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your contributions!*

From the President

Bowhunting is a great sport and one of its big attractions is that there are so many places in the US and the world where you can travel to enjoy a hunt. Many of the challenging places and interesting species are in other countries and that of course means you will have to cross one or more borders each way to gain access. If you have never hunted outside the United States, there are several basic things to consider.

Naturally the most important point is to do your research. The items I mention below are important but there is much more that goes into a hunt. You will need to do a lot of research on web sites, chat with friends, talk with guides and also speak with their references. However, no trip outside the United States should be taken without consideration of the following topics.

Make sure you have a current passport. It can take a few weeks to get a new passport so this is something that needs to be checked well in advance of the trip.

Have your passport and any other required forms out and ready to give to the border agents when requested. It always looks bad and invites further inspection when you have to spend 10 minutes digging through luggage to get a document.

Check to see if a visa is required. They are easy to get but in most cases need to be applied for in advance. There are a few countries that will issue a visa once you have arrived, but don't count on this being possible. It is always best to have all your paperwork completed before you leave home.

Your auto insurance, inspections and licenses need to be current. Some countries will confiscate your vehicle if this information is not up to date. For rental cars, be sure the plates and registration won't expire while you are driving.

Be sure your personal auto insurance is up to date and covers you for the type of vehicle and country. Put a copy of your auto insurance card in the vehicle.

Check with your health care provider to determine the type and amount of coverage that will be available in the country or countries you might visit. Also check with the country to see what types of coverage they accept. For example, some countries might not accept Blue Cross Blue Shield. If your insurance is not acceptable, you will need cash or a credit card to receive treatment. Also, know the health issues of your companions and where they keep their emergency medicines.

Determine in advance where you might receive emergency medical treatment if necessary. In some countries, they have basic services but emergency services are few and far between. Also, check with your outfitter to determine his level of training to perform basic emergency treatment, e.g. CPR. The guide's medical qualifications should also be determined.

Take responsibility before departing to ask others in your group whether they have with them their passport and appropriate medical forms, licenses, etc. It has been known to happen that a group is delayed because one person left a passport or IBEP card on the kitchen counter.

Be sure the bow(s) and arrow(s) you plan to use are legal and adequate for the game you plan to hunt. Your guide will be an excellent source for this information, but you should also check with national and local authorities just to be sure. Just because lighted pin sights, nocks that glow and 50lb bows are legal in your state does not mean that they will be legal (or appropriate) for the big game you plan to hunt.

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From the Executive Vice President

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

First, who the h... are "they" and second, what the h... do "they" know about what is or is not possible. Just because I'm 70 next year does not mean that new ideas and tricks don't come to mind or can't be adopted.

Now, they may not all be brilliant ideas or tricks, but that is another matter. In fact, in this issue of the magazine we introduce two new ideas and it will be up to the readers to determine if they stand muster. If we get a good response, we will continue them periodically and hope you find them a useful addition to the magazine. If not, we will perhaps revisit the idea that in fact this old dog has reached the end of his new tricks ability.

The first addition you will read about is an effort to diversify the magazine and include more of you in the "author" process. The folks that produce the magazine – Misty Graphics, LLC (Bink and Carolyn Yager) and Good Printers, Inc. (Dave Proctor) – have combined to generate a tail camera contest. This was Bink's idea and details are elsewhere in this issue. It is an exciting way to grow the magazine, keep it relevant with current technology, and give you an opportunity to participate. Please review the contest information and plan to participate!

The second addition stems from a discussion with Keith Martin, Sherwood Archers. The concept is that a situation is presented and then the readers are asked to respond about what they would do if faced with that predicament. The best responses will be printed in the next issue of *FLIGHT*. You will find elsewhere in this issue the first "situation" – a bear encounter that has turned VERY ugly.

And, to increase interest in the VBA, both of these initiatives will eventually be expanded to include the VBA web site, which should allow for even more participation and sharing of experiences and ideas.

Speaking of turning 70 next year.... At a certain point it becomes necessary to step aside and let new blood, new ideas and fresh enthusiasm take a leadership role in an organization. I think that time has arrived for me and so this is an early notice to anyone out there who would like to be the *FLIGHT* editor beginning in June 2011. I will continue to publish the *FLIGHT* through the June 2011 issue but after that my plan is to be a contributing author and not the editor. Elections will be in the spring next year so please consider throwing your hat into the ring. I will be glad to discuss the job with anyone. There is a template to use for each issue and the layout/printing is done by others (Misty Graphics and Good Printers). Feel free to call. This is a great chance to serve the broad range of archers in the Commonwealth.

I hope to see you soon at a VBA event. 

From the Hunting Vice President

This article is to provide information about the VBA hunting-related activities and to also seek your help.

As the Hunting VP, I do hear from a few of you and non-members also. Most seem to be very satisfied with our Virginia bowhunting opportunities and some want a few more items. The VBA has done a great job over the years to work for revised seasons, improved regulations, and focused recognition of the needs of the Virginia bowhunter.

The number one item I hear about is Sunday hunting, or a lack of! Most of the questions center on why Virginia does not allow Sunday hunting and how that situation can be changed. The VBA has voted in the past to support the various proposals that have appeared before the VDGIF and the Virginia legislature. The key point to remember is that this is an issue for the legislature and not the VDGIF because the Sunday hunting issue is based on a law, not a regulation. I believe most revisions have died in 'committee.' To get an issue out of committee takes people! If we could ALL contact our legislature members when we are aware of proposals about the Sunday hunting topic, then maybe we could be instrumental in getting a change. I will attempt to stay informed when these items are proposed and let you know when it is time for you to let your desires be known.

The easiest way to get the information from you and to you is via the members of the bowhunting committee. The committee gathers at each VBA quarterly meeting and discusses various items that the clubs and members they represent want brought to the table. We have found that after the meeting an e-mail is the best way to spread the news and various ideas back to the clubs and down to the club members. Does your club have a representative on the committee? If not, it would be in your own and your club's best interest to make sure someone represents you.

That said, I need a volunteer be the Chairman of the bowhunting committee. This position is vacant. The duties are real simple. Host a short session at each VBA quarterly meeting, discuss and write down the ideas from the committee members (also volunteers) and share the ideas with me. I will attempt to follow up and see where we can go to accommodate and

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From the Publicity Director

Well folks, summer is here and the last of the VBA State Tournaments, the State 3-D Fall Classic and the State Closed, will soon be upon us and then the urban archery deer season begins on Sept. 4th. Attending club and tournament shoots is a great means to keep yourselves in shape and fine tune your bow.

The State 3-D Spring Classic had a nice turnout with 95 archers participating. This included 10 youths, five cubs and two peewees. I heard that everyone had a nice time and enjoyed the competition. New records were set by Caitlin Willard, WFBHFS/F; Dallas Hoover, SMBHFS/L; Danny Alger, SMFS; and Terry Coghill, SMTRAD. Ethan Mullins, PWMTRAD, tied a record.

At the State Open there were 49 archers with the turnout likely influenced by the threat of bad weather. New records were set by Lucas Kenley, YMFS; Logan Weller, CMFS/F; Sebastian Torres, CMTRAD; Alexis Campbell, PWFTRAD and Bill Hurley, SMBHFS. Everyone had a nice time and it turned out the weather was great.

The VBA would like to thank both Augusta Archers and Sherwood Archers for hosting the State Tournaments. Thanks also to those who compiled the results, helped with the registration, worked in the kitchens, donated food, prepared and worked on the ranges, and others who assisted. Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Final preparations are under way for the VBA St. Jude Children's Research Hospital charity 3-D shoot that will be held the weekend of July 10th & 11th. Your support and attendance will be greatly appreciated at both locations to participate in games, novelty shoots and auctions. If you are unable to attend, there are ways to contribute by making your checks out to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and sending them to Marie Bell, VBA Executive State Secretary, or donating items to the various auctions. All cash and equipment donations are tax deductible.

Marie Bell reported that the VBA total membership for the Second Quarter 2010 was 1086 with 21 charter clubs and one Pro Shop (Hoffman Archery.) Membership was up by one member over 2009 and new membership was up by two.

Shannon Nesselrodt, Singers Glen Bowbenders, sent me this note:

On behalf of Singers Glen Bowbenders Club and the Fonda Gammon-Gooden Family, WE THANK everyone who supported our Sunday, May 9th shoot to benefit the Dee Gammon Family. We were able to raise almost \$1,600 for the family. Again, 'Thank you' to all the VBA clubs and members. Dee is a member of our club and the VBA. Yesterday his daughter died in a car wreck. Dee has been out of work for over a year so we are giving all our proceeds for the funeral expenses. His daughter was 22 years old and had a one-year-old child.

Hoffman Archery Pro Shop held a charity shoot for the March of Dimes on June 5th hosted by NORVA. The shoot went very well with 45 archers participating, most of them members of IBO or ASA. The shoot raised more than \$600 for the organization. They are planning to have another later this year and potentially will grow the event at NORVA in the coming years. One of NORVA's members won the Bowhunter class. Everyone loved their course; it was very challenging and another way to increase membership for NORVA and the VBA.

I heard that Stan Parmentier, Hank Megee and Vic Matthews -- all members of Belvoir Bowhunters --, attended the Virginia Senior State Tournament and came back with gold medals in their styles.

The National Boy Scout Jamboree will be at Ft. A.P. Hill in Caroline County from July 26th through August 3rd. The VDGIF Complementary Work Force Program (CWF) is looking for volunteers. If you would like to participate in this event or if you are interested in devoting your time and talents serving as a volunteer, visit their website at www.dgif.virginia.gov/volunteer. Topics include: Permit Inspections; Trout Stocking; Wildlife Damage Inspections; Exhibits, Programs, and Presentations; Waterway Marker Inspections; Regional Office Assistance and Disputers; Equipment Repair & Maintenance; and/or Research Assistance.

The VDGIF would like everyone to be aware that the bear population in Virginia is increasing; they are becoming a problem in the western part of the State and are migrating east into the urban areas.

If you see a fawn, it's likely that the mother has hidden the young one from predators and/or humans. If you spot one, just let Mother Nature take care of it and call your local VDGIF Conservation Police Officer.

Lyme disease is spreading in Virginia, and they don't know why. Cases topped 900 in 2007 and there were 909 cases reported in 2009.

Finally, some of you may want to attend these upcoming VDGIF events:

Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show in Richmond on Aug. 13th – 15th.

Mother-Daughter Outdoors Weekend at Holiday Lake 4-H Center in Appomattox on Aug. 20th – 21st.

Eastern Regional Big Game on Sept. 11th & 12th.

Western Regional Big Game Contest & State Championship on Sept. 25th & 26th.

Yours in Archery - Irene 

From the NBEF/IBEP Director

On Apr. 22, I had the opportunity as the VBA representative to attend a meeting on the current state of IBEP in Virginia. The meeting was held at the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries office located in Fredericksburg, Va. It was jointly hosted by SGT David Dodson, State Hunter Education Coordinator for the VDGIF, and Ms. Marilyn Bentz, Executive Director of the National Bowhunters Education Foundation (NBEF). Several representatives from archery and bowhunting organizations that are currently involved in IBEP training also attended to discuss how a state-wide IBEP program could be organized, and what each organization could offer to such an effort. I believe the meeting had a very positive outcome, and I wanted to share this great news with all of you.

One of the biggest drawbacks to organizing a state-wide program has been finding an organization that had a state-wide presence and the resources to take this role on. That hurdle was overcome when SGT Dodson volunteered to assume the role of IBEP coordinator for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He intends to utilize the VDGIF's current organizational and oversight structure, as well as the extensive network of Hunter Safety instructors, to promote IBEP training across Virginia.

Specifically, each of the current VDGIF's regional education and training coordinators will now also oversee IBEP training. A core cadre of IBEP instructors will be developed from the current population of the VDGIF's certified Hunter Safety instructors from around the state. Once a sufficient number of Hunter Safety instructors have also been cross trained as IBEP instructors, these individuals will serve as the lead instructors for IBEP classes across the state. Individuals who are trained as IBEP instructors, but have not completed the Hunter Safety instructors course, will be allowed to instruct as Subject Matter Experts (SME's), but will not serve as the Lead Instructor (This emulates the model that is currently used at Fort Belvoir).

From the VDGIF perspective, this ensures that lead instructors have undergone a background investigation for criminal history, which greatly limits the liability of the VDGIF - particularly since they will be in contact with minors. In order to assist the VDGIF in moving to this model, Marilyn Bentz agreed to assist the VDGIF in training a small group of "Master Instructors" who can instruct and certify Hunter Safety instructors as IBEP instructors. Once that is accomplished, VDGIF will begin offering IBEP instructor courses during their normal Hunter Safety continuing education courses offered at the Holiday Lake Education Center (near Appomattox, Va.) to build and maintain their IBEP instructor base across the state. The VDGIF will also take over responsibility for maintaining the database of students who have successfully completed the IBEP course.

The VDGIF will also continue to support the distance learning model of IBEP training. An NBEF computer-based program currently provides training by allowing students to take any state sanctioned IBEP online course, and then IBEP instructors offer the field day component that is required to complete the course.

The VDGIF will provide NBEF training materials for IBEP instruction. SGT Dodson did say that while they have some limited ability to provide instruction materials now, this will have to be worked into their training budget over time in order to support a statewide program.

For the VBA - and all of our associated archery clubs - I believe this means greater access to IBEP instruction across the state. All of this may take some time, but I see this as a very positive outcome that moves us forward in the direction that is exactly where this program should go in order to grow and be sustained for future generations of bowhunters! I hope you will join me in offering full support to SGT Dodson and the VDGIF as they undertake this endeavor.

One final thought - If you are interested in becoming a Hunter Safety and IBEP Instructor for the VDGIF, contact me and I'll provide details on the process.

Good Hunting! Bob 

From the Hunting vice-President page 3

make the idea work for all of the bowhunters in the VBA and state. The committee members are usually club delegates from the various clubs that come to each meeting; however, this is not a necessity. Any VBA member can serve on the committee and also can be the Chairman. The individual just needs to be committed to make four meetings a year. There are several large clubs near Harrisonburg where the VBA quarterly meetings are held. The meetings are usually on Sunday AM, however in the past they were held on Saturday afternoons. Sometimes there were cold drinks available!

I look forward to hearing from someone that would like to step up now and do the job. I'd also like to hear from more members who want to be part of the committee. Send me an email at bick333@msn.com or phone me at 757-255-2294. I will work with you to make your participation successful.

Thanks, Ed Bickham 

A Coyote Hunt

By
Olin Bare
Augusta Archers

The eastern coyote (genus canas) can reach 80 pounds and will attack a human when in packs. One of the most recent attacks – mentioned in the January 2010 issue of “Fur, Fish and Game” magazine – was when a pack of coyotes killed a 19-year-old female hiker in Nova Scotia.

The coyote population in Virginia is growing and they mostly hunt in the dark – the usual time when bowhunters are going to and from their stands. Archers should be especially alert during these times, especially if they hear multiple coyotes.

My adventure with a coyote was in Rockbridge County in the 2009 bow season. One day I was in one of my favorite tree stands and had noticed that I did not see as much deer sign as in previous years. I did hear turkeys in the hollow not far away and thought it unusual for them to be still in the trees at 8 am. I thought they were just sleeping in until I saw movement on the ground. It was a very large coyote running toward me on the deer trail. It ran past me and kept going, perhaps trying to chase down its breakfast. No luck seeing any deer that day.

I was back in the stand about a week later and around 8 am blew my deer bleat call. After about 10 minutes, I saw brown with a long nose. It was a coyote around 70 yards away heading my way on the deer trail. It would take one step and stop and stare. One stalking step at a time, obviously looking for the deer that made that bleat, it took him 15 minutes to be within my bow range. I never made a sound nor did I move. Down the hill, at around 15 yards, he stopped and looked straight up at me. I focused on his shoulder, pulled the Fred Bear recurve bow back and when I touched my anchor point the arrow was gone. I watched the feathered fletched aluminum arrow with the razor head hit him at the back of the shoulder. The coyote ran straight down the hill and disappeared. After about an hour I saw a vulture land in a tree in the direction the coyote ran. I thought maybe I got lucky and he could see something I could not see. After another half hour I climbed down and followed the blood trail, finding my arrow in about 10 yards. In another 30 yards, there was the coyote, stretched out on his belly with his eyes open and tail up, dead.

My idol Fred Bear (a famous instinctive bowman) would have been proud. The tradition continues. Good luck and be careful. The coyotes are out there.



Olin Bare made a nice 15-yard shot on a coyote in Virginia and proudly displays the results.



The Refined Archer's Glossary

*By: Keith Martin
Sherwood Archers*

Learning to shoot a bow with some degree of competency is not near as difficult as learning the lingo used in archery circles. This glossary lists common terms that will help anyone new to the sport understand how to speak archery with confidence.

Ten ring: Small circular ring in the center of a target without any holes in it.

Release Aid: Yellow jacket that lands on your cheek while at full draw. Or a Flomax prescription for those who remember Fred Bear as a child.

Allen Wrench: Small "L" shaped device used to re-attach things that fall off of compound bows during a shoot.

Under-spined: Shooting buddy who can't go to the range because his wife won't let him. Can also be an arrow that is not stiff enough

Over-spined: Shooting buddy who brings his wife to the range and makes her sit in the truck. Can also be an arrow that is too stiff.

Field Tip: Worthless bits of information offered by your buddies while on the range. Can also be a type of arrow point.

Broadhead: Guy who wears an extra large hat. Can also be a type of hunting point.

Target arrows: Any arrow that lands in or near the target.

Hunting arrows: What the traditional guys are usually doing behind the target. Can also be an arrow with a broadhead.

Broadhead wrench: A small plastic tool used to attach sharpened broadheads to an arrow shaft; usually covered in bloody fingerprints.

String serving: A nylon or monofilament thread that is wrapped around the bowstring at the nocking point to protect the bowstring from wear.

Yeeeeeow!: Exclamation from previously bearded shooter who didn't realize his serving had begun to unwind, or from someone who used to have an un-bloodied broadhead wrench.

String Silencer: Big gob of beard hair tangled in a loose string serving.

Archer's paradox: Whether to tell your wife about the new bow before or after you inform her that you don't have the money for her anniversary present.

Over Bowed: Trying to shoot a bow that is too heavy.

Quiver: What an over bowed guy does. Can also be a device for transporting arrows.

Arrow rest: Area under the leaves behind a target.

Twisted Limb: A bow that has been ruined by not using a bow stringer may have a twisted limb. Can also describe the drawing arm of an over bowed shooter.

Forward of center: Term used to describe the center of gravity of a finished arrow. Can also refer to the mid-section of most male shooters on the range.

Didn't keep score: Couldn't hit a bull in the butt at ten feet.

Shot pretty good: Hit a couple of the targets while someone was watching.

Target 5 was set great! The only twelve I had for entire course was on target 5.

I've shot better: Yeah, once about twenty years ago.

It's a great bow! : I don't need it anymore, would you please buy it?

I grew up shooting traditional bows: I can't hit a bull in the butt at ten feet with a traditional bow so I traded it for a compound. 🏹

2010 VBA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP



**SEPTEMBER
4 & 5, 2010**

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2010 VBA STATE CLOSED
hosted by AUGUSTA ARCHERS

VBA Membership is REQUIRED
to shoot in this tournament.

Bring your VBA card

to record scores.

REGISTRATION TIMES

REGISTRATION FEES

Friday: 6:00-8:00pm

\$20 per Archer

Saturday: 7:00-8:00am

\$40 per Family

Pre-registration is encouraged to save time Saturday morning so please send in your form or call Dennis Wilfong at 540-849-8351 to register

We'll shoot 28 Field the first day and 14 Hunter/14 Animal the second day

Must shoot both days to receive awards

Shoot starts both days at 9:00 a.m.

With Opening Ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday

Swap Meet

At 4:00 p.m. on September 4th tables will be set up in the club house for individuals to bring their bits and pieces of archery supplies and equipment for sale or trade. This is a great way to clean out your workshop and find what you need. *No Charge.*

Call Holly at 540-539-2686 for more information.

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Gender: MALE FEMALE

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

Class: AA A B C

TRAIL CAMERA PHOTO CONTEST

This issue of the magazine introduces a new feature based on a contest sponsored by two loyal supporters of the VBA. This exciting initiative is an opportunity for VBA members to not only participate in a contest but also to see the results of their scouting efforts appear in *FLIGHT*.

Bob (Bink) Yager is a co-owner of Misty Graphics, LLC and the contest is his idea. He and his wife Carolyn (also a co-owner), are the individuals who do the entire layout work for *FLIGHT* magazine. Dave Proctor is the Owner of the Quiver Shop in Keezletown, VA and member of the VBA's Order of the Golden Feather. These individuals have combined to create a contest for the magazine's readers that will be exciting and enjoyable.

The contest centers on trail camera photos. Any photos taken in 2010 are eligible. They must be submitted by email to mistygraphics@hughes.net by Jan. 7, 2011. There is no limit to the number of submissions but they must be in .jpg or other format that can be used in Photoshop. As many of the photos as possible will be published in the winter edition of *FLIGHT*. The winners will be announced at the VBA banquet in March 2011. Prizes will also be awarded at the banquet and the winning photos will be published in *FLIGHT*'s spring edition in April 2011. The winners will be selected based on the subject, composition and clarity (resolution) of the image.

Each submission must include:

Name of submitter

Location of photo (country, state, county)

Date and time of photo

Submitter's e-mail address

First prize is a dozen Gold Tip Expedition Hunters arrows with Blazer vanes, second prize is ½ dozen of the same arrows and third place prize is Wildlife Research Scent Killer.

It should go without saying, but here it is anyway – the contest is open only to current VBA members. Thus to enter, you must be a VBA member in 2010 and 2011.

All questions about the contest should be directed to Bink Yager or Dave Proctor.

All photos should be sent to Bink at mistygraphics@hughes.net or Misty Graphics, P. O. Box 37, Mt. Crawford, VA 22841 by January 7, 2011. ❗



Thank You!



Augusta Archers would like to thank all the VBA members who came out and participated in the R-100 on May 22nd & 23rd and supported our club. It was great to see so many members from across the state.

We would also like to give a heartfelt thank you to our officers and members who worked so hard before, during, and after the R-100. This event was a huge success and an amazing experience that would not have happened without the dedication and support of our members.

Special thanks to our 3-D Captains - Jake Leonard & Hunter Biggs who did a fantastic job from start to finish and set a great course.

Oaks and Wildlife

Gary W. Norman
Forest Game Bird Project Leader
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

Any way you pronounce it...A-corns or A-kerns, -----oak fruits are vitally important to many wildlife species in Virginia. With the loss of the American chestnut during the first half of the 20th Century, acorns became a critical part of the diets of more than 100 species of birds and mammals in Virginia. For hunters, acorn production has a key influence on the ecology and hunting of game species including deer, turkey, bear, and squirrels.

As a game biologist, each fall I am frequently asked the question “did the acorns hit this year”? Fortunately, the Department closely monitors acorn production every year (see the figure of yearly mast production in Virginia). This information helps us predict and evaluate the harvest of game species. The answer is always difficult because acorn production varies widely among different oak species, different regions, elevations, and direction of the slope.

Within larger regions, local variation in acorn production also results from differences in local weather conditions. Weather conditions that negatively impact acorn flowering and acorn production are April freeze events and July precipitation. Other environmental factors come into play, but knowing the spring weather conditions is a critical first step in predicting acorn production.

The fruiting characteristics of the white oak group compared to red oaks complicate the acorn production equation even more. White oaks produce fruit in the same year they flower. Red oak acorn production is based on flowering that occurred during the spring 1½ years earlier. Thus, white oak trees can produce acorns every year while individual red oak trees produce acorns every other year. So weather conditions in any given year can impact acorn production in that year (for white oaks) and even the next year (for red oaks).

Across the landscape, acorns are produced someplace every year. When both white oak and red oak acorns “hit” during the same year, the result is a “bumper” crop. However, bumper crops across large regions are relatively uncommon.

Variability of mast crops within regions also varies between the different oak types. Typically, red oak acorn production is more similar across larger areas than white oak acorn production. This characteristic leads to the “spotty” nature of white oak acorn yields.

So why are oaks so important to wildlife species? Many wildlife species have reproductive rates that depend on good mast crops. This relationship has been documented in white-tailed deer, black bear, squirrel, and grouse for example. In years with poor acorn crops, the movements and home ranges of most wildlife species increase and/or change as wildlife look for alternative food sources. Generally, white oak acorns are preferred by most wildlife species and are the first to be consumed. From a technical standpoint, white oak acorns are easier to digest and provide more energy than red oaks. Red oak acorns are not as digestible because they have more tannins. However, mixed diets of both red and white oak acorns provide important sources of energy to most wildlife.

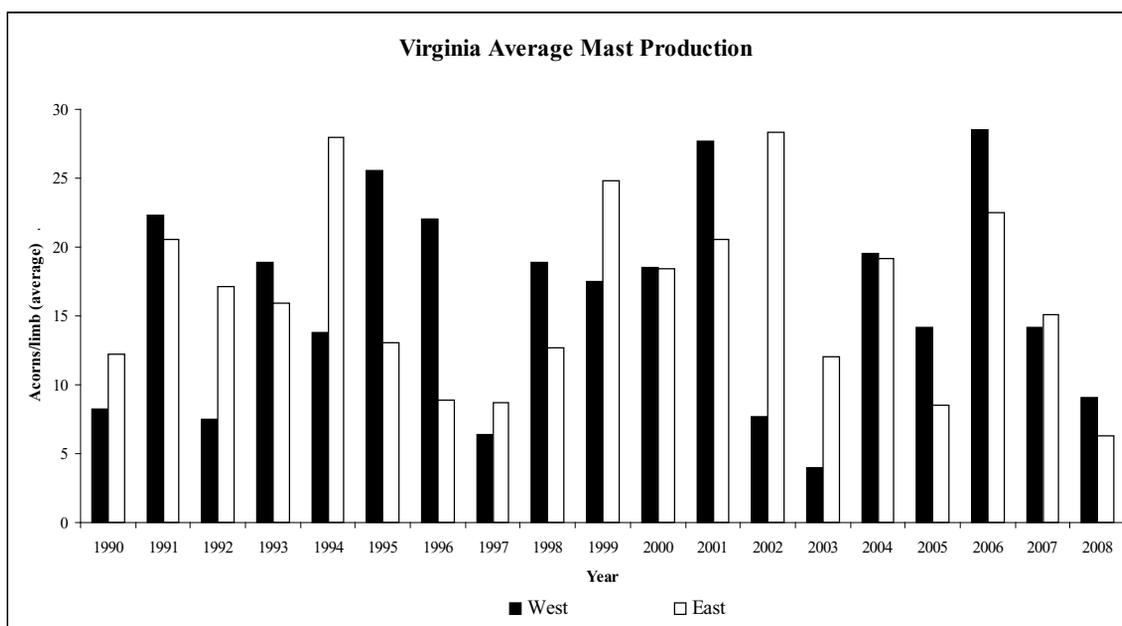
In general, research suggests that good acorn conditions result in white-tailed deer that are in better condition,

have higher reproductive rates, breed earlier, and have larger antler size. But acorn impacts vary depending on deer densities and habitat quality. White-tailed deer home ranges typically do not increase during years of low acorn crops, but home ranges may shift locations (especially by does) in response to spotty white oak production.

Acorns are also very important to black bears. In addition to their importance as a high-energy food prior to winter denning, the abundance of acorns plays a role in the timing of den entrance. During years of acorn failures, bears tend to den earlier. Bears presumably conserve energy by entering their dens earlier when acorns are not available. When acorn crops are available later in the winter, bears take advantage of the continued food source to build more body fat and be in better condition when they eventually enter their winter dens. Cub production can also be severely decreased following very bad mast years. Because female bears can only produce cubs every other year, the females that lose their cubs after a bad mast year will breed again the next year. This produces synchrony in female breeding as a majority of bears produce cubs in the same year. These resulting good “cub” years are a product of breeding synchrony brought about by a former mast failure. Oak trees also provide important denning sites in for bears in Virginia. Old hollow oaks are used by the majority of bears in Virginia as great denning sites for shelter and protection from predators.

Harvest rates of wild turkeys are directly related to the abundance of acorn crops. While the harvest rates of juvenile birds tends to be stable regardless of acorn abundance, the percentage of adult females harvested increases with mast failures. Wild turkeys do have smaller home ranges when there are abundant acorn crops. Interestingly, wild turkeys show no preference for the different oak species. Because they lack a sense of smell, they typically select acorns based on their size and color. Turkeys are hard enough to kill with their keen eyesight and quick responses; can you imagine how difficult it would be to hunt them if they could smell as well as a deer?

I have picked a few game species that are impacted by oaks. However, acorns play an important role in the ecology of many, if not most, wildlife species in Virginia. While the impacts of acorn production vary among species and are not always consistent across regions, oak mast conditions can have significant influences on species condition, reproduction, home ranges, and harvest rates. For hunters, scouting for their preferred game should include a close evaluation of acorn crops. 🌰



VBA Spring 3D Classic

hosted by Augusta Archers



The Spring 3D Classic Overall Winners



VBA Spring 3D Classic 2010

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
SC	Holly Wilfong	AFBHFS	204	1	245	6	449	7
2nd	Gina Nadzam	AFBHFS	210	5	199	1	409	6
3rd	Tami Willard	AFBHFS	179	1	149	1	328	2
SC	Mindy Rexrode	AFFS	272	15	266	9	538	24
2nd	Tammy Ralston	AFFS	232	6	233	6	465	12
SC	Cay McManus	AFTRAD	185	2	168	0	353	2
2nd	Theresa Dowling	AFTRAD	117	1	92	0	209	1
3rd	Tammy Mullins	AFTRAD	99	0	109	1	208	1
SC	Chris Willard	AMBB	239	6	245	5	484	11
SC	Jerme Dean	AMBHFS	258	7	270	12	528	19
2nd	Mitch Stonesifur	AMBHFS	266	9	254	7	520	16
3rd	Vance Cave	AMBHFS	266	11	253	7	519	18
	Vance Stallard	AMBHFS	258	7	260	10	518	17
	Davy Alger	AMBHFS	244	9	246	8	490	17
	Jimmy Halstead	AMBHFS	255	11	234	5	489	16
	Joseph Heavner	AMBHFS	233	5	245	4	478	9
	Paul Vogel	AMBHFS	247	8	229	4	476	12
	Shannon Nesselrodt	AMBHFS	250	6	222	2	472	8
	Seth Armstrong	AMBHFS	219	7	249	8	468	15
	Chris Costello	AMBHFS	251	8	215	4	466	12
	Thomas Badillo	AMBHFS	238	6	228	3	466	9
	Ray Miller	AMBHFS	245	6	220	5	465	11
	David Long	AMBHFS	219	6	243	8	462	14
	Trent Link	AMBHFS	223	4	231	6	454	10
Second Flight								
1st	Eric Higgins	AMBHFS	226	1	227	4	453	5
2nd	Chris Carper	AMBHFS	211	3	231	6	442	9
3rd	Corey Spiker	AMBHFS	221	4	219	3	440	7
	Kirby Arbogast	AMBHFS	231	8	204	2	435	10
	Wade Colton	AMBHFS	221	3	207	5	428	8
	Phil Lam	AMBHFS	198	2	228	3	426	5
	John Marvec	AMBHFS	211	5	214	3	425	8
	Mike Kline	AMBHFS	213	5	214	3	425	8
	Roy Meditz II	AMBHFS	176	1	171	1	347	2
	Matt Kline	AMBHFS	223	5	0	0	223	5
	Mark Bell	0	0	0	181	0	181	0

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
SC	Randy Hoover	AMBHFS/L	205	2	214	2	419	4
SC	Randy Hoover	AMFS	270	12	284	18	554	30
2nd	Kurtis Russell	AMFS	280	16	268	13	548	29
3rd	Charlie Wright	AMFS	261	11	272	14	533	25
	Billy Ticho	AMFS	261	10	266	11	527	21
	Tommy Jenkins	AMFS	264	9	260	11	524	20
	Tim Branhan	AMFS	265	11	258	12	523	23
	Terry Rose	AMFS	268	9	254	9	522	18
	Joseph Hurt	AMFS	263	13	255	10	518	23
	Joe Truslow	AMFS	256	10	258	10	524	20
	Ronnie Ralston	AMFS	528	7	256	11	514	18
	Jake Leonard	AMFS	258	9	256	7	514	16
	Ben Stallard	AMFS	254	6	252	6	506	12
	RC Campbell	AMFS	238	6	244	11	482	17
	Steven Croy	AMFS	251	9	224	3	475	12
	Ellis Fauber	AMFS	226	5	235	6	461	11
Second Flight								
1st	Joe Corbin	AMFS	234	5	224	3	458	8
2nd	Patrick Cooper	AMFS	236	6	212	6	448	12
3rd	Mark Cardwell	AMFS	198	3	216	5	414	8
	Allen Painter	AMFS	266	10	0	0	266	10
	Hunter Biggs	AMFS	254	3	0	0	231	3
	Jamie Painter	AMFS	231	3	0	0	231	3
	Michael Heavner	AMFS	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Paul Vogel	AMTRAD	246	10	254	9	500	19
2nd	Michael Light	AMTRAD	210	1	213	1	423	2
3rd	Dennis Wilfong	AMTRAD	195	3	210	2	405	5
	Sam Leonard	AMTRAD	200	5	190	1	390	6
	James Ruley	AMTRAD	199	2	184	2	383	4
	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	175	1	19	10	366	1
	Obula Reddy Indela	AMTRAD	179	1	181	1	360	2
	Kevin Oshea	AMTRAD	199	3	158	1	357	4
	Joe McManus	AMTRAD	161	1	167	1	328	2
	John Boyd	AMTRAD	153	1	152	2	305	3
	Jeff McManus	AMTRAD	124	1	131	1	255	2
	Scott Sutton	AMTRAD	105	0	92	0	197	0
SC	Nichole Willard	CFBB	10	0	10	0	20	0
SC	Dalton Jenkins	CMBHFS	196	3	233	0	429	3

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Total	
			Score	Xs	Score	Xs	Score	Xs
2nd	Austin Arbogast	CMBHFS	204	0	199	3	403	3
3rd	Justic Allen	CMBHFS	143	1	148	1	291	2
	Steven Marved	CMBHFS	148	0	142	1	290	1
SC	Carolyn Willard	PWFBB	59	0	86	0	145	0
SC	Caitlin Willard	PWFBHFS/F	60	0	123	2	183	2*
SC	Ethan Mullins	PWMTRAD	102	0	153	1	255	1*
SC	Roy Meditz	SMBHFS	218	3	233	3	451	6
SC	Dallas Hoover	SMBHFS/L	211	4	205	3	416	7*
SC	Danny Alger	SMFS	255	7	237	4	492	11*
2nd	Fred Switzer	SMFS	221	4	205	3	426	7
3rd	Tommy Wilhelm	SMFS	208	3	193	4	401	7
SC	Terry Coghill	SMTRAD	194	2	187	1	381	3*
2nd	Terry Richard	SMTRAD	189	3	157	0	346	3
3rd	Alton Smith	SMTRAD	163	0	182	3	345	3
	Olin Bare	SMTRAD	180	1	163	0	343	1
SC	Brandon Houff	YAMFS	268	11	262	8	530	19
2nd	Will Fauber	YAMFS	238	6	243	5	481	11
3rd	Matthew Heavner	YAMFS	190	2	204	5	394	7
	Hunter Heavner	YAMFS	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Corey Mullins	YFBHFS	162	0	171	1	333	1
SC	Hunter Carper	YMBHFS	228	4	233	6	461	10
2nd	Andrew Croy	YMBHFS	153	1	181	3	334	4
3rd	Dylan Sutton	YMBHFS	190	3	141	1	331	4
SC	Jake Dean	YMFS	253	9	255	8	508	17
2nd	Chase Fauber	YMFS	220	3	254	12	474	15

VBA State Spring 3-D Classic Records 1995 to 2010

Style	Name	Year	1st Day	2nd Day	Aggregate
AMFS/R	Allen Painter	2009	280	288	568
AFFS/R	Karen Eppard	2005	282	282	564
AMFS/F	Bruce Biscoe	1996	259	248	507
AFFS/F	Darlene Frye	1995			384
AMBHFS/R	Ronald Layman	2007	276	274	550
AFBHFS/R	Kay Core	2007	245	249	494
AMBHFS/F	John Hull	1996	247	252	499
AFBHFS/F	Laura Burris	1997	221	198	419
AMBB/BH	Chris Willard	2005	264	250	514
AFBB/BH	Katy Carlson	2004	159	150	315
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2008	241	266	507
AFTRAD	Robin Vogel	2003	209	238	447
YAMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2009	276	282	558
YAFFS/R	Lindsay Lavenhar	2004	260	258	518
YAMFS/F	Patrick Vogel	2003	201	191	392
YAMBHFS/R	Josh Lohr	2005	266	266	532
YAMBHFS/F	Nathan Keller	1996	224	289	413
YAFBHFS/F	Kimberly Dobbins	2004	139	121	260
YMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2008	272	280	552
YFFS/R	Lauren Norris	2001	174	140	314
YMFS/F	Brent Stone	2002	135	143	278
YFFS/F	Sarah Lavenhar	2006	100	144	244
YMBHFS/R	Jesse Settle	2006	224	238	462
YFBHFS/R	Allison Sowers	2004	177	194	371
YMBHFS/F	Stephen Koch, Jr.	2001	231	220	451
YMBHFS/R	Michael Humphries	2008	252	253	505
YMBB/BH	Joshua Snow	2003	205	224	427
YFBB/BH	Charlotte Ernst	2003	129	128	257
YMTRAD	Patrick Vogel	2001	105	119	224
YFTRAD	Charlotte Ernst	2005	129	110	239
CMFS/R	Mark Gallimore	2003	276	250	526
CFFS/R	Brianna Branson	2007	256	246	502
CMFS/F	Justin Ernst	2003	216	241	457
CFFS/F	Jessica Nicole Cash	2005	185	174	359
CMBHFS/R	Landon Nester	2005	225	213	438
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	192	207	399
CMBHFS/F	Hunter Davis	2007	255	258	513
CMBB/BH	Alex Ernst	2003	126	175	301
CFBB/BH	Megan Musser	2008	95	43	138
CMTRAD	Justin Ernst	1999	161	156	317
PWMFS/F	Cody Moore	2000			257
PWMBHFS/R	Ethan Mullins	2009	222	237	459
PWMBHFS/F	Zachary Hurt	2009	147	149	296
PWFBHFS/F	Caitlin Willard	2010	60	123	183
PWMBB/BH	Steven Carlson	2003	207	212	419
PWFBB/BH	Nichole Willard	2008	105	101	206
PWMTRAD	Joe Blackwell	2006	131	124	255
	Ethan Mullins	2010	102	153	255
SMFS/R	Danny Alger	2010	255	237	492
SMBHFS/R	Billy Burkholder	2009	222	241	463
SMBHFS/F	Dallas Hoover	2010	211	205	416
SMTRAD	Terry Coghill	2010	194	187	381

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Survival

By: Keith Martin
Sherwood Archers

The warm liquid running over my eyes is oddly comforting. The mauling has all but stopped as the bear tries to crush my skull in his powerful jaws. His breath smells like carrion and copper. I have lost the will to fight; death is eminent— and overdue.

The bear stops chewing my head and begins to lick it, much like my dog licks my hand in order to get every last morsel of chicken grease. His tongue feels smooth and rubbery as he works from side to side, back to front. My eyes clench tighter as I feel his tongue on my forehead. I hold my breath waiting for the crushing blows that will end my life.

Instead, I sense that the bear has looked away. He is listening to something in the distance, something inaudible to me. He stands up, woofs, then bounds over me and is gone.

The contents of my pack are strewn about the clearing as evidence of the attack. My bow is near to hand, arrows hanging askew from the quiver. I remember thrusting it at his face to fend him off. The arrows must have been dislodged when he batted it from my hand.

The dispute had been over a dead deer. A bad shot resulted in a long guilt-ridden morning, often on hands and knees to work out the trail. I can see her white belly stained red just across the clearing. The bear found her first and laid claim. I was the interloper.

Emily's due in a week. I wanted to get one last hunt in before the baby came and kept me close. We wouldn't allow the doctor to tell us if we had boy or a girl, now I may never know.

I want to call her, to tell her how much I love her but my cell phone died hours ago. Trailing the wounded deer has brought me over the mountain and into unfamiliar territory. I don't know where I am and my friends won't know where to find me. I am far from help, far from where I told them I would be — not so far from dying.

My torn scalp flops around like a loose hat whenever I turn my head. It's bloody but of no immediate concern. The real problem is my right leg. The thigh muscle has been ripped open and is hinged on a flap of skin. I can see my femoral artery pulsing like a diesel engine at idle beside the blue white bone. A millimeter more and this would already be over.

Emily is not going to raise our child alone. I'm not going to die on this mountain, not today.

I can just reach my half empty pack with the tip of my bow and fish it towards me.

The effort is exhausting, but I take stock of what I have to work with. A small first aid kit with band aids and ointment, fifty feet of parachute cord, a little brass compass and mirror, some trail mix, a plastic bag with a whistle, lighter and fire starter inside, a folding limb saw, knife and a grunt call.

I can see my jacket and water bottle on the other side of the clearing along with a clean rag that I use for wiping my hands, and my camouflaged hat.

It's up to me, what do I do now?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Yes, indeed, what does he do now? Send your solution to me at burpeed@verizon.net or use my mail address on page two of this magazine. Format does not matter. You can use complete sentences and thoughts, bullet comments or any other format that works for you. The only restriction is that you are limited to 100 words or less. Selected solutions will be published in the next issue of *FLIGHT* so when you respond I need your name and VBA club affiliation. This is a new initiative for *FLIGHT* so please participate. Future "situations" may focus on issues such as safety, ethics, equipment or other topics suggested by readers. Let's hear from YOU.)

THE VBA STATE OPEN

HOSTED BY SHERWOOD ARCHERS



The VBA State Open Overall Winners



VBA State Open 2009

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	Cay McManus	AFBB	AA	465	14	517	10	982	24
SC	Jessica Tomlin	AFFS	AA	464	12	511	15	975	27
2nd	Athy Weller	AFFS	AA	428	5	407	4	835	9
SC	John Boyd	AMBH	AA	449	0	470	0	929	0
2nd	Joe McManus	AMBH	AA	360	0	395	0	755	0
3rd	Jeffery McManus	AMBH	AA	345	0	384	0	729	0
SC	Dean Carroll	AMBHFS	AA	527	32	544	26	1071	58
2nd	Jeff Stevers	AMBHFS	AA	521	32	549	24	1070	56
3rd	Michael Hodges	AMBHFS	AA	512	38	548	20	1060	58
	Vance Cave	AMBHFS	AA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mitch Stonesifer	AMBHFS	AA	0	0	0	0	0	0
1st	Walter Mellott	AMBHFS	B	468	23	510	7	978	30
2nd	Craig Torres	AMBHFS	B	423	10	481	7	904	17
3rd	Ellis Mellott	AMBHFS	B	433	10	448	0	881	10
SC	Brad Baker Jr.	AMFS	AA	547	64	560	32	1107	96
2nd	Allen Painter	AMFS	AA	546	59	555	21	1101	80
3rd	Russell Ogden	AMFS	AA	541	54	552	23	1093	77
	Robert Kenley	AMFS	AA	528	46	556	22	1084	68
	Terry Ballowe	AMFS	AA	530	47	540	18	1070	65
1st	Robert Fitzgerald	AMFS	A	520	36	547	18	1067	54
2nd	David Greer	AMFS	A	517	22	530	12	1047	34
1st	John Campbell	AMFS	B	500	34	520	11	1020	45
2nd	Jeff Bell	AMFS	B	463	5	498	6	961	11
SC	Michael Light	AMTRAD	AA	404	5	447	2	851	7
2nd	Allen Spangler	AMTRAD	AA	332	4	395	3	727	7
1st	Carl Mullins	AMTRAD	B	296	5	381	2	677	7
SC	Logan Weller	CMFS/F	B	490	25	515	10	1005	35*
SC	Sebastian Torres	CMTRAD	B	329	2	359	1	688	3*
2nd	Benjamin Torres	CMTRAD	B	120	1	128	1	248	2
SC	Alexis Campbell	PWFTRAD	B	97	0	90	0	187	0*
SC	Ethan Mullins	PWMTRAD	B	298	2	307	1	605	3

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	Mary Wenzel	SFFS	B	478	12	499	3	977	15
SC	Dennis Cline	SMBB	B	469	17	510	6	979	23
SC	Bill Hurley	SMBHFS	B	527	31	549	18	1076	49*
2nd	Webb Babcock	SMBHFS	B	521	32	542	12	1063	44
3rd	Lloyd Overfelt	SMBHFS	B	494	18	540	21	1034	39
	Harry Kibler	SMBHFS	B	495	24	533	16	1028	40
SC	Danny Alger	SMFS	B	530	48	548	22	1078	70
2nd	Jarrett Frame	SMFS	B	515	35	545	14	1060	49
3rd	Fred Switzer	SMFS	B	507	28	538	13	1045	41
	Barry Wolfe	SMFS	B	500	22	531	13	1031	35
	Tommy Wilhelm	SMFS	B	416	8	456	4	872	12
	Charlie Sheppard	SMFS	B	398	7	466	1	864	8
	Larry Hill	SMFS	B	inc	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Jerry Wenzel	SMFS/F	B	450	11	507	5	957	16
SC	Darryl Payne	SMFS/F	B	189	2	289	1	478	3
SC	Caleb Hodges	YAMBHFS	AA	462	20	532	10	994	30
SC	Cory Mullins	YFBHFS	A	349	9	432	5	781	14
SC	Nicolas Torres	YMBHFS	AA	359	4	392	0	751	4
SC	Lucas Kenley	YMFS	AA	550	59	564	21	1114	80*

* New State Record



State Open Records 1976 to 2010

1996 = 5/3 targets at Open only

1976 & earlier = 5/3 targets

**Records are posted with 28 Field, ½ Hunter & ½ Animal
until format changes**

(if no animal scores are posted, then Hunter is ½ Hunter & ½ Animal)

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
AMFS/R	Michaels Campbell	2007	549/60	564/27		1113/87
AFFS/R	Ginger Hamlin	2007	531/56	556/24		1087/80
AMFS/F	Steve Overfelt	1994				1054
AFFS/F	Debi Barker	1990	510	254	278	1042
AMBHFS/R	Tim Ewers	2007	555/72	565/33		1120/105
AFBHFS/R	Stacy Pruitt	2005	517/35	542/20		1059/55
AMBHFS/F	Jim Herin	2004	512/25	541/11		1053/36
AFBHFS/F	Irene Stocksdale	1995				940
AMBB	Bradley Marshall	1992	495	245	278	1018
AFBB	Cay McManus	2007	476/16	524/12	280	1000/28
AMBH	Howard Faris	1997	482/20	526/8		1008
AFBH	Cay McManus	1982	438			888
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2005	468/12	471/9		939/21
AFTRAD	Debra Jordan	2006	247	303		550
YAMFS/R	Jacob Hinkle	2003	531	267	280	1078
YAFFS/R	April Chamberlain	1993	509	506		1015
YAMFS/F	Stacy Knighten	1989	473	509		982
YAFFS/F	Kellie Fisher	1992	242	143	238	623
YAMBHFS/R	Nathan Kline	2004	516/32	540		1056
YAFBHFS/R	n/a					
YAMBHFS/F	Chris Willard	1992	432	233	272	937
YAFBHFS/F	n/a					
YAMBB	Daran Eastridge	1983				825
YAFBB	n/a					
YAMBH	Kendal Hall	1997	360/3	420/1		780
YAFBH	n/a					
YMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2010	550/59	564/21		1114/80
YFFS/R	Jessica McGee	1992	494	266	280	1040
YMFS/F	Keith Faris	1982				995
YFFS/F	Lori Dodson	1990	393	216	238	847
YMBHFS/R	Travis Gormley	2002	432	500		932
YFBHFS/R	Denya Pecora	1994				797
YMBHFS/F	Nick Willard	1992	420	213	238	871
YFBHFS/F	n/a					
YMBB	Victor Riggleman, Jr	1987	364	466		830
YFBB	Sara Lavenhar	2005	368/2	433/5		801/7

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
YMTRAD	Kristofer Black	2008	215/1	260/1		475/2
YFTRAD	n/a					
CMFS/R	Steven Lowe, Jr	1994				1103
CFFS/R	Amy Withers	1989	538	546		1084
CMFS/F	Logan Weller	2010	490/25	515/10		1005/35
CFFS/F	Jessica Cash	2006	458/0	445/6		903/6
CMBHFS/R	Forrest Belcher	1990	510	260	280	1050
CFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2008	473/16	480/3		953/19
CMBHFS/F	Hunter Davis	2007	541/53	536/25		1077/78
CFBHFS/F	Denya Pecora	1992	452	233	276	961
CMBB	Keith Thompson	1977	469	474		943
CFBB	Hope Wymer	2006	293/0	315/3		608/3
CMBH	n/a					
CFBH	n/a					
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2010	320/2	359/1		688/3
CFTRAD	n/a					
PWMTRAD	Benjamin Torres	2009	365/5	408/1		773/6
PWFTRAD	Alexis Cambell	2010	97/0	90/0		187/0
SMFS/R	Barry Velarde	2002	547/51	555		1102
SFFS/R	Jan Lockwood	1992				1050
SMFS/F	Richard Merkel	1997	507/28	517/8		1024
SFFS/F	Bev Hunter	1995				723
SMBHFS/R	Bill Hurley	2010	527/31	549/18		1076/49
SFBHFS/R	n/s					
SMBHFS/F	Richard Merkel	1995				981
SFBHFS/R	Jane Mabe	1992				910
SMBB	Robert Walker	1994				1027
SFBBn/a						
SMTRAD	Richard Merkel	1998	366/0	379/2		745

Dennis Wilfong, president of Augusta Archers, displays a VBA Spring Classic T-shirt. The design was created by Caleb Simmons, a 10-year-old 5th grader at North River Elementary in Mt. Solon Va. Caleb participates in many of the events held at Augusta Archers. The officers asked him to draw a picture for the VBA Spring Classic and this t-shirt is the product of that effort. The shirts were a hit and sold out. The Augusta Archers are very proud of Caleb for not only his talent but for his character as well.

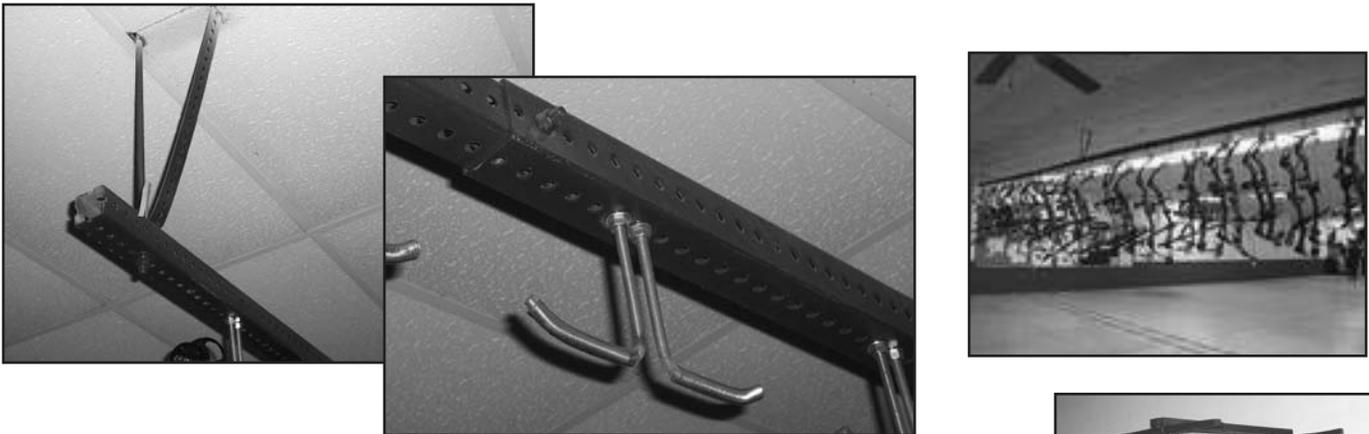


Idea Corner

Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words – or so they say – and thus this edition of Idea Corner passes along some good ideas in a visual format.

Augusta Archers has a unique way of solving a problem faced by all clubs. The problem is storage. Where, you probably ask yourself on a weekly basis, are we going to put all these bows, bow cases and coats so they won't just be in the way or looking like a mess in the corner. The ideas below may help. Many thanks to Holly Wilfong of Augusta Archers for her help with the photos and words.

BOW RACK: Need space to store bows? Consider hanging a rack from the ceiling. The rack is a steel beam like the ones used by VDOT to hold road signs. Any type of sturdy steel with holes will work. The hangers are made of 3/8 inch all-thread material with a plastic cover to protect the bows and are bent to hold the bows. The photos show construction details as well as the final product



BOW CASE RACK: After the bows are hanging from the ceiling, the question now becomes what to do with all those big clumsy-to-store-and-still-be-able-to-get-to-the-darn-things called bow cases. Augusta's idea is to store them on racks. Each rack is 41" wide x 77.5" high. The pegs are 14.5" with eight sets on each side.



COAT RACK: Before anyone can open their case, hang their bow and then store the case they have to shed and hang their coat. Most places this means a toss into a corner, draping over the back of a chair or

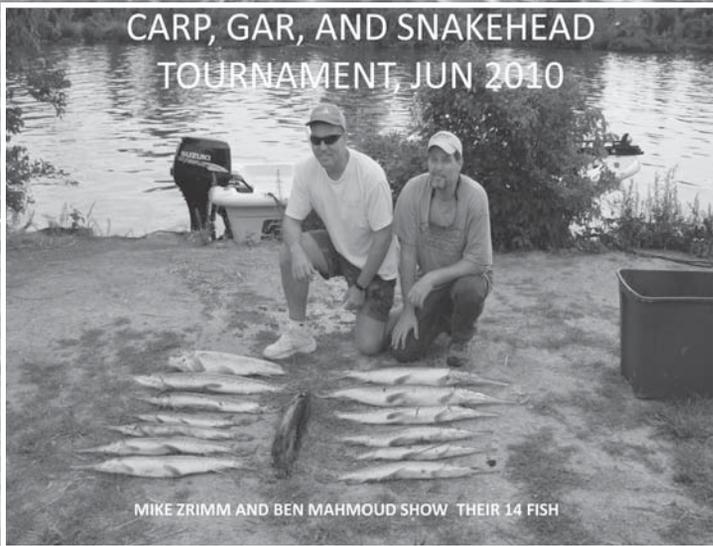
trying to put a dozen coats on the one hook provided. Augusta has built a sturdy, functional alternative that features a metal frame, strong pipe and metal hangers that won't disappear. Be sure to make the frame that holds the pipe away from the wall long enough so coats won't touch the wall!

BOW RACK FOR KIDS: Some of the kids (as well as other people who might be height challenged) can have difficulty putting their bow on a regular rack. An alternative – looking much like a hat rack -- fastened to a wall can be a great help. This version is 48" long x 7" high with seven pegs spaced 7" apart.



THE VBA TROPHY ROOM

CARP, GAR, AND SNAKEHEAD
TOURNAMENT, JUN 2010



MIKE ZRIMM AND BEN MAHMOUD SHOW THEIR 14 FISH

Fish photos are from the Belvoir Bow-
hunters Annual Carp & Gar Tournament



JAY HOYT AND CARLOS ELHORDOY
WON LONGEST FISH (44 INCHES)
AND HEAVIEST 5 FISH (90lbs)



DONOVAN TATE AND JOHN
CASTANEDA WON THE HEAVIEST
FISH (19lbs) CONTEST

OOOOOPS!

When we get it wrong, we don't mess around. We get it REALLY wrong.

This photo shows Randy Brookshire of Sherwood Archers with his 230 pound hog. An article in the last issue of *FLIGHT* about the hunt correctly identified Randy as the author, but then the editor had a brain you-know-what and said that the picture was of Greg Singleton and that hog weighed 175 pounds. Apologies to both Randy and Greg. But not to the hog! 🐖



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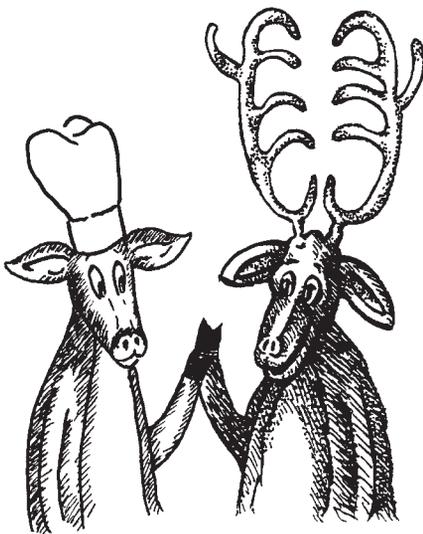
Send photos to mistygraphics@hughes.net or Misty Graphics, P.O. Box 37, Mt. Crawford, VA 22841 by January 7, 2011.

Only 2010 - 2011 VBA members are eligible to enter - Judges' decisions are final.

Winnie and Wally Recipe

Venison Mushroom Burgers

(AKA Venison Sloppy Joes)



Winnie and Wally were relaxing on the porch, having some sweet tea and reading from a pile of books loosely strewn about a small table. They came across this recipe in "Easy Recipes for Wild Game and Fish" by Ferne Holmes and decided to share it with you. ENJOY.

- 1 Tbsp. MARGARINE
- 1 lb. VENISON BURGER
- 1 can (4-oz) sliced MUSHROOMS (including juice)
- 1 can (10 3/4-oz.) CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
- 1/2 soup can WATER
- 1/2 tsp. dry MUSTARD
- 1 tsp. INSTANT BEEF BOUILLON
- 1/4 tsp. PEPPER
- 1 can (2.5-oz.) FRENCH FRIED ONION RINGS (optional)

In a skillet, melt margarine and brown burger. Add rest of ingredients, except french fried onion rings. Mix thoroughly and simmer for twenty minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve by spooning over toasted buns or toast and top with a sprinkle of French fried onion rings. Serves 4 to 6. ♪

MANAHOAC BOWMEN AND THE VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO THE

2010 FALL 3-D CLASSIC (Unmarked Distance) August 14th & 15th

- This is a two-day event and you must shoot both days
- Shotgun start 9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. Saturday; 9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. (if necessary) Sunday
- VBA rules apply
- 25 targets each day, unmarked distance
- Breakfast and lunch available both days

Registration Times

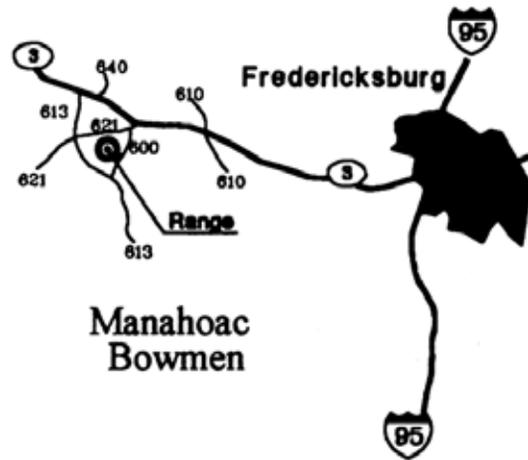
Friday night: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

For additional information

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John Gamble: (540) 972-3379

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Pre-registration form (must be received by Wednesday, August 11)

VBA 3-D Classic Registration

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

All Archers Welcome. Must shoot both days.
Fees: \$20 per person \$40 max per family

Mail to:
Jarrett Frame
123 Ferry Road
Fredericksburg, VA
22405

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Club: _____

The Flight system will be used to determine classes.

Circle those that apply:

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

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

Round Preference: Sat: Morning Afternoon Sun: to be determined after Saturday's round

Dutch and Mertie Trophy Shoot



TWO RIVERS ARCHERY CLUB

FRONT ROYAL, VA

August 29, 2010

**Entry Fee \$10.00, Shoots begin at 8:00 a.m., VBA Pin Shoot Rules
Field and Hunter Rounds
*All Are Welcome.***

Contact Info:

We Provide:

Breakfast (\$5.00):

***Bacon or Sausage, Eggs
Gravy, Biscuits
Juice & Coffee***

Lunch:

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Contact Shannon Nesselrodt 540-271-2228 or email snesselrodt@robertshomemedical.com
for information

30th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE
and KIDS DAY
August 28th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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After you harvest an animal is not the time to try to determine if you can bring the meat back and how you are going to transport the cape. You need to know in advance if you can export the animal's meat/hide from your location and import it into the United States and if so what forms are required – from both countries. Also, have a plan on what you want to do with the cape. Do you want a foreign taxidermist to mount it and ship it to you or do you want to have it done near your home? If foreign, what will it cost to prepare and ship (be prepared for sticker shock!). If local to your home, talk with your taxidermist and find out how he wants it shipped – e.g. with you in a cooler, prepared with salt, kept cold with dry ice, sent via UPS, etc.? The answers will impact your pocketbook and influence the quality of the mount.

After you have done this basic research – and much more – there is only one thing left to do. ENJOY THE TRIP secure in the knowledge that your preparation will have done everything possible to make the excursion a success.

I hope you can be at the Fall 3D Classic and the State Closed where there will be good fun, good friends and good shooting! 🎯



VBA Archery Tournament

to benefit

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

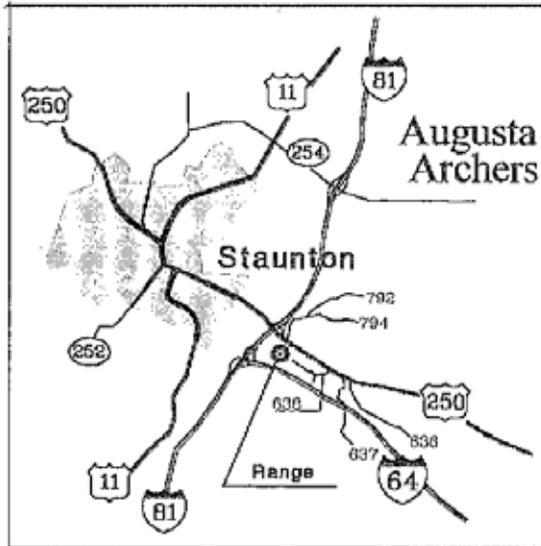
Augusta Archers and Sherwood Archers
July 10TH and 11TH
Rain or Shine – Both days

Archers can shoot 3-D, a short Field round or both. There will also be games, novelties and an auction at each location.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is one of the world's premier centers for the research and treatment of pediatric cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases. Since it opened in 1962, overall survival rates for childhood cancers have increased from less than 20% to 80%. St. Jude is pushing to reach 90% in the next decade. You can help by participating in this tournament.

All donations, pledges and shoot fees, after expenses, will go to benefit St. Jude. Donations are tax deductible and donors will receive a receipt.

**For Information contact Jerry Wenzel, 540-854-0245
or go to the VBA website: www.vbarchers.com**



6 Archery Lane
 Staunton, VA 24401
 540-849-8351
www.augustaarcherssite.com

Suggested shoot donation \$5.00 per round.
Multiple registrations encouraged.

Saturday, July 10

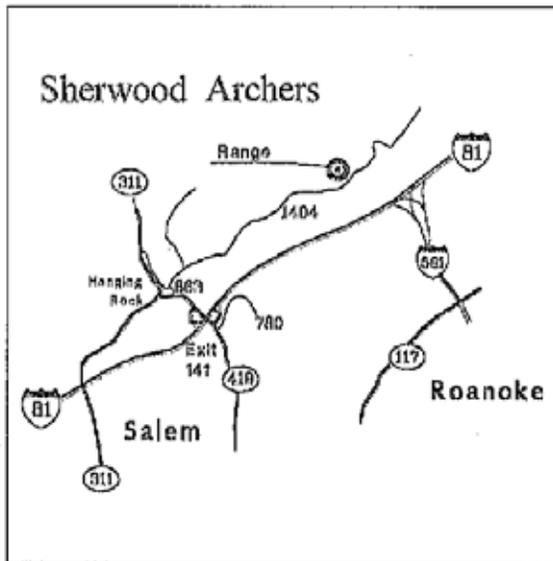
Registration: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cards in by 5:00 pm

Raffle & Door Prizes at 5:30 pm

Sunday, July 11

Registration: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Cards in by 3:00 pm

Auction & Door Prizes at 3:30 pm



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Range finders legal.

Each registration card is an entry for raffles and door prizes. The more you shoot the more chances to win.

Must be present to win.

Save the dates and plan to be there.

2010 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

September 18 (Scheduling Session) and 19 (Meeting)

State Tournaments

Fall 3D Classic: August 14 - 15
Manahoac Bowmen

State Closed: September 4 - 5
Augusta Archers

VBA Charity Shoot
St. Jude Charity Event: July 10-11
Augusta Archers
Sherwood Archers

Agenda Items

The following agenda items were voted on at the June 2010 meeting:

Add the following to the end of the Bylaws, Section 3, Para C: "The VBA Executive Committee has the authority to waive this requirement if they determine there are extenuating circumstances and such waiver would be in the best interest of the VBA." **RESULT: TABLED. WILL BE REWRITTEN AND RESUBMITTED.**

Add the Pee Wee Division to the State Indoor so they can be eligible for the Triple Crown award. **RESULT: PASSED**

Equipment, with the exception of Freestyle, may be checked and inspected at the five VBA State Championships when registered or before a round is started. (NOTE: This would not apply to Club shoots on the VBA card.) **RESULT: PASSED**

The following agenda items will be voted on at the September 2010 meeting:

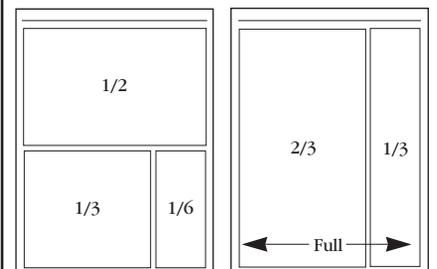
Reinstate the 65 and older Master Seniors Class with no breakdown on classes but a breakdown on styles. Effective, January 1, 2011. Justification: The number of archers entering the Senior Class has increased over the past several years and archers 65+ are having trouble effectively competing against much younger seniors. By reinstating the Master Seniors Class, they can look forward to peer competition and we may retain them as motivated, competitive archers.



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in the woods!**