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The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be December 5, 2008. Please submit articles of interest to the editor prior to that date. Send us your letters, stories or photos. This is your newsletter and we encourage your contributions!

The Archers of 2028

By Craig Torres, Cub Run Archers

Youth members of the Virginia Bowhunters Association number 211, the highest in 13 years.

This is a great achievement for all the VBA coaches and volunteers who have invested the time needed to teach those young hands how to pull a bowstring. Congratulations. You know who you are.

It is worth thinking about what's driving the growth and how to sustain it.

I asked the clubs at a recent VBA meeting about their experiences. The answers varied. Some cited classes, others pointed to broadly advertized tournaments and money shoots for kids, and still others focused on getting mom out on the range. If mom gets out, there is nobody to stay home with, so the kids have to come.

Still, my sense is the clubs could be riding a larger trend. People are trying to reconnect with the outdoors.

Recently, I read a provocative book called "Last Child in the Woods" by Richard Louv (Algonquin Books, 2005). The San Diego-based journalist exhaustively chronicles the demise of kids' day-to-day nature contact. There are many culprits: organized sports, the de-naturing of communities through development, and the replacement of wild spaces with parks. Louv also places some of the blame on parents who have become overly protective of their kids as news stories have created the perception that the outdoors and the next yard over are dangerous places.

Three Frontiers

Louv divides America's experience with nature into three big waves over our nation's history. The first wave began with Lewis and Clark and the sense that America was an expansive, unlimited resource.

The second begins with President Theodore Roosevelt and the conservation and outdoor movements that followed, such as the formation of national parks, scouting, and, I might add, the birth of VBA. These were boom times for hunting, fishing, and archery in America, a time when Ben Pearson and Fred Bear sold thousands of bows.

In so many ways, VBA is living off the legacy of this second wave, and that is a good thing. The challenge ahead is to re-tune for the period we are in now.

Louv says the current wave we are in is characterized by several disturbing trends. First, he notes that people are increasingly separated from the food they eat. Second, people now experience nature mostly through digital or electronic media. This leads to an abstract, less physical and more intellectual understanding of nature.

It boils down to this: the link between food and killing has been broken in a way that is unnatural and unhealthy in our society.

Louv concludes that modern society acts like it understands nature. But most people want nature on their terms: sanitized, safe, removed from bugs, blood, and death. (As I have said here before, any hunter stands on higher moral ground than the grocery store meat eater given the conditions of most slaughter houses.)

I was surprised that Louv spent such little time discussing hunting and fishing as possible solutions to what he calls "nature deficit disorder."

Both sports re-establish the link between food and the wild, and give direct experience with nature as it is, not as Disney or some other media outlet would like it to be.

All of this brings me back to a point about membership growth. The future of bowhunting may not be about "preserving traditions," a phrase I hear a lot in the hunting world. If Louv is right, it might be more about getting other people to join our tradition.

People have a renewed desire to eat locally, preserve habitat, and to see and experience nature up close. I am convinced of this because the signs are everywhere. Just ask the beef or egg seller at the local farmers market how his or her business is going.

States and hunting organizations are going to have to think differently about how to build the pro-hunting constituency, if Louv is right.

New members of VBA or new alliances on preserving habitat and hunting may come from people or kids who have had no exposure to hunting, or who don't even have the means to start.

The new youth members of VBA in 2028 may come from families that would never imagine keeping a bow or arrow in their house. And yet, the desire to be outside, to get back

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From the Hunting Vice-President

by Dave Burpee

In with the new.....

The target archery season has closed and that brings the fact that autumn is in the air with hunting just around the corner. Also high on the list of facts is the reality that we have nine new International Bowhunter Education Program instructors in the state. They have received their instruction and are on the right path to obtain a VDGIF instructor number. Eight are from northern Virginia; one is from Blackwater. Our thanks to them and to the Master Instructors -- Bob Seltzer, John Stockman and John Peeler -- for giving up a weekend towards this vital program. Another IBEP instructor class can be conducted elsewhere in the state. If you want a class, let me know. Some details: there must be at least 10 persons for the class; each must have already completed an IBEP student course (no other student course is acceptable); each must be a current VBA member; each must complete a VDGIF form that will initiate a nation-wide criminal background check; each must become a VDGIF Hunter Safety Instructor by attending a two-day course; each must teach at least one IBEP/Hunters Safety class; and, each must be on-call to help teach IBEP in their VDGIF Region. The advantage of these requirements is that at the end of the day Virginia has the best-qualified and best-motivated instructors possible. Again, thanks to our new instructors and we encourage more to take up the challenge as have many before you.

Out with the old.....

It is not too early to let you know that next summer there will be a big turnover in VBA officers. Most of the officers have multiple years of service and it is now time for them to step aside and let new blood take the organization to greater heights. I often hear the refrain that the VBA Executive Committee runs the VBA. Nothing could be further from the truth -- the Clubs and their designated representatives at the quarterly VBA meetings run the VBA because none of the VBA officers have a vote. That said, the VBA officers do provide leadership in positions that help make the volunteer organization strong. At this writing, it is certain that Dave Proctor will take a few years off from the VBA Executive Committee to concentrate on his club activities. Clinton Western has provided long and faithful service and will not run for reelection. Dave Burpee has had multiple stints as Publicity Director, Hunting Committee Chairman and Hunting Vice President and will step aside. Kevin Reedy has expressed an interest in not running for reelection as President (we are hoping to entice him to run for another office, but that is not certain). Each election cycle (every two years), the VBA asks people to step into leadership positions and each time the same familiar faces show up because no one else tosses their hat in the ring. For proof, look back through the past few years of FLIGHT magazines and check the officer names. This year, the Clubs need to give serious consideration regarding who they want to nominate for VBA Officers because there will be many vacancies. Frankly, I think this is a good thing. The departing officers have provided loyal service but the openings give an opportunity to infuse new ideas and new enthusiasm. The oldies but goodies are not disappearing off the face of the earth and will still be VBA members who can be consulted as desired, but new leadership will bring their own ideas and directions. A thorough knowledge of the VBA would be nice, but the most important attributes for a new officer would be a willingness to serve and a desire to see the VBA succeed. There are many paths to success. The leaders of the past have a good track record, but just as "change" is an issue in the Presidential election, so too is change an important opportunity for the VBA. So, start thinking about how YOU can help the VBA by running for one of the offices that will be vacated. I'm confident the VBA can produce a great slate of officers; we have so much talent in our membership. The talented folks just need to realize that their time is now. Consider the opportunities and put your hat in the ring.

Have a Safe and Successful Hunting Season!

The VBA 3D Fall Classic

hosted by Kingsboro Bowmen



VBA Fall 3D Classic 2008

| Rank | Name | Style | Day 1 Score | Day 2 Score | Total Score |
|------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| SC | Cay McManus | AFTRAD | 167 | 195 | 362 |
| SC | Chris Willard | AMBB | 225 | 240 | 465 |
| SC | Tami Willard | AFBHFS/R | 134 | 189 | 323 |
| SC | R. Vance Stallard | AMBHFS/R | 224 | 249 | 473 |
| 2nd | Billy Callis | AMBHFS/R | 213 | 226 | 439 |
| 3rd | Shawn Bennett | AMBHFS/R | 229 | 205 | 434 |
| | Joseph Heavner | AMBHFS/R | 193 | 193 | 386 |
| | Tom Badillo | AMBHFS/R | 213 | 162 | 375 |
| | Robert Sirles | AMBHFS/R | 167 | 199 | 366 |
| | Trey Sledge | AMBHFS/R | 171 | 172 | 343 |
| | Tom Crawford | AMBHFS/R | 163 | 171 | 334 |
| | Craig Torres | AMBHFS/R | 147 | 144 | 291 |
| | Terry Tichy | AMBHFS/R | 140 | 0 | 140 |
| | Leroy Eaves | AMBHFS/R | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SC | David Mott | AMFS/R | 237 | 260 | 497 |
| 2nd | Joe Pitt | AMFS/R | 240 | 254 | 494 |
| 3rd | Joe Bailey | AMFS/R | 233 | 229 | 462 |
| | Joey Truslow | AMFS/R | 236 | 224 | 460 |
| | Burley Miller | AMFS/R | 211 | 239 | 450 |
| | James West | AMFS/R | 176 | 159 | 335 |
| SC | Paul Vogel* | AMTRAD | 247 | 256 | 503 |
| 2nd | Mike Fee | AMTRAD | 206 | 209 | 415 |
| 3rd | Michael Light | AMTRAD | 210 | 192 | 402 |
| | Allen Kline | AMTRAD | 195 | 199 | 394 |
| | Carl Mullins | AMTRAD | 196 | 170 | 366 |
| | Joe McManus | AMTRAD | 180 | 184 | 364 |
| SC | Cory Lynn Mullins | CFBHFS/R | 156 | 165 | 321 |
| SC | Sebastian Torres | CMTRAD | 103 | 74 | 177 |
| 2nd | Nicholas Torres | CMTRAD | 80 | 79 | 159 |
| SC | Nichole Willard* | PWFBB | 85 | 142 | 227 |
| SC | Ben Torres* | PWMTRAD | 192 | 202 | 394 |
| 2nd | Ethan Mullins | PWMTRAD | 115 | 182 | 297 |
| SC | Travis Dillon* | YAMBHFS/R | 195 | 233 | 428 |
| SC | Brandon West | YMBHFS/R | 204 | 259 | 463 |
| SC | Hunter Heavner | YMFS/R | 265 | 264 | 529 |

Note: * = Archers with New State Records

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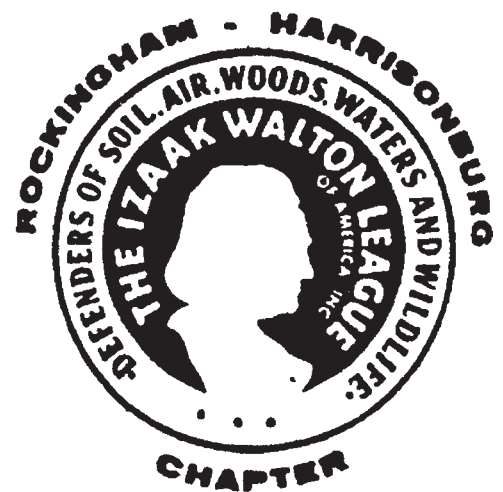
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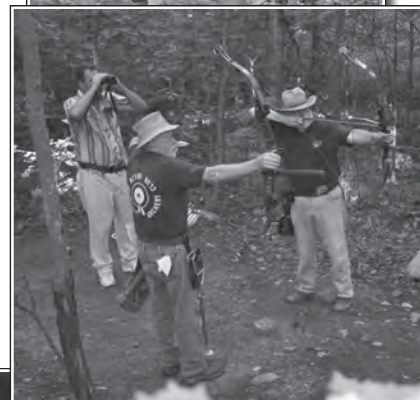
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VBA State Closed 2008

| Rank | Name | Style | Class | Field Round | | Animal/Hunter Round | | Totals | |
|------|------------------|----------|-------|-------------|-----|---------------------|-----|--------|-----|
| | | | | Score | X's | Score | X's | Score | X's |
| SC | Cay McManus | AFBB | AA | 481 | 23 | 515 | 0 | 996 | 23 |
| SC | Ginger Hamlin | AFFS | AA | 518 | 30 | 548 | 22 | 1066 | 52 |
| 1st | Bertha Brugh | AFFS | A | 476 | 19 | 513 | 6 | 989 | 25 |
| 2nd | Auvray Shumate | AFFS | A | 462 | 16 | 503 | 5 | 965 | 21 |
| 3rd | Kimberly Dobbins | AFFS | A | 457 | 12 | 490 | 6 | 947 | 18 |
| SC | Rick Stark | AMBB | AA | 510 | 30 | 535 | 0 | 1045 | 30 |
| 2nd | Mike Brown | AMBB | AA | 435 | 7 | 497 | 4 | 932 | 11 |
| SC | Howard Farris | AMBH | AA | 453 | 0 | 483 | 0 | 936 | 0 |
| 2nd | John Boyd | AMBH | AA | 413 | 0 | 477 | 0 | 890 | 0 |
| 3rd | Joe McManus | AMBH | AA | 419 | 0 | 450 | 0 | 869 | 0 |
| | Gary Maggard | AMBH | AA | 382 | 0 | 439 | 0 | 821 | 0 |
| SC | Randy Hoover | AMBHFS/F | AA | 490 | 15 | 538 | 17 | 1028 | 32 |
| SC | Tim Ewers | AMBHFS/R | AA | 539 | 60 | 559 | 29 | 1098 | 89 |
| 2nd | Robert Tyree | AMBHFS/R | AA | 542 | 56 | 556 | 24 | 1098 | 80 |
| 3rd | Mitch Stonesifer | AMBHFS/R | AA | 538 | 43 | 550 | 16 | 1088 | 59 |
| | Vance Cave | AMBHFS/R | AA | 529 | 41 | 553 | 22 | 1082 | 63 |
| | Leo Weigand | AMBHFS/R | AA | 527 | 41 | 546 | 23 | 1073 | 64 |
| | Vance Stallard | AMBHFS/R | AA | 526 | 44 | 542 | 17 | 1068 | 61 |
| | Tony Reese | AMBHFS/R | AA | 516 | 37 | 542 | 17 | 1058 | 54 |
| | Brian Benson | AMBHFS/R | AA | 511 | 29 | 546 | 17 | 1057 | 46 |
| | Arthur Sommers | AMBHFS/R | AA | 521 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 521 | 0 |
| 1st | Joseph Heavner | AMBHFS/R | A | 502 | 30 | 528 | 13 | 1030 | 43 |
| 2nd | Darrell Brooks | AMBHFS/R | A | 507 | 23 | 523 | 7 | 1030 | 30 |
| | Mark Lohr* | AMBHFS/R | A | 494 | 13 | 528 | 15 | 1022 | 28 |
| | Josh Lohr* | AMBHFS/R | A | 477 | 17 | 493 | 6 | 970 | 23 |
| | Forrest Mathias | AMBHFS/R | A | 481 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 481 | 22 |
| | Keith Maddox | AMBHFS/R | A | 476 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 476 | 18 |
| 1st | Ron Meadows | AMBHFS/R | B | 476 | 19 | 516 | 9 | 992 | 28 |
| 2nd | John Rumley | AMBHFS/R | B | 467 | 13 | 496 | 5 | 963 | 18 |
| 3rd | Justice Percell | AMBHFS/R | B | 450 | 11 | 495 | 5 | 945 | 16 |
| | Robert Dillon | AMBHFS/R | B | 446 | 11 | 477 | 3 | 923 | 14 |
| | Craig Torres | AMBHFS/R | B | 428 | 8 | 459 | 6 | 887 | 14 |
| | Mike Hand | AMBHFS/R | B | 436 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 436 | 0 |
| SC | Brad Baker, Jr | AMFS | AA | 550 | 68 | 562 | 37 | 1112 | 105 |
| 2nd | Vince Santmyer | AMFS | AA | 539 | 50 | 560 | 26 | 1099 | 76 |
| 3rd | Bill Hamlin | AMFS | AA | 537 | 64 | 559 | 33 | 1096 | 97 |
| | David Estep | AMFS | AA | 541 | 47 | 548 | 27 | 1089 | 74 |
| | Matthew Faulkner | AMFS | AA | 535 | 44 | 552 | 29 | 1087 | 73 |
| | J.T. Hunt | AMFS | AA | 531 | 41 | 550 | 25 | 1081 | 66 |
| | Russel Ogden | AMFS | AA | 537 | 50 | 542 | 22 | 1079 | 72 |
| | Terry Ballowe | AMFS | AA | 525 | 41 | 549 | 26 | 1074 | 67 |
| | Alan Chad | AMFS | AA | 531 | 35 | 541 | 21 | 1072 | 56 |
| | Robert Kenley | AMFS | AA | 528 | 45 | 542 | 20 | 1070 | 65 |
| | Doug Bradford | AMFS | AA | 525 | 35 | 541 | 17 | 1066 | 52 |
| | Jeremy Muncey | AMFS | AA | 508 | 21 | 534 | 14 | 1042 | 35 |
| 1st | Steve Moor | AMFS | A | 501 | 21 | 524 | 6 | 1025 | 27 |
| 1st | John Bryan | AMFS | B | 474 | 17 | 531 | 8 | 1005 | 25 |

| Rank | Name | Style | Class | Field Round | | Animal/Hunter Round | | Totals | |
|------|-------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-----|---------------------|-----|--------|-----|
| | | | | Score | X's | Score | X's | Score | X's |
| 2nd | Tom Colbert | AMFS | B | 435 | 12 | 550 | 7 | 985 | 19 |
| SC | Paul Vogel | AMTRAD | AA | 439 | 12 | 467 | 6 | 906 | 18 |
| 2nd | Craig Ernst | AMTRAD | AA | 231 | 4 | 365 | 2 | 596 | 6 |
| 1st | Michael Light | AMTRAD | A | 300 | 5 | 332 | 2 | 632 | 7 |
| 1st | Carl Mullins | AMTRAD | C | 240 | 2 | 307 | 1 | 547 | 3 |
| SC | Cory Mullins | CFBHFS | | 511 | 25 | 526 | 15 | 1037 | 40 |
| SC | Lucas Kenley | CMFS | | 549 | 61 | 560 | 30 | 1109 | 91 |
| SC | Sebastian Torres | CMTRAD | | 268 | 1 | 331 | 0 | 599 | 1 |
| 2nd | Benjamin Torres | CMTRAD | | 197 | 1 | 226 | 4 | 423 | 5 |
| 3rd | Ethan Mullins | CMTRAD | | 81 | 0 | 97 | 0 | 178 | 0 |
| | Dennis Cline | GUEST | | 447 | 15 | 506 | 6 | 953 | 21 |
| SC | Bill Keen | SMBB | | 465 | 12 | 498 | 0 | 963 | 12 |
| 2nd | James Sorrell | SMBB | | 406 | 7 | 480 | 6 | 886 | 13 |
| SC | Dallas Hoover | SMBHFS/F | | 456 | 10 | 493 | 7 | 949 | 17 |
| 2nd | David Dobbins | SMBHFS/R | | 432 | 13 | 494 | 3 | 926 | 16 |
| SC | Webb Babcock, Jr | SMBHFS/R | | 497 | 26 | 539 | 22 | 1036 | 48 |
| 2nd | Harry Kibler | SMBHFS/R | | 508 | 35 | 528 | 11 | 1036 | 46 |
| 3rd | Stan Parmentier | SMBHFS/R | | 498 | 30 | 533 | 12 | 1031 | 42 |
| | Don Armstrong | SMBHFS/R | | 447 | 7 | 510 | 9 | 957 | 16 |
| | James Bond | SMBHFS/R | | 461 | 16 | 490 | 8 | 951 | 24 |
| SC | Ted Lytton | SMFS/R | | 535 | 43 | 553 | 32 | 1088 | 75 |
| 2nd | Robert Baublitz | SMFS/R | | 509 | 17 | 528 | 5 | 1037 | 22 |
| 3rd | Bob Lyons | SMFS/R | | 480 | 20 | 530 | 10 | 1010 | 30 |
| | James Brugh | SMFS/R | | 478 | 17 | 527 | 14 | 1005 | 31 |
| | Hank Megee | SMFS/R | | 485 | 22 | 506 | 5 | 991 | 27 |
| | Bill Shumate | SMFS/R | | 472 | 19 | 515 | 9 | 987 | 28 |
| | Clarence Switzer | SMFS/R | | 463 | 10 | 498 | 9 | 961 | 19 |
| SC | Grant Patton | SMTRAD | | 300 | 4 | 383 | 2 | 683 | 6 |
| SC | Travis Dillon | YAMBHFS/R | AA | 524 | 28 | 542 | 17 | 1066 | 45 |
| | Ray Kimble | YAMBHFS/R | AA | 458 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 458 | 17 |
| SC | Brandon Armstrong | YAMFS | AA | 540 | 41 | 558 | 28 | 1098 | 69 |
| SC | Joseph Dawkins | YMBHFS | A | 498 | 13 | 511 | 2 | 1009 | 15 |
| SC | Hunter Heavner | YMFS | AA | 537 | 36 | 547 | 19 | 1084 | 55 |

*Note: Self-disqualification due to equipment.

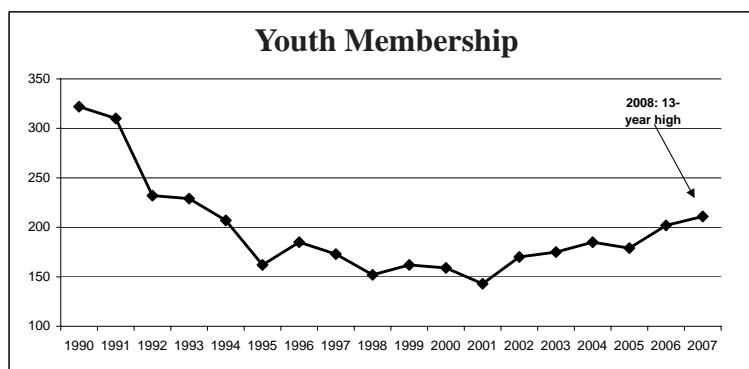
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to something ancient such as harvesting one's food or being proficient at a shooting art persists.

Many of these folks aren't going to hear about us in archery pro shops, hunting stores, or in the post-hunt chatter in the parking lot at the wildlife management area. They don't move in those circles.

They are going to look for us on the Internet, and through partnerships with states, counties, and schools, or maybe at the hunting counter at Dick's or Wal-Mart. As a friend of mine says, if we don't want them to be with us, they will be against us.

These could be the best of times for nurturing interest in hunting and archery. Are we inviting these Third Wavers in? How will they find us? Are we meeting their desire to be outside with the ancient tools of bow and arrow in hand?





APPLICATION FOR VBA GAME AWARDS

VIRGINIA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Date: _____

I, _____,
 (Print name as it appears on VBA card) (VBA Number) (Street Address)
 _____,
 (City and State) (Zip Code) hereby certify that I harvested a

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

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

Pertinent information is provided below:

Signed: _____

VBA Club Affiliation: _____ State Game taken in _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rack Score Using the Virginia System: _____

Name of Official Scorer (print): _____

(Note: Signed score sheet must accompany this application)

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

Print Name and Signature of Witness: _____

(Person who saw game after it was harvested)

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

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

2009 VBA Calendar of Events

VBA Meetings

January 10-11

March 21 (Banquet) and 22 Meeting

June 13-14

September 19-20

State Tournaments

State Indoor Sectional: Feb 28 & March 1

Belvoir Bowhunters

Augusta Archers

Sherwood Archers

Kingsboro Bowmen

Spring 3D Classic: April 18-19

Augusta Archers

State Open: May 23-24

Sherwood Archers

Fall 3D Classic: August 15-16

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State Closed: September 5-6

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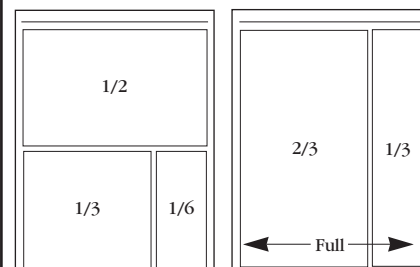
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The best quality bowhunter success photographs exhibit four essential ingredients:

- The animal
- The bowhunter
- The archery equipment used
- The natural setting

Presenting the Animal

- 1) Place the animal so that it is in the approximate center of the photo.
- 2) Position the hunter so that he or she does not steal the show.
- 3) Blood, gaping wounds and hanging tongues are offensive and totally destroy an otherwise good quality hunter-success photo. Treat your trophy animal with the respect and dignity it deserves.

Presenting the Hunter

- 1) The hunter should be posed in hunting

clothing. Como, wool, or whatever you wear when seriously hunting is appropriate.

- 2) Relax and smile!

Presenting the Archery Equipment Used

- 1) The bow should always be shown clearly, but is best shown almost casually or incidentally in the photograph.
- 2) If arrows are displayed, clean any blood from them.

Presenting the Natural Setting

- 1) The natural setting is the key ingredient that ties all the other ingredients together. The setting can make or break most photographs. A completely natural setting is the only acceptable one.
- 2) ***Hunter-success photos should NEVER be taken in garages, on driveways, in pickup truck beds or on front lawns!***