

# **The “Dave Proctor Bowhunter Award for the Virginia Bowhunters Association”**

The “Dave Proctor Bowhunter Award” program has been created by the VBA in memory of and with great respect to David Proctor who served the VBA as Hunting VP and Executive VP for many years in a dedicated and exemplary manner, giving us all an example of a true Virginia sportsman and bowhunter.

The “Dave Proctor Award” is effective for the harvest of all big and small game beginning January 14, 2018. Game harvested shall be reported to the VBA Secretary each year on the form provided by the VBA. The reporting year shall coincide with the end of the regular Virginia archery season, the first Saturday in January of each year, through the end of the season the next year. The reporting form shall be mailed to the VBA secretary no later than 30 days after the end of the reporting year.

The “Dave Proctor Bowhunter Award” is available to current members of the VBA. Any game reported must have been taken while a member of the VBA, game harvested prior to becoming a member are not eligible. Each level achieved must be completed before a member can begin accumulating points for the next award level. All game taken must be harvested according to rules of “fair chase” and in compliance with all game laws and regulations of the state or locality in which harvested. All game reported for this award must have been harvested by means of legal Virginia archery equipment. Game reported may be from Virginia or wherever the travels of the VBA member may take them, across the country or around the world. Any member known to report illegal kills or falsifying game reported will forfeit all accumulated points and will be disqualified from participating in the “Dave Proctor Award” program thereafter.

There shall be three (3) levels of achievement for the “David Proctor Bowhunter Award”. All award levels will be achieved according to the points system as listed below:

## **FIRST AWARD – “Virginia Bowhunter”**

A total of fifty (50) points are needed to achieve the “David Proctor Virginia Bowhunter” award level. At least four (4) different game species are required, one (1) of which must be a big game animal. Members achieving this award will be presented with a “VBA David Proctor Virginia Bowhunter”

Certificate recognizing their achievement and will be acknowledged in the Flight newsletter.

### **SECOND AWARD – “Southern Bowhunter”**

A total of one hundred (100) points are needed to achieve the “David Proctor Southern Bowhunter Award”. At least four (4) game species are required, two (2) of which must be big game animals. Members achieving this award will be presented with a special edition “VBA David Proctor Southern Bowhunter” Sheath Knife recognizing their achievement and will be acknowledged in the Flight newsletter.

### **THIRD AWARD – “Ultimate Virginia Bowhunter”**

A total of one hundred fifty (150) points are needed to achieve the “David Proctor Ultimate Virginia Bowhunter Award”. At least four (4) game species are required, three (3) of which must be big game animals. Members achieving this award will be presented with a special edition VBA David Proctor Ultimate Bowhunter Custom Embroidered Hunting Jacket recognizing their achievement, will be honored as a special “Ultimate Bowhunter” guest of the VBA president at the next VBA banquet, and will be acknowledged in the Flight newsletter.

## **POINTS SYSTEM**

DEER	Whitetail, Coues, Mule, Blacktail Buck – 10 points Doe – 5 points Button Buck – 5 points
ELK	Rocky Mountain, Roosevelt Bull – 15 points Cow – 10 points
CARIBOU	Mountain, Barren Ground, Woodland Bull – 15 points Cow – 10 points
MOOSE	Alaska – Yukon, Canadian, Wyoming (Shiras) Bull – 15 points Cow – 10 points
ANTELOPE	Buck – 10 points Doe – 5 points

BEAR      Black  
             Boar – 15 points  
             Sow – 10 points  
  
             Brown, Polar, Grizzly  
             Boar – 25 points  
             Sow – 25 points

MOUNTAIN SHEEP & GOAT  
             Male – 20 points  
             Female – 20 points

MOUNTAIN LION  
             Male – 20 points  
             Female – 20 points

WILD PIG   Russian Boar, Javeline, Feral Hog  
                 Male – 10 points  
                 Female – 10 points

TURKEY    15 points

SMALL GAME  
             Rabbit, Squirrel, Groundhog, Carp, Gar, Raccoon, Bobcat,  
             Fox (red or grey), Opossum, Skunk, Coyote  
             1 point – Maximum of 5 points per species each year

SMALL GAME BIRDS  
             Quail, Grouse, Pheasant, Dove, Crow, Water Fowl  
             2 points – Maximum of 6 points per species each year

Note: Any big game animal taken scoring the Pope & Young minimum score or higher will earn an extra 5 points.

Note: This Awards Program is based on an awards program that Dave Proctor developed in 1984 and managed for the Bowhunters Of Rockingham. The BOR award is called the “Southern Bowhunter Award”. Many BOR members have worked to achieve these awards over the years.

Note: Snakes and other types of nongame animals do not qualify for this award. Protected species do not qualify for this award.

Note: Should a VBA member harvest and report a recognized game animal not listed here, the VBA Hunting VP shall assign a points value for that animal in keeping with the scale and difficulty as listed above.

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