of that white stuff that has been such a problem for the past couple of months. During the weekend of the VBA state indoors we had plenty of the stuff to go around and Sherwood Archers were forced to cancel their leg of the indoors, hopefully we will not have any repeats of bad weather at any of the other state shoots this year. I would like to say that with the bad weather the turnout for the indoors was pretty good and I had a great time shooting at Bowhunters of Rockingham, this was their first time hosting the state indoors and the gang there did a very good job.

The banquet went off without a hitch and I must commend Jon Robertson on a job well done, the food was good, we gave away a couple of bows and Eric Brittle gave a very interesting talk about deer management. The awards portion of the night had a lot of people receiving awards for tournament and hunting accomplishments and as a member of the Order of the Golden Feather I am happy to welcome Bob Foster to the Order, in nearly 75 years of existence there are only 80 members and now 81 and for all your hard work for the VBA, Bob is stepping up and will be the next President of the VBA, I guess he just can't get enough of the VBA, always looking for more to do.

With turkey season coming up I want to say I hope all of you get a chance at a big gobbler and get your picture in the next issue of the Flight with your record book bird, but I also want to ask you to be safe while hunting I want you to be around to go to next year's awards banquet to collect your big game award for largest Thunder Chicken.

Tournament season has already started and I would like you go out and support your club or clubs, without you there would not be any clubs. Hope to see you on the range soon.

Terry Ballowe 
Exec. Vice president 

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response. I need the help of our membership, especially you long time members, to make this book a reality. Please take the time to help me out and sent any articles or just notes and recollections you have about your involvement with the VBA. More to come on this in the future, as well as plans for our 75th celebration.

Lastly, I would like to leave you with another plea to go out and support both your local clubs and the VBA by attending local and state tournaments and in helping with work parties at your local club. Please do not leave it up to someone else to do all the work when this is your organization too. Have fun with archery and please encourage others to participate and introduce your friends to our sport. Thank you for allowing me to be your president for these past years and I look forward to seeing you out on the range in the near future.

Rob Pecora 
President 

Eugene F. Henderson

The Order of the Golden Feather is sad to notify you that Eugene F. Henderson passed away in November 2014 in Chesapeake. He was a valued member of the Princess Anne Bowmen and the Virginia Bowhunters Association. He was elected in 1975 to the VBA's highest honor, the Order of the Golden Feather. He was an avid outdoorsman, a lifetime bowhunter and a dedicated tournament archer who made his own bows and won many trophies and awards over the years. He was a three-time President of the Princess Anne Bowmen. He will be sincerely missed by the many friends whose lives he touched. The VBA and the OGF extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

From the Publicity Director

Mother Nature surely wasn't very cooperative with the VBA State Indoor Sectional this year, when Sherwood Archers couldn't host the tournament due to inclement weather. We would like to thank Belvoir Bowhunter, Bowhunters of Rockingham and Kingsboro Bowmen with 116 combined archers. Hopefully, next year, we will have better weather.

The VBA 20th Annual Awards Banquet held on March 21st at the Keezletown Ruritan Club had a nice turnout with 74 attendees from 13 clubs. Everyone enjoyed listening to our guest speaker, Eric Brittle, Fisheries Biologist from Region 4 (East) Fredericksburg. Eric gave a very nice presentation on Deer Management control and environment on the property that his family owns.

To kick the banquet off, Dave Burpee, OGF Chairperson, awarded the Order of the Golden Feather to Bob Foster. Bob, a deserving individual, has dedicated much time and service to the NBEF/IBEP educational and hunting program. Continuing on, Rob thanked the Keezletown Ruritan Club for their hospitality and delicious meal, introducing the Executive Board and thanked all the clubs helping to increase membership in the VBA. Rob then presented the "Lifetime Achievement Award" to Dave Proctor for his devoted dedication to the VBA, serving in many capacities as an officer and *FLIGHT* Editor, and an honorable OGF member. Judy Pecora, then spoke on her experiences of getting kids involved in archery and the outdoors.

Cay then presented the Double Crown winners to: Kelsey Baird, FY, Pr. William; Denny Baird, MBF, Pr. William and Paul Vogel, TRD, NORVA. The Triple Crown winners were: Camden Neville, CMFS/R, Kingsboro; Denny Baird, AMFS/F, Pr. William; Bertah Brugh, SSFFS/R, Sherwood and Denny Cline, MSMBB, Dixie.

Rob, then honored the clubs with the largest increase in membership for 2014. The small clubs were: Kingsboro, 1st place; Pr. William, 2nd place and Manahoac 3rd place. There was only one medium club, Two Rivers and one largest club NORVA. At the end of the 2014, VBA had 1,710 members. Membership for the 4th Quarter of 2014 was up 32 members over 4th Quarter of 2014. Hopefully, we will continue the trend in membership and getting more archery clubs to become an affiliated member of the VBA.

Next, was Jon who had the honor of presenting our Bill Bennett Big Game Award winners: Wade Seal, Jr., BOR, Buck-100 lbs.; Scott Erickson, BOR, Buck; Danny Korbini, Massanutten, Buck; Charlie Wright, Massanutten, Doe; Dana Colton, Massanutten, Bear; Jon Robertson, Kingsboro, Doe; Bill Smith, Kingsboro, Buck; Matt Nixon, Kingsboro, Buck; Bakari Dale, BBH, Buck @ 107 lbs. & Doe @ 87 lbs.; Vance Cave, Two Rivers, Buck; Reece Hensley, Massanutten, Bear; Karry Kirby, Jr., Massanutten, Buck and Kayla Layton, Kingsboro, Buck @ 120 lbs.

The Double Slam winners were: Hunter Heavner, BOR, Doe @ 133 lbs. & Turkey @ 10 lbs.; Matt Nixon, Kingsboro, Buck & Doe; Bakari Dale, BBH, Buck & Doe?; Shannon Nesselrod, Singers Glen, Buck & Turkey; Kayla Layton, Kingsboro, buck & doe?, and Clint Keller, Massanutten, Doe & Turkey. There were no Triple Slam awardees, but 40 archers received the Bill Bennett Big Game pins.

The Antlered Buck winners were: Vance Cave, 1st place @ 175 3/8, Two Rivers; Wade Colton, 2nd place @ 147 3/8, Massanutten and Larry Kirby, Jr., 3rd place @ 135 5/8, Massanutten.

The Bucks by Weight were: Vance Cave, 1st place @ 190 lbs., Two Rivers; Randy Armentrout, 2nd place @ 176 lbs., and Randy Armentrout, 3rd place @ 171 lbs, BOR.

The Does by Weight were: Hunter Havener, 1st place @ 133 lbs., BOR; Terry Dorman, 2nd place @ 112 lbs., and Charlie Wright, 3rd place @ 100 lbs.

Bears Dressed by Weight were: Bakari Dale, 1st place @248 lbs., BBH; Dana Colton, 2nd place @ 127lbs., Massanutten and Clint Keller, 3rd place @ 122 lbs., Massanutten.

The Turkeys by Live Weight were: Kayla Layton, 1st place @ 17.6 lbs.; and Hunter Havener, 2nd place @ 10 lbs., BOR.

The following clubs received the most awards: BBH – 3; BOR – 19; Kingsboro – 6; Massanutten – 20; Singers Glen – 2; Shenandoah – 2 and Two Rivers – 1.

Sorry folks, but my Silent Auction notes got misplaced in the mist of everything.

All this information and more can be found on the VBA website @ www.vbarchers.com.

I and other CWF, NWTF, Fly Fishing and DGIF folks participated at the 6th Annual National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Tournament that was held on March 14th at the Meadows Events Park in Doswell, VA. Again, the event had over 500 schools and many more that wanted to participate in the tournament. The championship winners will be going to Kentucky for the National Tournament. Next door, Karen Holson had an Educational Activity event. The students, parents, and guest participated in boating safety, fish casting, firearm simulator, 3-D animals, a 3-D platform and SACCO target shooting. There were animal furs and live snakes on display for the attendees. To learn more about the event, go to: www.dgif.virginia.gov/events/virginia-NASP-tournament/2015.

Working with the VDGIF as a volunteer, is an honor and an enjoyment with their many events, such as Kids Fishing Days, archery, various state and county sportsmen shows and DGIF training.

We would like to extend many thanks to Jon, Hunting Vice-President, as this was his first time conducting the banquet. Also, to his wife Lori, the officers, the clubs, individuals and organizations that donated many prizes. Much thanks to everyone who participated in the raffles and silent auctions to raise money for our upcoming VBA 75th Anniversary in 2016.

I might add that Jon has done an outstanding job since he stepped up to replace Ed. Jon has attended many VDGIF Board Meetings, keeping us all informed with the VDGIF House/Senate bills regarding changes that affects us bowhunters and many other agenda items and topics.

As a reminder, don't forget the next two VBA State Tournaments. The 3-D Spring Classic (marked) that will be hosted by New River Archers on April 18th & 19th and the State Open hosted by Sherwood Archers on May 23rd & 24th (Memorial weekend.)

If you haven't notice, the Outdoor Report (TOR) has been refined and is user friendly. Just simply click and you are there. And it's FREE!

Irene Stocksdale 

WALLY'S CAJUN BUCK ROAST

1/2 cup chopped onion
 1/2 cup chopped celery
 1/4 tsp black pepper
 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
 1/4 tsp white pepper
 2 TBSP oil
 2 cloves garlic minced
 1 rump roast
 3 slices of bacon

Preheat oven to 300 degrees, mix onion celery, oil, mustard, and seasonings in a bowl. Make slits in the roast, fill the slits with the mixture of veggies and spices you have mixed together and rubbing the rest on top of the roast and then place the bacon on top of the roast. Cook for 90 minutes or until done.



From the Hunting Vice President

As of this writing the VBA 20th annual Bill Bennett Awards banquet has come and gone. It was a great night with family, friends, archers and fellow bowhunters. We had an outstanding awards presentation consisting of 13 first time Bill Bennett awards and 5 Double Slam Awards. There were 53 total awards given between 7 clubs. We had a great raffle and silent auction and I believe that everyone had a great time. We had just over 70 attendees with about 8 youths attending as well. It was a great pleasure to see the kids, our future, attending the banquet. We fellowshiped, we ate a great meal prepared by the Keezletown Ruritans. We were also entertained and educated about managing deer in a pressured environment by Eric Brittle who is a fisheries biologist with the DGIF. My only wishes during the event were that more of the VBA membership could be there to enjoy the night with us. I hope in the future that more of you can attend.

If you do not already know consider yourselves notified, 2016 will be the VBA's 75th anniversary. We plan to have an even bigger and more fantastic Banquet next year. Look for the date to be announced soon and make plans to attend.

I want to take the time here to thank all of the businesses, clubs and individuals that donated items for the raffles and silent auctions. They are greatly appreciated and help to fund future banquets. The VBA sends a special thank you to Bass Pro Shops, Bryansteen's Guns & Archery, Steve's Archery & Guns and Wilcox Bait & Tackle.

Now for the rest of the news, Cay McManus and I attended the DGIF Board meeting on March 17, 2015 at Blacksburg VA. There were many topics brought up both good and bad. I spoke to the Board on behalf of the VBA concerning several new proposed regulations that will affect the coming hunting seasons. The first is the expansion of youth bear days proposed for the second Saturday of October to possibly include Sunday. This will include dog hunting for bear in counties that allow dog hunting. The VBA is against any further encroachment to the Archery season. We as bowhunters have had to continually sacrifice our season for other hunting groups. The DGIF does not encroach on general firearm or muzzleloader season. The second is to expand the youth bear weekend in September to include both Saturday and Sunday and allow dogs for bear. The third is expanding the Youth Turkey day on the 3rd Saturday of October to a Youth Turkey weekend on the 3rd weekend of October. Once again the VBA is against this action. The fourth is a proposal to ban all lure and attractants that are made from cervids (deer, elk...). These are just a few of the proposals that can and will affect our archery season if we do nothing. I ask all VBA members to organize against these proposal. Take the time to contact the DGIF board. You can call them, email them or comment on the DGIF website. You can even attend one of the informational meetings and speak your mind. If you have friends or family that are bowhunters ask them to speak against these proposals. The bottom line is we cannot sit idly by and expect the DGIF Board to look after our best interest. We need to be active and fight for what little we have. The minutes from the DGIF Board meeting will be available soon and the comment period will begin April 4th.

Yours in Archery,

Jon Robertson

Hunting Vice President



http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/meetings/agendas/packages/031715_Board_of_Game_and_Inland_Fisheries_Package.pdf

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item at March Meeting:

(1) Add to Shooting Styles, pg. 10 of 23, Art. 13, pg. 12 of 13, Sect. G: Traditional Release, same as G-add use of release and string loop-use of stabilizer, 12" max, would change #2 and #4.2 classes only, men and women, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ,no division breakdown. **Failed**, 28 no,10 yes.

Agenda Items for June Meeting:

(1) Add a new paragraph to the By-laws, Sect. 15.1.1., pg. 11 of 23, State Indoors as follows: E. In case of weather interfering with shooting dates and times, a host club shall have the following option: Be allowed two weeks to make up any cancelled rounds due to cancellation caused by inclement weather or other occurrences. The timetable for make up within the two week period would be at the discretion and/or ability of the host club to do so. Effective, Jan.1, 2016.

Justification: This would allow more archers to shoot and those that missed, to get in their rounds and more time to get all the information correct, before sending out awards.

(2) Section 15.1.10 Registration Fees, pg.13 of 23: Registration fees for the State Open, Closed, and Indoor Tournaments shall be \$20.00 each for the first two adult archers, \$5.00 each for the first two youth (under 18) archers, with a maximum of \$50.00 per family. Change first two adult archers to first two family members. Effective, Jan. 1, 2016.

Justification: Family member discount not a discount for young archers, same as 3-D tournament fee. Cost of awards for youth more than cost of registration.

From the NBEF/IBEP Director

The first chapter of the IBEP Manual, “Modern Bowhunter”, is an introduction to our history of modern bowhunting. I usually supplement the teaching material by with facts and historical dates that I’ve picked up over the years. It is usually a guessing game, with even the old timers correctly guessing only a very few. So how is your historical knowledge of our sport? Care to try your luck on the 10 questions below? Each question is worth 10 points, and bonus questions are worth 5. See if you can get a passing score of 80 out of 125 possible points! Answers are shown on a later page in Flight.

1. Who is credited with the first patent on his invention of the Compound Bow? Bonus Point: What year was the patent awarded?
2. This state is credited with granting the first designated bow hunting season in the USA. Bonus Point: What year was it?
3. In what year did Henry Bitzenburger invent his famous “Bitzenburger” fletching jig?
4. This archer is credited with beginning the mass production of Archery beginning in March of 1938. His company may have been the largest manufacturer of archery equipment between 1939 and 1967- which (at periods) during that time frame employed around 800 employees. He was among the first inductees of the Archery Hall Of Fame in 1972. Who was he?
5. This renowned bowhunter designed and sold the first working recurve bow. Who was he? Bonus Point: What year did this occur?
6. Which archery company first introduced ‘Torque Stabilizers’? (Hint: They are very much still in business and introducing new products!) Bonus Point: What year did this occur?
7. In what year did Easton first trademarked aluminum arrows? Bonus Point: What was the name of the arrow line?
8. Max Hamilton introduced ‘Plastiflech’ vanes to replace feathers. What year was it?
9. Warner Brothers Pictures hired this famous bow hunter and shooting exhibitionist to coach Errol Flynn to perform as a convincing archer in his role as ‘Robin Hood’ in the movie.
10. In what year did “Cams” first appear on compound bows? Hint: It was the same year that 3-D Archery was introduced.

Answers:

1. Answer: Hollis Wilbur Allen. Bonus Point: His patent was granted in 1969, although he is said to have actually designed it 3 to 4 years earlier. Mr. Allen was a keen bowhunter who was disappointed with the slow speed of hunting bows used at the time, so he decided to design a new type of bow for hunting. His original design had ‘wheels’ that were triangular shaped.
2. Answer: If you guessed the “Badger State” of Wisconsin, give yourself 10 points! Add 5 Bonus Points if you correctly guess 1934 as the year for our first designated archery season.
3. Answer: The “Bitzenburger” fletching jig has been a benchmark for generations of archers! I still own and use one to fletch my arrows. Henry invented it in 1941.
4. Answer: If you guessed Fred Bear, you would be wrong. It was Ben Person. My first bow was a Ben Person “Colt” bought at my local hardware store in 1968. I still have it and shoot it.
5. Answer: If you guessed Fred Bear again, this time you get 10 points! Bonus Points awarded if you correctly put the year at 1953.
6. Answer: Everyone shooting a Hoyt stand up and cheer for the right answer - Hoyt Archery Company. Bonus Points awarded if you put the year at 1961.
7. Answer: 1946. James Easton actually started experimenting with making aluminum arrows back in 1939, but it took him a few years to get the manufacturing process down. But when he did, he started a whole new era of shooting! Bonus Points awarded if you correctly indicated the arrow line was the “24 SRT-X”.
8. Answer: 1951. Surprised? Plastic fletching has been around a long time. It wasn’t nearly as flexible or durable as today’s versions, but it was a start, and an option to feather fletching.
9. Answer: The one, the only, Howard Hill. Long bow shooter extraordinaire! If you ever get a chance to watch some of the few films of his exhibitions, you will see one of the finest instinctive shooters of our time. He was a true Phenom!
10. Answer: 1982. Or that’s what my source says. But I watched Jim Cox (Owner and Operator of the Elkhorn Archery Shop, Salinas, CA) shoot a traditional bow with the end of the bottom limb sawed off and a cam eccentric mounted in its place on the Salinas Bowmen Archery Range back around 1980. So in a spirit of generosity, I’ll give you 10 points for 1982 or 1980!

VBA State Indoor 2015



Belvoir Winners



Kingsboro Winners



Bowhunters of Rockingham Winners

VBA State Indoor Championship

Hosted by Belvoir Bowhunters, Bowhunters of Rockingham, and Kingsboro Bowmen

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Best		
			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs
Class B											
SC	Teresa Baldrige	AFBHFS/R	284	24	4	284	19	3	284	24	4
2nd	Laurel Cox	AFBHFS/R	281	15	4	277	19	3	281	15	4
3rd	Ellena Parks	AFBHFS/R	255	7	1	273	17	5	273	17	8
Class C											
1st	Rebecca Sikes	AFBHFS/R	253	13	2	282	14	0	282	14	0
2nd	Kimberly Elliott	AFBHFS/R	235	3	0	19	4	0	235	3	0
Class C											
SC	Sidney Davis	AFFS/F	255	6	1	248	8	2	255	6	1
2nd	Ceci Loren	AFFS/F	0	0	0	201	0	0	201	0	0
3rd	Jodie Lemons	AFFS/F	0	0	0	178	2	1	178	2	1
Class A											
SC	Valerie Murdoch	AFFS/R	300	45	11	300	43	12	300	45	11
2nd	Lisa Zuber	AFFS/R	288	38	12	299	42	16	299	42	16
Class B											
1st	Nadine Mohler	AFFS/R	285	29	7	289	23	7	289	23	7
2nd	Sarah Ingram	AFFS/R	285	25	4	278	21	3	285	25	4
Class C											
1st	Sarah Paulus	AFFS/R	0	0	0	251	9	2	251	9	2
Class A											
SC	Jenifer Stoner	AFTRAD	272	17	3	270	11	5	272	17	3
2nd	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD	252	9	2	228	8	1	252	9	2
Class A											
SC	Darryll Diehl	AMBHFS/R	300	59	23	300	56	24	300	59	23
2nd	Jayson Sealock	AMBHFS/R	300	39	15	0	0	0	300	39	15
3rd	Patrick Eppard	AMBHFS/R	299	45	9	299	39	11	299	45	9
	Greg Lam	AMBHFS/R	295	30	9	299	41	12	299	41	12
	Brian Baldrige	AMBHFS/R	0	0	0	299	38	8	299	38	8
	Charles Fullerton	AMBHFS/R	298	40	7	298	30	3	298	40	7
Class B											
1st	Thomas Miller	AMBHFS/R	295	31	10	0	0	0	295	31	10
2nd	Joseph Kolling	AMBHFS/R	0	0	0	292	33	2	292	33	2
Class C											
1st	Brandon Sikes	AMBHFS/R	279	20	2	289	27	3	289	27	3
2nd	Matthew Smith	AMBHFS/R	285	31	11	0	0	0	285	31	11
3rd	Chris Holloman	AMBHFS/R	273	8	2	263	15	5	273	8	2
	Julio Hernandez	AMBHFS/R	0	0	0	269	13	5	269	13	5
	Bennie Bush	AMBHFS/R	261	6	0	258	9	2	261	6	0
Class A											
SC	Greg Sisk	AMFS/R	300	60	19	300	56	22	300	60	19
2nd	Wes Blank	AMFS/R	300	55	23	300	57	24	300	57	24
3rd	Allen Painter	AMFS/R	0	0	0	300	57	18	300	57	18
	Charles Ingram, Jr.	AMFS/R	300	31	12	300	52	17	300	52	17
	Trent Diehl	AMFS/R	300	51	11	298	47	14	300	51	11
	Marcus Diehl	AMFS/R	298	47	11	300	50	21	300	50	21
	Billy Robbett	AMFS/R	299	38	11	300	50	11	300	50	11
	Clay Murdoch	AMFS/R	300	48	13	298	39	14	300	48	13

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	Dwayne Hensley	AMFS/R	298	44	10	300	48	11	300	48	11
	Daryl McKenzie	AMFS/R	300	47	15	0	0	0	300	47	15
	Ethan Patterson	AMFS/R	299	48	13	299	47	9	299	48	13
Class B											
1st	Andrew Kull	AMFS/R	295	22	4	297	42	6	297	42	6
2nd	Mark Beebe	AMFS/R	296	38	7	292	24	6	296	38	7
3rd	J. Scott Dillard	AMFS/R	289	25	4	296	36	11	296	36	11
	Doug Tennis	AMFS/R	296	34	8	0	0	0	296	34	8
	Bryan Zuber	AMFS/R	296	33	6	0	0	0	296	33	6
	Matt Nixon	AMFS/R	291	26	4	296	29	5	296	29	5
	Robert Garber	AMFS/R	293	31	8	289	27	5	293	31	8
	Stan Eye	AMFS/R	282	24	6	292	28	9	292	28	9
Class C											
1st	Allen Smith	AMFS/R	275	13	3	269	13	3	275	13	3
2nd	Alphonso Gamble	AMFS/R	197	8	0	271	15	1	271	15	1
Class B											
SC	Obula Reddy Indela	AMTRAD	243	4	1	247	10	2	247	10	2
2nd	Troy Stoner	AMTRAD	235	7	0	227	5	1	235	7	0
Class C											
1st	Kenny Durham	AMTRAD	178	4	0	191	4	0	191	4	0
SC	Kate Carstens	CFBHFS/R	281	28	7	0	0	0	281	28	7
2nd	Mia Kull	CFBHFS/R	268	11	3	260	14	0	268	11	3
3rd	Leigha Dillard	CFBHFS/R	209	5	1	231	7	2	231	7	2
SC	Sandra O'Shea	SSFTRAD	205	2	0	0	0	0	205	2	0
SC	Patrick Hamp	SSMBHFS/R	0	0	0	300	45	11	300	45	11
2nd	Ralph Santmyers	SSMBHFS/R	299	44	4	0	0	0	299	44	4
3rd	Stephen Richards	SSMBHFS/R	278	16	3	282	19	6	282	19	6
	Mike Seng	SSMBHFS/R	249	8	1	251	5	2	251	5	2
SC	Herb Hawes	SSMFS/R	300	49	10	299	45	9	300	49	10
2nd	Doug Bradford	SSMFS/R	300	47	11	0	0	0	300	47	11
3rd	Patrick Hamp	SSMFS/R	298	37	13	300	47	10	300	47	10
	Lowell Hertzler	SSMFS/R	293	32	8	298	44	15	298	44	15
	Phillip Lam	SSMFS/R	291	30	8	292	28	6	292	28	6
	Jarrett Frame	SSMFS/R	283	23	5	288	25	9	288	25	9
	Greg Liskey	SSMFS/R	282	25	3	285	24	2	285	24	2
SC	Teddy Breeden	SSMTRAD	224	6	1	227	8	2	227	8	2
2nd	Rob Pecora	SSMTRAD	0	0	0	207	5	1	207	5	1
3rd	Olin Bare	SSMTRAD	190	5	1	197	4	0	197	4	0
	Ray Stone	SSMTRAD	181	5	1	0	0	0	181	5	1
SC	Jacob King	CMBHFS/R	292	29	5	287	30	8	292	29	5
2nd	Corbin Durham	CMBHFS/R	285	29	9	227	8	0	285	29	9
3rd	Steven Leonard	CMBHFS/R	278	22	5	274	25	6	278	22	5
	Michael King	CMBHFS/R	241	4	2	253	9	4	253	9	4
SC	Deera Reddy Indela	CMTRAD	245	8	1	226	6	3	245	8	1
SC	Mary Wenzel	MSFFS/R	0	0	0	269	9	5	296	9	5
SC	James Sorrell	MSMBB	254	10	5	266	14	3	266	14	3
SC	Bill Swick	MSMBHFS/R	264	14	4	0	0	0	264	14	4
SC	Jerry Wenzel	MSMFS/F	0	0	0	272	17	7	272	17	7
SC	Russell Hatchi	MSMTRAD	237	9	1	235	8	1	237	9	1

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Best		
			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs
SC	John King	PWMBHFS/R	117	4	0	0	0	0	117	4	0
SC	Thoy Baker	SFBHFS/R	264	15	4	0	0	0	264	15	4
2nd	Jan Siegfried	SFBHFS/R	241	5	3	237	6	1	241	5	3
3rd	Marcia Fusilli	SFBHFS/R	184	5	1	126	0	0	184	5	1
SC	Jonell Frantz	SFFS/R	287	25	7	0	0	0	287	25	7
SC	Vance Cave	SMBHFS/R	300	48	14	300	46	8	300	48	14
2nd	Franklin Jones, Jr.	SMBHFS/R	298	45	12	298	41	9	298	45	12
3rd	Joe Hevener	SMBHFS/R	294	34	7	288	30	11	294	34	7
	Paul Spencer	SMBHFS/R	292	23	6	0	0	0	292	23	6
	Theodore Urda	SMBHFS/R	289	19	8	0	0	0	289	19	8
	Phong Nguyen	SMBHFS/R	279	17	2	288	22	5	288	22	5
	Kurt Marisa	SMBHFS/R	0	0	0	283	14	4	283	14	4
	Greg Singleton	SMBHFS/R	273	20	3	271	20	5	273	20	3
	Felix Lopez	SMBHFS/R	0	0	0	265	13	2	265	13	2
	Andrew Owens	SMBHFS/R	260	5	1	163	13	2	263	13	2
SC	Tom Lynch	SMFS/R	300	55	9	300	53	17	300	55	9
2nd	Ted Bradford	SMFS/R	298	41	7	297	43	10	298	41	7
3rd	James Baker	SMFS/R	293	30	8	295	28	5	295	38	5
	Kevin Brown	SMFS/R	285	14	3	289	22	5	289	22	5
	Stephen Weisbrod	SMFS/R	260	18	3	270	18	3	270	18	3
SC	Paul Vogel	SMTRAD	267	10	2	268	12	6	268	12	6
2nd	Terry Ballowe	SMTRAD	193	4	1	194	2	0	194	2	0
3rd	Jerry Michonski	SMTRAD	175	1	0	172	4	1	175	1	0
	Ron Buzalsky	SMTRAD	172	3	3	0	0	0	172	3	3
Class A											
SC	Kelsey Baird	YAFBHFS/R	297	42	13	0	0	0	297	42	13
Class A											
SC	Dillon Sisk	YAMBHFS/R	286	28	8	284	29	7	286	28	8
Class A											
SC	Kevin Clayton	YAMFS/R	300	58	19	300	46	11	300	58	19
2nd	Austin Knicely	YAMFS/R	295	30	6	297	31	9	297	31	9
Class B											
1st	Cody Lewis	YAMFS/R	282	18	7	277	17	4	282	18	7
Class C											
SC	Kylie Marisa	YFBB	0	0	0	162	1	0	162	1	0
Class A											
SC	Jennette Leonard	YFBHFS/R	240	5	0	261	8	3	261	8	3
Class B											
1st	Brianna Baldrige	YFBHFS/R	238	4	1	237	5	1	238	4	1
Class C											
SC	Sawyer Dishman	YMBB	0	0	0	108	2	0	108	2	0
Class A											
SC	Chris King	YMBHFS/R	288	22	6	288	28	6	288	28	6
Class A											
SC	Logan Weller	YMFS/R	292	37	8	283	40	8	292	37	8
	Christopher Uhl	GAMBHFS/R	282	21	4	0	0	0	282	21	4
	Joe Cartia	GAMFS/R	300	56	13	300	58	15	300	58	15
	Dean Harmon	GAMFS/R	300	49	9	300	57	22	300	57	22
	Kalya Harmon	GCFBHFS/R	219	0	0	244	8	1	244	8	1
	Harold Sprague	GMBHFS/R	286	15	5	0	0	0	286	15	5

Rank	Name	Style	Day One			Day Two			Best		
			Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs	Score	Xs	I/O Xs
	Willis Stephenson	GMBHFS/R	223	7	2	0	0	0	223	7	2
	Luke Long	GUEST	300	55	16	300	53	14	300	55	16
	Tara Griffth	GUEST	296	39	7	290	28	6	296	39	7
	Hunter Lam	GUEST	286	21	3	277	12	4	286	21	3
	Billy Harmon	GYMFS/R	261	14	7	250	16	3	261	14	7



THE VBA TROPHY ROOM



Terry Dorman, Bowhunters of Rockingham



VBA INDOOR RECORDS 2015



STYLE	NAME	YEAR	BEST ROUND	X'S	INSIDE-OUT X'S
AFBB	Cay McMannus	2014	239	6	1
AMBB	Dwayne martin	2014	294	20	5
AMBH	Kris Hale	2014	267	18	4
AMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2014	280	26	6
AFBHFS/R	Teresa Baldrige	2015	284	24	4
AMBHFS/R	Darryll Diehi	2015	300	59	23
AMFS/F	Denny Baird	2014	284	23	6
AFFS/F	Sidney Davis	2015	255	6	1
AFFS/R	Valerie Murdoch	2014	300	54	20
AMFS/R	Greg Sisk	2015	300	60	19
AFTRAD	Jenifer Stoner	2015	272	17	3
AMTRAD	Roy Meditz II	2014	271	11	2
SFBHFS/R	Thoy Baker	2015	264	15	4
SMBHFS/R	Vance Cave	2015	300	48	14
SFFS/R	Jonell Frantz	2015	287	25	7
SMFS/R	Tom Lynch	2015	300	55	9
SFTRAD	Sandy O'Shea	2014	213	9	2
SMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2014	279	21	4
SSMBHFS/R	Patrick Hamp	2015	300	45	11
SSFFSR	Bertha Brugh	2014	289	17	6
SSMFS/R	Herb Hawse	2015	300	49	10
SSFTRAD	Sanda O'Shea	2015	206	2	0
SSMTRAD	Roy Meditz	2014	257	12	4
MSMBB	James Sorrell	2015	266	14	3
MSMBHFS/R	Bill Swick	2014	269	12	1
MSFFS/R	Mary Wenzel	2015	269	9	5
MSMFS/R	Fred Switzer	2014	295	28	4
MSMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2015	272	17	7
MSMTRAD	Russell Hatchl	2015	237	9	1
PWMBHFS/R	John King	2015	117	4	0
PWFBHFS/R	Mia Kull	2014	219	6	3
CFBB	Kylie Marisa	2014	258	5	2
CMBB	Luke Hatchi	2014	236	8	0
CMBH	Ethan Mullins	2014	258	5	2
CFBHFS/R	Kate Carstens	2015	281	28	7
CMBHFS/R	Jacob King	2015	292	29	5
CFFS/R	Whitney Elam	2014	183	3	0
CMFS/R	Camden Neville	2014	291	26	7
CMTRAD	Dheeraj Reddy Indela	2015	245	8	1
YMBB	Sawyer Dishman	2015	108	2	0
YFBB	Vivian Vickers	2014	221	6	2
YFBHFS/R	Jennette Leonard	2015	261	8	3
YMBHFS/R	Chris Knig	2015	288	28	6
YMFS/	Logan Weller	2015	292	37	6
YMTRAD	Koen Beugelsdijk	2014	145	0	0
YAFBHFS/R	Kelsey Baird	2015	297	42	13
YAMBHFS/R	Dillon Sisk	2015	286	28	8
YAMFS/R	Kevin Clayton	2015	300	58	19

by Matt Knox, Deer Program Supervisor, VDGIF

Game Management

The Difference Between A Food Plot and A Deer Feeder

My home state of Georgia (Go Dawgs!) has recently experienced a clash of cultures in the Georgia General Assembly between deer hunters who want to legalize deer hunting over bait versus deer hunters who want to keep it illegal to deer hunt over bait. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) has opposed deer hunting over bait for years for many very good reasons. Since I have been an outspoken opponent of deer hunting over bait in the past, my Bulldog friends and colleagues have kept me

abreast of the ongoing deer bait debate in the popular media in Georgia. The best anti-baiting shot, in my opinion, was fired by Glen Dowling, executive vice president of the Georgia Wildlife Federation in an Atlanta Journal Constitution editorial that was published February 23, 2006 on page A15. It is listed below and used with the permission of the author. It is excellent.

Deer hunters shouldn't get unfair edge. To hunt -- as defined by Webster's 7th Collegiate Dictionary -- is "to traverse in quest of prey." If some South

Georgia legislators have their way, deer hunters will have to do little more than sit back and wait for the prey to find them.

These legislators want to pit the non-hunting community against the hunters. How? By allowing hunters to become simply killers by legalizing shooting over bait. Forget that the wildlife -- including every whitetail deer in Georgia -- belongs to all Georgians. South Georgia legislators argue for legalizing killing deer over bait because there are too many deer, hunters are impatient and their marksmanship is poor. These legislators seem to want hunters to be able to lure unsuspecting deer to within a few yards of the front porch of the hunting cabin in order to kill.

Supporters of House Bill 1285 claim it is "value added." This isn't the value of ethics, patience or hunter education. Value to them is selling corn, selling feeders and ultimately selling hunts to the wealthy, who "do not have the time to hunt."

As President Theodore Roosevelt wrote in Principles of the Hunt, "The rich . . . who are content to buy what they have not the skill to get by their own exertions, these are the real enemies of game."

In South Carolina, shooting over bait in the southern coastal plain is legal. In that same area, natural deer behavior has been altered. Their natural ranges and movements have diminished, and the animals have become more nocturnal. The result is lower hunter success and a higher deer-vehicle collision rate. In the upland of South Carolina, where shooting over bait is illegal, hunters enjoy a higher rate of success and motorists are not threatened by an increased deer population on the road.

It is currently legal to supply supplemental feed to deer. However, if

Today many states allow deer hunting over bait, and this has been one of the main arguments from those who would like to see this become more widespread. However, hunters concerned about the baiting rage do not consider this to be "fair chase." Photo by Ralph Henley



Food Plots provide a lot of good supplemental habitat for whitetails. This doe was feeding while her fawn was securely hiding from danger. Photo by Ralph Henley



hunters are allowed to shoot over bait, the experience of other states demonstrates that food will be supplied at an exponential rate. Such practices expose deer and agricultural herds to an increased potential of disease. The corn sold to hunters is often labeled "not for human consumption/do not feed to livestock." Yet lazy, greedy hunters and those out for a quick buck deem it acceptable to feed such corn to wildlife.

In addition, by providing a bait site, hunters create an unnatural predation area where coyotes kill young fawns and other unsuspecting wildlife.

The most unfortunate result of legalizing baiting is that it will dumb down generations of hunters so they'll simply watch a bait site like a television screen or video game. Just tear open a bag of corn, pour it out and, with a brain in neutral, stare at it.

Let's keep high the ethics and standards of hunting: safety, fair chase, sportsmanship, stewardship of natural resources, outdoor skills, the lesson and virtue of patience, the experience of scouting and the wisdom of knowing when and when not to shoot. Don't let others steal our hunting heritage and tradition. Don't take the bait.

I consider myself lucky to live and work in Virginia where deer hunting over bait is illegal and a deer hunter survey collected by the Virginia Deer Hunters Association in 2003 clearly indicates that a strong

majority of Virginia deer hunters oppose deer hunting over bait (81%).

One of the Georgia baiting proponents' main arguments for allowing deer hunting over bait in Georgia is that deer hunting over bait is allowed in many surrounding states, including Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Again, I am lucky to live, work, and deer hunt in Virginia. The argument that everyone else is

doing it, so we should too, would never fly in Virginia. When I was a teenager, my father used to call this logic monkey see - monkey do!

The Georgia baiting proponents' argument that I found the most interesting and entertaining is that deer hunting over deer feeders and bait is no different than deer hunting over a deer food plot. They pointed out with a passion that private landowners and the GADNR routinely plant and allow deer hunting over deer food plots. Like many

deer management professionals, I have heard deer baiting proponents make this "food plots equal baiting" argument for decades, but I have also heard this point discredited.

At the 1993 Southeast Deer Study Group Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, there was an open debate over deer baiting. Many of the Southeastern deer biologists in attendance were against hunting deer over bait, especially those from states where it is illegal, and many were for deer hunting over bait, especially those from states where it is legal and common. Of course, one of the baiting proponents stood up and played the food plot card. Dr. Harry Jacobsen of Mississippi State University trumped it. Dr. Jacobsen noted that he had planted and recommended food plots for decades but he had never established one that could train or teach the deer when to appear like a deer feeder can. I think the baiting proponent quickly sat down. What was Dr. Jacobsen talking about? With a deer feeder you can train a white-tailed deer to tell time and teach them appear on demand. Does this constitute fair chase? Of course not.

This unfair feeder and bait advantage was first engraved in my memory by a fellow Georgia wildlife

Today manufacturers are marketing their commercial deer feeders to hunters and landowners throughout the country. Some people believe there is no difference between hunting over a deer feeder and hunting over a food plot. Photo by Ralph Henley



biologist who told me a story about when he was trapping deer with a rocket net as a graduate student. The person who let him off at the trapping site told him to be ready to fire the net at 3:15. He gave them a puzzled look, but they just told him to be ready at 3:15. The site as he described it was a big thick cutover next to an old dairy barn and silo with the net set in a small clearing. Like any good graduate student, he did what he was told. He sat there and nearly froze to death constantly looking at his watch. No deer were anywhere to be seen. Then about 3:15 he heard an awful groaning sound (the screw auger turning food out of the silo and down the feed trough). By the time he finally figured out what the sound was, he noticed movement in the woods. As he described it, the cut over was crawling with deer headed toward the feed. He caught deer at 3:15!

This feeder advantage was reinforced several years ago by a deer hunting friend of mine who went out to a private property in Virginia, where the owner had been feeding deer for years. They were standing on a deck looking at a feeder in a food plot several hundred yards away when the landowner looked

down at his watch and said, "Watch this." The feeder went off on time and half a dozen to a dozen deer magically appeared in minutes. Yes, with a feeder you can teach deer to tell time and be on time.

Over the years, I have met many deer hunters who hunted deer out west at commercial deer hunting operations, mostly in Texas. They were put on a stand overlooking a feeder and told to wait for the feeder to go off, seen the deer magically appear, and then killed one. In their defense, most don't want to go back. I have seen one writer describe shooting deer that are standing under a feeder as "meat hunting". He noted that he did not see much sport to it, but admitted that it was a fast and easy way to put venison in the freezer. On the bright side, if you just happen to be a deer hunter who does not like to get up early, you could set the feeder for let's say noon and sleep in. The result would probably be the same. In fact, after I completed the first draft of this article, I was reading another article where the author called these feeders Texas Deer Calls.

Don't get me wrong. I am not writing this article to defend deer food plots. In fact, I should note I am

not a proponent of deer food plots. In my nearly 14 years in Virginia, I do not believe I have ever recommended a private landowner put in a food plot for deer management purposes. If I have, it was a mistake. I have, however, on numerous occasions, recommended to landowners when and what to plant (e.g., a cool season annual and white {ladino} clover) when it was obvious they were going to plant something for deer no matter what I said.

I personally do not know what sound a deer feeder makes when it goes off. I have seen them in the stores and catalogs, but I have never actually used one or heard one. I do know that they can be set to go off at a specific time. I assume the sound they make is sort of a whirling sound. The effect is similar to rattling a handful of corn in a five gallon plastic bucket. I should note that the sound of a handful of corn in a plastic bucket at my house will bring in my daughter's miniature horse and the cows on a dead run!

I know this sound works on deer because over the years, I have been told dozens of stories about this "magic." Anyone who has ever looked in a hunting catalog has seen the gadget they sell that makes the sound of a deer feeder going off. It is not a feeder; it just makes the magic feeder sound. The sound is the stimulus that results in the response -- the deer showing up on time looking for the corn which is the reward. They teach this Pavlov's dog conditioning in high school Psychology because it works.

When I can look in an outdoors catalog and see a gadget for sale that makes the sound of a deer food plot going off, and someone can show me how it works, or if I actually see it work, then I will agree with the deer baiting proponents that food plots are no different than deer feeders and deer hunting over bait.

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Hunters, hunt clubs and landowners are planting more food plots for wildlife today than ever before. The whitetail is a grazing animal and food plots will enable the deer to feed in its natural environment.



Photo by Ralph Hemley

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NEW RIVER BOWHUNTERS AND THE VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO THE **2015 SPRING 3-D CLASSIC** (Marked Distance) **April 11th & 12th**

- This is a two-day event and you may shoot one or both days - highest score counts.
- Shotgun start 9AM and 1:30PM Saturday; 9AM and 1:30PM (if necessary) Sunday
- NEW VBA Rules - IBO Classes. If you do not know your IBO class, please list equipment used
- 25 targets each day, marked distance

Registration Times

Friday: 6-8PM
Saturday & Sunday:
7-8AM Morning Round
7AM-12PM for Evening Round

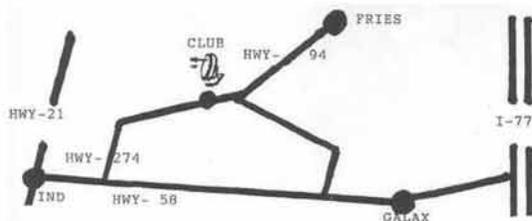
For Additional Information

Tony Hall: (276) 233-0814
Lloyd Overfelt: (276) 233-3829
Larry Bouchard: (276) 233-0641

Places to Stay

Hampton Inn: (276) 238-4605
Grayson Inn: (276) 773-3313
Holiday Inn: (276) 728-0204
Knights Inn: (276) 236-5117

Limited primitive camping at club - first come, first serve basis



VBA 3-D Classic Registration (Pre-registration form MUST be postmarked by Saturday, April 4th)

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

Fees: \$20 per person, \$50 max per family
Mail to Tony Hall, 167 Coral Lane, Galax, VA 24333

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Home Club: _____

Check those that apply:
<8 9-12 13-14 15-17 18+ 50+ 60+ 70+

The Flight System will be used to determine divisions.

Gender: Male Female

Class (List your IBO Class): _____

Round Preference: Sat: Morning Afternoon
Sun: Morning Afternoon

2015 VBA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Sherwood Archers

www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com



May 23th & 24th

Registration Times: Fri. 6-8pm Sat. 7-8am

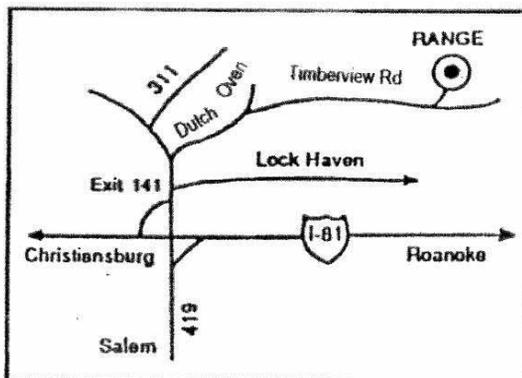
Registration Fees: \$20.00 per adult, \$5 each for 1st two youth with a \$50 maximum per family.

28 Field targets 1st Day and 1/2 Hunter-1/2 Animal 2nd Day
Shoot both days for awards.

Breakfast and Lunch served daily. Dinner Sat. evening.

Places to Stay

- La Quinta Inn (3 miles) 540-562-2717 Exit 141
- Quality Inn (3 miles) 1-800-456-4949 Exit 141
- Holiday Inn Express (3 miles) 1-800-Holiday Exit 141
- Econo Lodge (6 miles) 540-389-0280 Exit 137
- Comfort Suites (6 miles) 540-387-1600 Exit 137
- Primitive Camping at Sherwood w/bathrooms



Make checks to:

Sherwood Archers
 c/o Auvray Shumate
 1619 Mountain Heights Dr.
 Salem, VA 24153 540-389-3369

Rob Whittaker Trn. Chrm.: 540-676-4750
 Club: 540-366-3701

Registration for VBA State Championship

Please print clearly

Name _____ VBA # _____

Phone _____ 2nd Phone _____

Home Club _____ Average _____

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 TRAD

Class: AA A B C



2015 VBA State Closed Championship

Sept 5 & 6 2015 at Singers Glen Bowbenders
8050 Bowbender Lane, Singers Glen, VA 22850

\$20 per archer for the first two archers, \$5:00 ea. for youth or younger archers,
with a maximum of \$50 per family.
Make Checks Payable to Singers Glen Bowbenders

This is a two-day event and you must shoot both days
Must be a VBA member to shoot for awards

SHOT GUN START Sat 9am SHOT GUN START Sun 9am

Pre-registration By Aug 15 2015

Mail pre-registration to Shannon Nesselrodt, 403 East Ave, Broadway, VA 22815
For more info Call Shannon @540-271-2228

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON CLUB PROPERTY

***We will have a BBQ Chicken Picnic Sat eve at 6pm
cost for non members will be \$5.00 all are welcome***

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ VBA # _____ CLUB _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ ONE FORM PER ARCHER CIRCLE OR

X WHERE APPLIES:

DIVISION: MSR _____ SSR _____ SR _____ ADULT _____ YOUNG ADULT _____ YOUTH _____ CUB _____

PEEWEE _____

BIRTH DATE FOR YA, YOUTH, CUB, PEE-WEE _____ SEX: MALE _____

FEMALE _____ SAT ROUND# _____ SUNDAY DETERMINED BY SAT SCORES

STYLE: FS _____, FSL _____, BB _____, BHFS _____, BHFSL _____, TRAD _____, BH _____

EXTRA REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILIABLE AT SINGERSGLENBOWBENDERS.COM

NEAREST TOWNS FOR MOTELS ARE NEW MARKET, VA AND HARRISONBURG, VA

Camping contact the north river ranger's district of the George Washington national forest.

Shenandoah County Archers

2015 Shoot Schedule

Sat. March 28 (12 pm)
 Sat. April 4 (12 pm)
 Sat. April 25 (12 pm)
 Sat. May 9 (12 pm)
 Sat. May 16 (SCA Annual – Field/Hunter and 3D pin shoot – Registration 8 am-12 pm)
 Sun. May 17 (SCA Annual – Field/Hunter and 3D pin shoot – Registration 8 am-12 pm)
 Sun. June 14 (Field/Hunter and 3D pin shoot – Registration 8 am-12 pm)
 Sat. June 27 (12 pm)
 Sat. July 4 (12 pm)
 Sun. July 12 (Field/Hunter and 3D pin shoot – Registration 8am-12 pm)
 Sat. August 1 (12 pm)
 Sun. August 23 (Field/Hunter and 3D pin shoot – Registration 8am-12 pm)
 Sat. August 29 (12 pm)
 Sat. September 12 (12 pm)

-ALL SHOOTS (EXCEPT WHERE NOTED) WILL BE BLIND DRAW 2 MAN TEAM MONEY SHOOTS

-ALL TARGETS WILL BE KNOWN YARDAGE

-Snacks and Drinks can be purchased at clubhouse

-The SCA Annual is a 2 day event with a BBQ

-Blind Draw 2 Man Team Shoots – 12 pm Shotgun Start

-\$10 per person / Youth \$5 (11-17 years) / 10 years and under – Free

-Blind Draw 2 Man Teams – Completed score cards are randomly drawn at the end of the shoot producing 2 man teams. The 2 scores are then added together to get a total score. Highest team score wins. 50% payback. The number of places paid back will be determined by the amount of shooters participating.

-Location: 400 Jesse Lane, Strasburg, VA 22657

-Directions from North: Exit 296 (Strasburg), turn right onto Rt. 55 West, drive 2.5 miles, turn left onto Back Road (Rt. 623), for 1.5 miles, turn right onto Junction Road (Rt. 638), follow to the end, turn left onto White Rock Lane, turn left onto Jesse Lane, then follow signs to range

-Directions from South: Exit 296 (Strasburg), turn left onto Rt. 55, drive 2.5 miles, Follow Remaining Directions Above

-For questions please call/email:

Andy Stiltner – Cell: 540-333-1156 / email: astiltner@yahoo.com
 Russell Wymer – Cell: 540-975-2048 / email: russell@shentel.net
 Terry Ballowe – 540-984-8208 / email terryballowe@yahoo.com



APPLICATION FOR VBA INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Robin Hood Any VBA member that telescopes an arrow in the highest scoring area on the target. (3-D targets and Maple Leaf Animals, the arrow would only need to be in the kill area). The Robin Hood must be shot at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

500 Pin Any VBA member that scores 500 or better at a VBA sanctioned shoot on a VBA approved range. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a field, hunter or field/hunter combination round. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the Executive State Secretary.

Perfect Animal Any VBA member that shoots a 20 or higher on each of the 14 unit animal targets for a total score of 280 or more. The round must be shot from the adult stakes on a VBA approved range at a sanctioned VBA shoot. The scorecard must be signed by 2 witnesses, accompanied by \$5.00 and sent to the VBA Executive State Secretary.

Name: _____ VBA_Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ E-mail: _____

VBA Tournament: _____ Date: _____

Award Applying for: (please circle below)

Robin Hood Pin | 500 Pin | Perfect Animal Pin

Mail the application along with your witnessed score card and \$5.00 to:
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1223 Jeanette Avenue,
Vinton, VA. 24179

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15th due to the hunting being more
productive during this time.



2015 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

June 6 - 7

September 19 Scheduling Meeting

September 20 Meeting

Tournaments 2015

Spring 3-D Classic April 11 -12

State Open May 23 -24

Fall 3-D classic August 15 - 16

State Closed September 5 - 6



Conservation Scholarship

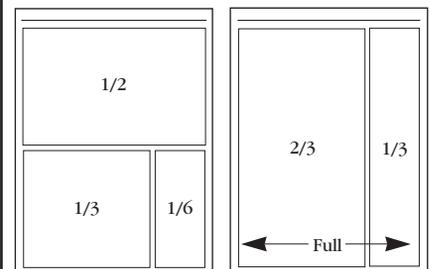
Just a reminder that the VBA has a \$500.00 Conservation Scholarship Available each year [providing funds are available]. Written request for the scholarship must be submitted to the VBA President by March 1st for approval by the directors. VBA members and their immediate family members are eligible.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



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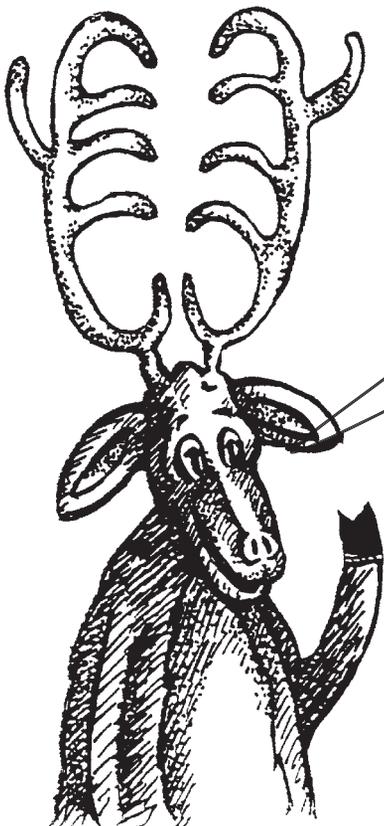
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ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER

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 80 people have been elected to the Order in the past 71 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.