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*The deadline for the Winter issue of FLIGHT will be September 21, 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 President

I'm a believer in getting concerns out on the table, where they can be addressed. So that's where I want to start my term as your elected President.

One of the questions I hear most often is "What is the Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) doing for me?" Now that's a fair question and it certainly deserves an answer.

Let's start off with the purpose of the VBA. Article 2 of our Constitution provides the following mission statement: "The purpose of this Association shall be to foster, expand and perpetuate the use of the bow in hunting all legal game; to cooperate with conservation organizations, Game and Fish Commission, and Forestry Services in their efforts for preservation of our natural resourced and wildlife; to promote and encourage all approaches to competitive archery activities within the State of Virginia; and to generally require the highest standards of sportsman-like conduct in all phases of archery."

Since our Constitution charges the VBA to support bowhunting, let's go there first. I hope all of our members understand that a large part of what your elected Officers and club Delegates do is to represent your club (and the bowhunting community at large) on a wide variety of issues that impact, or potentially could impact, bowhunting throughout the Commonwealth. For example, during our March meeting, Jon Robertson, Chairman of the Bowhunting Committee, reported out on the March meeting of the VDGIF Board of Game and Inland Fisheries. He informed your club delegates of several key proposals under consideration. They included: 1) A proposal to separate bear license from the Big Game Stamp so hunters will have to purchase a separate license before they could harvest a bear in Virginia; 2) A proposal to make it illegal for to possess or use any material that contains feces, urine, blood, gland oil or other body fluid from a cervid (member of the deer family). In other words, not more doe in heat scents, tarsal glands, or other products made from deer; 3) A proposal to change the definition of lands managed by the VDGIF from "private" to "public" so that they will no longer be open to hunting on Sundays.

This information was given to your club Delegate so that they could inform bowhunters in your club in time for them to express their support or opposition to these and the other proposed changes to our hunting regulations in Virginia. How many of you knew or would have known this information without the VBA attending state meetings? Representatives of the VBA regularly attend meetings, write letters, and contacting the state leadership in order to make sure your voice and opinions are heard. If you are a bowhunter, you can be assured the VBA is protecting and your right to bowhunt in the Commonwealth, and sounding the alarm whenever an issue surfaces anywhere in the state that threatens this important part of our outdoor heritage!

And let's not forget that the VBA sponsored the International Bowhunters Education Program to both educate hunters and teach new instructors throughout the state years before the VDGIF decide to sponsor

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## From the Executive Vice President

I would like to start with a more than deserved thank you to Rob Pecora for the past four years as President of the VBA, he has done an excellent job as president. Most don't realize the time and effort it takes to be in the top job with all of the e-mails and phone calls that come in and with running the meetings which is not as easy as you might think, I would also want to thank him for not missing the meetings which would have meant that I would have had to step in to preside over the meetings.

Bob Foster not only had the honor of becoming a member of the Order Of The Golden Feather back in March but he has now stepped up to the plate and was elected president of the VBA and I think he will do an excellent job as president so if you don't know Bob you will find out that he is a well liked and intelligent and should be a great fit for the job of president of the VBA.

I would also like to thank all of the people behind the scenes at the shoots, the ones who get the ranges ready to shoot and the ones who have the duties of doing the registration and cooking in the kitchens. These people put in countless hours preparing for the shoots weather it is a state championship shoot, club annual or just a pin shoot. They usually forgo the opportunity to shoot their own ranges so that you can shoot the tournament, so next time at the range please just thank them for the work that they do.

Terry Ballowe

Exec. Vice president 

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this important bowhunting safety course. Your VBA continues to sponsor it today, and all VBA clubs have the opportunity to host IBEP classes for their members through the VBA's IBEP Coordinator.

What about that portion of our archery community that are strictly target shooters? What does the VBA do for you? First off, do you use the VBA Shoot Card to plan your weekend shooting? Every September the VBA hosts the club Delegates for a meeting where we work out the shooting schedule for the next year, and de-conflict any dates where two clubs in the same zone both have shoots scheduled. That allows you to attend both on different dates, instead of having to choose one over the other. And have you noticed that the shooting styles, rules and guidelines are the same at any VBA club where you shoot? That's because the VBA offers a forum where your club Delegates can discuss and approve changes so you don't find the same equipment you shot with last week puts you into a completely different shooting class the next week when you shoot at another club. Another key point – did you know that the VBA inspects the ranges of member clubs? This is done both to ensure they are laid out in a way that ensures your safety when you shoot on your club's ranges, as well as to make sure archers are not impeded by obstacles when shooting in tournaments. Then there are the State Championships – State Indoor, Spring 3-D Classic, Fall 3-D Classic, State Open and State Closed. These competitive shoots not only give you a chance to test your skills but also to recognize those archers which truly excel in their class and style. They also serve as tune ups for these same archers who compete at the National Level. All because your VBA and club Delegates make this happen!

In short, if you are connected to the sport of archery in anyway, the VBA is there for you, with ongoing programs that live up to our mission statement to promote bowhunting and archery across the Commonwealth. It ensures the sport we all love will be here for our children to enjoy just as much as we do. I don't think you can find a better value for your money!

Good Shooting!

Bob 

## From the Publicity Director



The June's VBA Quarterly meeting began with President, Rob Pecora going over the agenda items and concluded with turning the gavel over to our new President, Bob Foster. We will all miss Rob. He has done a fantastic job. His dedication and hard work as an outstanding officer, led the VBA through many changes, successful accomplishments and keeping us all in-line. Bob is a great guy and has a lot on his plate, holding two positions until he finds someone to take over the NBEF/IBEP position.

I hope that you have read the officers' articles in *FLIGHT* and digest what they are conveying to each of you.

Those Directors that are not able to attend quarterly meetings should send a representative for the benefit of your club members. The June meeting emphasis was on officers, the Tournament and Bowhunting committee reports, the 2016 VBA Scheduling dates which is held in September, the acceptance of bids from clubs for all of the State Championship tournaments, voting on the nominees for the Order of the Golden Feather, voting on any agenda items and submitting new agenda items. The highlight of the meeting was when Rob presented the 2015 VBA Conservation Scholarship to Trent Diehl. Trent and his family are members of Bowhunters of Rockingham, they are all competitive archers and bowhunters, are dedicated members to their club and all shoot in the Adult Male Freestyle Release (AMFS/R) style. Trent will be attending Penn State majoring in Forestry.

We are half-way into the archery season. With Belvoir Bowhunters and Kingsboro Bowmen hosting their Hunters for the Hungry benefit shoots, the VBA Fall Classic 3-D (unmarked) on August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> hosted by NORVA and the VBA State Closed on September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hosted by Singers Glen Bowbenders and the clubs holding their final club shoots. As you know, the VBA and its clubs need your support. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other archers, take someone that has never been to a shoot or a kid that wants to get into the sport of archery. Although many of you send articles and pictures for *FLIGHT*, I need them too for the VDGIF Outdoor Report. This is just another venue to let folks know about the VBA and what we do for archery and bowhunters.

The VBA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be here before we know it. Rob has mentioned in his *FLIGHT* articles and at the meetings that he needs your help! So, please take the time to send him a write-up of your club, its members, pictures and your club involvement with the VBA.

In Marie's report, membership for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2015 was down by 13 members over the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2014. New members for 2015 were down by 41 over the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2014. You ask 'why'? This is basically due to new members last year have renewal their membership this year.

I'm planning to help the VDGIF at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show (VOSS) that will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> at the Richmond Raceway Complex. The VDGIF folks (biologist/Hunter/IBEP instructors/CWF volunteers) will be scoring deer that are entered using the Virginia Scoring System. If you would like to learn about the scoring system and have hands-on, please contact me, so I can make appropriate arrangements.

The 2015 Police & Fireman Games will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> thru July 5<sup>th</sup>. NORVA will be hosting the Field and 3-D archery events on June 30<sup>th</sup> & July 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, go to the [www.2015Fairfax.com](http://www.2015Fairfax.com) website.

Reports from wildlife biologists and veterinarians, there is a high level of ticks, fleas and mosquitoes this year. So, be careful when outdoors, use the proper repellents and check yourself and others.

Irene Stocksdale ♫

## From the Hunting Vice President

I wish I could start by delivering all of you bowhunters some good news but I cannot. I would like to tell you the news about how the proposed regulations, I spoke of in March, had been stricken from the books but I cannot.

The DGIF has voted to remove the bear tag from your Big Game License and amended the regulation to set the amount at \$20.00 for the opportunity to hunt black bear within the State. It does not stop there though. They voted to change the Youth/Apprentice bear day in September to a Youth/Apprentice bear weekend (Saturday / Sunday) with the use of dogs on Saturday **on the weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October**. They expanded the Youth/Apprentice turkey day on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October**, to a Youth/Apprentice turkey **week-end**. The Youth Deer day the last weekend in September will now be a Youth/Apprentice weekend with the bag limit being the same as normal for the county which is being hunted. The Board also voted unanimously to ban the use of natural cervid scents (deer, elk, moose...). The following is from the DGIF Boards June 2015 meeting materials, "No person shall, for the purposes of taking or attempting to take, attracting, or scouting any wild animal in Virginia, possess or use any substance or material that contains or purports to contain any excretion collected from a cervid, including feces, urine, blood, gland oil, or other bodily fluid."

Please take the time and call, write or email your Virginia Legislature Representatives, the DGIF and DGIF Board members to voice your concerns on these items.

I hope by now you all have dusted the cobwebs off your gear and started to get it ready for the upcoming season. If you have not, then now is the time. Take the time to check your stands for worn straps, rusted screws, cracked welds and look over any owner's manuals for suggested maintenance and take care of it now. Check out your tree-stand harness for wear and make sure it is not out of date. Did you know your harness had an expiration date? Now you do. Time to get those shooting lanes trimmed and new stands established.

Also, if you have not started shooting your bow this year, guess what, it is past the time to start. Get out there and shoot some 3D shoots and support your areas archery clubs. It not only helps you out with your archery shooting, it also helps the clubs and you can make some new friends along the way too.

I leave you here with one last thing to ponder on that seems to be a recurring thing. What has the VBA done for you/me lately? My answer! Take a long look in the mirror because **you, me, we** are the VBA and we are what we make it. It is up to us all!!!

Jon Robertson  
Hunting Vice President 

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## SHOOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Tournament Committee has been working on a Shooter of the Year Award. At the January meeting we agreed on a point system which would even the playing field for all shooters.

Each archer will complete the form recording scores from all sanctioned Field, Hunter or Combination rounds. At the end of the year, an average will be calculated and a 90% handicap will be factored in. Bonus points will be added to this score: one point for each shoot on the card, two points for each State shoot (Indoor, Open and Closed). Only scores from Open and Closed will be counted, and two points for each zone archer participated in. It is the responsibility of the archer to complete the form and send it to Cay McManus with a copy of the handicap card. The top three applicants will have their score cards verified by VBA.

Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated. You may phone me at 703-975-1475 or email [jimlittlejr@verizon.net](mailto:jimlittlejr@verizon.net). You may also have your club representative bring suggestions to the March meeting. 

# AGENDA ITEMS

## Agenda Item at the 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. **Failed**, 15 Yes, 20 No, 1 Abstension.

(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. **Passed**, 34 Yes, 20 No, 1 Abstension.

## Agenda Items for September Meeting:

(1) Add to By-Laws on page 10 of 23: VBA Constitution, Article 13. Shooting Styles, Add: Section 13.8 Traditional - Non Mechanical Release.

(2) Add to rounds , Rules & Styles on page 12 of 13: VBA Rounds, Rules & Styles;

6. Shooting Styles, H. Traditional - Non Mechanical Release Aid:

1. Recurves or Longbows only.
2. Non-Mechanical release aid with bowstring hook that does not mechanically swivel to release the bowstring or release aid loop at the shot. A release aid loop is allowed. Bow slings are allowed.
3. Arrows shall be the same length, weight, diameter, and fletching without regard to color.
4. A stabilizer with a maximum 6" length is allowed.
5. Mechanical rests are allowed as long as no part of the arrow rest, arrow plate, or any device may extend more than 1/4" above the arrow with the exception of a full containment rest.
6. Nothing that can be used for sighting is allowed. No device allowed in the sight window except for the rest. No sights, clickers or levels that are visible through the sight window are allowed. No marks or blemishes on the bow face allowed.
7. Only one anchor point.
8. Center serving shall be one color.
9. Brush buttons and string silencers that are no closer to the nocking point than halfway between the nock and the bow tip and one nocking point allowed.
10. Written memoranda are allowed.
11. Traditional style for women is to shoot 30 yards maximum in all Field, Hunter and Animal rounds. On all targets 30 yards and less, the adult stakes will be used, on all targets over 30 yards the cub stakes will be used. Traditional Men to shoot a maximum of 50 yards, using youth stakes on targets over 50 yards in Field, Hunter and Animal rounds.
12. Allow clickers on traditional bows as long as the clicker does not attach to or is visible through the sight window.
13. There will be no class breakdown for this shooting style. Shooting divisions will include Male and Female. Justification: To provide a style of shooting for traditional archers who also use traditional release aids. Traditional Release aids being those that were invented and used prior to the development of modern archery equipment and have no mechanical moving parts. Effective: January 1, 2016.



## 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)

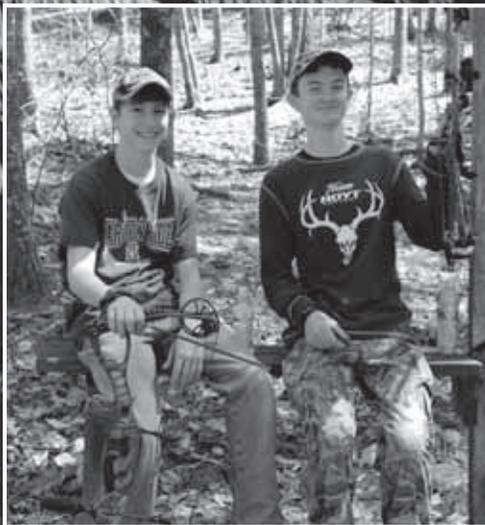
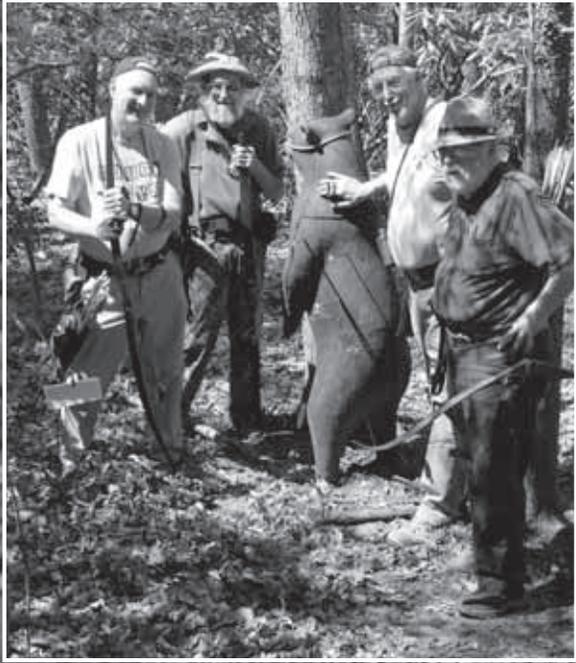
Robin Hood Pin | 500 Pin | Perfect Animal Pin

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

Note: Please make your \$5.00 check payable to "VBA".

# VBA 2015 Spring 3D Classic

hosted by New River Bowhunters



# VBA Spring 3D Classic 2015

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Best	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	11s
SC	Michael King	FBH	194	0	206	4	206	4
2nd	John King	FBH	112	0	138	0	138	0
SC	Jacob King	CUB	231	2	218	5	231	2
2nd	Gavin Arnold	CUB	178	1	182	0	182	0
3rd	Camden DeBord	CUB	141	0	130	2	141	0
	Seth Sheets	CUB	0	0	135	0	135	0
SC	Shea Sheets	YH	0	0	204	6	204	6
SC	Chris King	YMR 13-14	254	14	255	11	255	11
2nd	Jacob Burns	YMR 13-14	220	5	224	4	224	4
SC	James Bowers	YMR 15-17	0	0	241	6	241	6
SC	Eddie Hickerson	HC	254	11	0	0	254	11
2nd	Alan Lambert	HC	247	11	0	0	247	11
3rd	Justin Reeves	HC	0	0	238	6	238	6
	James Brannock	HC	0	0	234	6	234	6
	Chase Dalton	HC	0	0	229	5	229	5
	Jordon Boyles	HC	224	3	0	0	224	3
	Keith Arnold	HC	216	7	216	9	216	9
	Steve Hodge	HC	213	5	0	0	213	5
	Chris Humphrey	HC	213	4	0	0	213	4
	Jeff Downs	HC	184	1	0	0	184	1
	George Jordon INC	HC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Angela Nester	FHC	256	14	0	0	256	14
2nd	Amanda Sheets	FHC	0	0	230	6	230	6
3rd	Kristie DeBeve	FHC	228	5	0	0	228	5
	Sharon Goad	FHC	207	1	212	1	212	1
	Lesa Arnold	FHC	180	0	0	0	180	0
SC	Randy Patterson	MBO	255	11	261	13	261	13
2nd	Todd Miller	MBO	255	11	0	0	255	11
2nd	Buddy Braden (3rd on 10's)	MBO	0	0	255	11	255	11
	Tim Branham	MBO	251	11	244	7	251	11
	Joey Sechrist	MBO	248	4	0	0	248	4
	Robby Moore	MBO	247	5	0	0	247	5
	Randy Hunt	MBO	0	0	246	9	246	9
	Arron Johnson	MBO	245	8	243	10	245	8
	Jason Fowler	MBO	0	0	245	7	245	7
	Juan Benitez	MBO	244	9	233	4	244	9
	Rick Williams	MBO	241	0	220	5	241	0
	Paul Creed	MBO	211	1	230	4	230	4
	Derek Nester	MBO	226	3	0	0	226	3
	Mike Rosenbaum	MBO	223	5	206	0	223	5
	Ronnie Sheets	MBO	204	1	220	5	220	5
1st*	Gale Sheets	MBO	0	0	219	5	219	5
2nd*	Chance Burnette	MBO	216	3	0	0	216	3
3rd*	Bobby Crouse	MBO	0	0	211	6	211	6
	Brett Rogers	MBO	196	1	0	0	196	1
	Walter Allen	MBO	192	2	0	0	192	2

Rank	Name	Style	Day 1		Day 2		Best	
			Score	11s	Score	11s	Score	11s
	Keith Arnold	MBO	182	3	0	0	182	3
SC	Sheena Smith	FBO	0	0	204	3	204	3
2nd	Ronda Hunt	FBO	0	0	184	1	184	1
3rd	Brianna Hancock	FBO	183	2	0	0	183	2
SC	Denny Cline	RU	204	3	224	4	224	4
	Webb Babcock-INC	RU	-195	-2	0	0	0	0
SC	Michael Light	LB	206	2	211	3	211	3
2nd	Jeff Moore	LB	210	3	207	7	210	3
SC	Allen Spangler	TRD	183	0	183	1	183	1
2nd	John Goad	TRD	178	0	175	2	178	0
3rd	Tony Hall	TRD	176	0	173	4	176	0
	John Boyd	TRD	141	0	122	1	141	0
	Jeff McManus	TRD	127	0	0	0	127	0
SC	Robin Vogel	FTRD	206	2	228	6	228	6
2nd	Cay McManus	FTRD	193	2	216	2	216	2
3rd	Wendy Moore	FTRD	169	2	199	3	199	3
	Charlene McManus	FTRD	169	0	188	2	188	2
SC	Clarence Roten	MSR	252	10	241	6	252	10
2nd	Alan Brannock	MSR	0	0	221	3	221	3
SC	E. H. Braden	MCBH	0	0	232	6	232	6
2nd	Joan Hines	MCBH	192	1	221	4	221	4
3rd	Alan Hines	MCBH	213	7	0	0	213	7
SC	Paul Vogel	STRD	0	0	246	10	246	10
2nd	Darryl Payne	STRD	193	4	191	4	193	4
3rd	Olin Bare	STRD	189	2	188	4	189	2

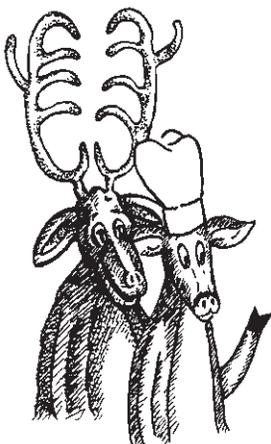




## VBA Spring 3-D Classic Records

Style	Name	Year	1st Round	2nd Round	Record Score/11's
FBH	Michael King	2015	194/0	206/4	206/4
CUB	Jacob King	2015	231/2	218/5	231/2
YH	Shea Sheets	2015	0	204/6	204/6
YHF	Ethan Mullins	2014	156	132/1	156
YMR 13-14	Chris King	2015	254/14	255/11	255/11
YMR 15-17	Kevin clayton	2014	245/5	0	245/5
FY	Kelsey Baird	2014	233/5	232/4	233/5
HC	Eddie Hickerson	2015	254/11	0	254/11
FHC	Angela Nester	2015	256/14	0	256/14
MBR	Dale Bakari	2014	0	213/4	213/4
MBO	Randy Patterson	2014	261/13	265/15	265/15
FBO	Sara Ingram	2014	207/2	207/2	207/2
MBF	Denny Baird	2014	191	174	191
RU	John Demmer	2014	231/8	243/6	243/6
LB	Grayson Partlow	2014	224/1	225/6	225/6
TRD	Paul Vogel	2014	191/4	234/7	234/7
FTRD	Robin Vogel	2015	206/6	228/6	228/6
MSR	Clarence Roten	2015	252/10	241/6	252/10
SHC	Phillip Painter	2014	0	246/4	246/4
MCBH	E. H. Braden	2015	0	232/6	232/6
STRD	Paul Vogel	2015	0	246/10	246/10

### Walley's Chicken Fried Venison Steak



1 pound boneless deer round steak,  
about ½ thick

1/3 cup milk

½ tsp salt

1/8 tsp pepper

2 TBSP vegetable oil

1 egg

1/3 cup flour

2 TBSP butter

Pound meat or run through a tenderizer until meat is ¼ inch thick, mix milk and egg together and in another bowl mix flour, salt and pepper. Dip steaks in milk mixture and then in flour mixture coating

both sides

In a skillet melt butter in oil over medium heat, add steaks and brown on both sides.

Gravy

1 ¼ cups milk

¼ tsp salt

2 TBSP flour

Dash of pepper

In a bowl mix into remaining gravy ingredients and the blend into pan drippings. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until thick and bubbly and then serve on steaks

# THE VBA STATE OPEN

HOSTED BY SHERWOOD ARCHERS



**The VBA State Open Champions**



**The VBA State Open Overall Winners**



# VBA State Open 2015

Rank	Name	Style	Class	Field Round		Animal/Hunter Round		Totals	
				Score	X's	Score	X's	Score	X's
SC	Robin Vogel	AFTRAD	AA	472	17	490	7	962	24
2nd	Cay McManus	AFTRAD	AA	461	10	463	0	924	10
3rd	Wendy Moore	AFTRAD	AA	415	10	410	3	825	13
1st	Charlene McManus	AFTRAD	A	403	1	416	1	819	2
SC	John Boyd	AMBH	AA	393	3	433	5	826	8
SC	Mitch Stonesifer	AMBHFS/R	AA	531	45	543	23	1074	68
2nd	Leo Weigand	AMBHFS/R	AA	517	34	546	14	1063	48
1st	Randy McAvoy	AMBHFS/R	A	501	26	556	15	1057	41
SC	Lucas Kenley	AMFS/R	AA	551	68	566	30	1117	98
2nd	Brad Baker	AMFS/R	AA	544	52	564	30	1108	82
3rd	Paul Soucie	AMFS/R	AA	522	29	551	20	1073	49
	Daryl McKenzie	AMFS/R	AA	517	37	548	15	1065	52
	Nathan Wolfe	AMFS/R	AA	523	33	541	15	1064	48
	Travis Montgomery	AMFS/R	AA	522	40	534	11	1056	51
	Charles Daniel	AMFS/R	AA	512	29	534	13	1046	42
	Jim Gregory-INC	AMFS/R	AA	545	51	0	0	545	51
	Darrell Lovem-INC	AMFS/R	AA	477	21	0	0	477	21
SC	Jeff Moore	AMTRAD	AA	335	2	374	0	714	2
2nd	Adam Phillips	AMTRAD	AA	317	1	379	0	696	1
3rd	Allen Spangler	AMTRAD	AA	274	3	336	0	610	3
	Jarod Chisom-INC	AMTRAD	AA	356	5	0	0	356	5
	Jeff Bell-INC	AMTRAD	AA	231	1	0	0	231	1
	Darryl Payne-INC	AMTRAD	AA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jeff MvManus-INC	AMTRAD	AA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	Harry Kiblet	SSMBHFS/R	A	494	25	523	9	1017	34
SC	C. D. Miller	SSMFS/R	AA	533	44	552	21	1085	65
2nd	Lowell Hertzler	SSMFS/R	AA	527	44	551	21	1078	65
3rd	Jarrett Frame	SSMFS/R	AA	512	32	541	15	1056	47
	Marvin Huffman	SSMFS/R	AA	481	17	522	12	1003	29
	Roy Forehand	SSMFS/R	AA	441	9	497	14	938	23
1st	Jimmy Brugh	SSMFS/R	A	477	14	510	9	987	23
SC	Jacob King	CMBHFS/R		476	21	511	7	987	28
2nd	Michael King	CMBHFS/R		375	12	482	1	857	13
SC	Denny Cline	MSMBB	AA	473	11	466	8	939	19
2nd	Howard Faris	MSMBB	AA	446	13	475	4	921	17
SC	Jerry Wenzel	MSMFS/F	AA	461	15	499	4	960	19
	Fred Switzer-INC	MSMFS/R	AA	473	16	0	0	473	16
SC	Robert Kenley	SMFS/R	AA	528	41	547	22	1076	63
	Locksley Hutchens-INC	SMFS/R	AA	547	16	0	0	547	16
SC	Michael Light	SMTRAD	AA	410	7	459	7	869	14
	Paul Vogel-INC	SMTRAD	AA	427	6	252	0	679	6
SC	Chris King	YMBHFS/R	AA	509	32	525	11	1043	43
	H. Web Babcock	GMSMTRAD	AA	377	4	403	6	780	10



## State Open Records 1977 to 2015

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)

1996 = 5/3 targets at Open only

1976 & earlier = 5/3 targets 1999 to 2001 = 28F/28H/14A; didn't use for records

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
AMFS/R	Randy Patterson	2014	553/71	277/34	292	1122/105
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
AMBB	Rick Stark	2009	489/17	531/13		1020/30
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
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	446/9	226/3	268	940/12
AMTRAD	Paul Vogel	2005	468/12	471/9		939/21
AFTRAD	Jennifer Stoner	2012	463/14	243/7	267	973/21
CMFS/R	Lucas Kenley	2009	559/98	571/47		1130/145
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
CMTRAD	Sebastian Torres	2010	320/2	359/1		688/3
MEMBHFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2013	443/7	235/12	278	956/19*
MSMBHFS/R	Harry Kibbler	2013	497/21	254/18	276	1027/39*
MSMFS/F	Jerry Wenzel	2015	461/15	230/4	269	960/19
MSMFS/R	Fred Switzer	2014	492/28	259/13	282	1033/41
MSMBB	Danny Cline	2012	474/18	230/7	277	981/25
PWMTRAD	Benjamin Torres	2009	365/5	408/1		773/6
PWFTRAD	Alexis Cambell	2011	142	65/1	168	376
SMFS/R	Locksley Hutchens	2014	548/71	274/35	289	1111/106
SFFS/R	Jan Lockwood	1992				1050
SMFS/F	Richard Merkel	1997	507/28	517/8		1024
SFFS/F	Bev Hunter	1995				723
SMBB	Robert Walker	1994				1027

Style	Name	Year	Field	Hunter - Animal		Aggre.
SMBH	Robert Baublitz	2009	404	433		837
SMBHFS/R	Ronnie Layman	2012	536/48	263/21	288	1087/69
SMBHFS/F	Jim Little	2009	474/17	525/13		999/30
SFBHFS/R	Jane Mabe	1992				910
SMTRAD	Michael Light	2014	418/8	199/2	254	871/10
SSFFS/R	Bertha Brugh	2014	464/5	238/9	282	984/14
SSMBHFS/R	Harry Kibler	2014	491/24	246/10	284	1021/34
SSMFS/R	C. D. Miller	2015	533/44	267/21	285	1085/65
SSMTRAD	Mike Hand	2014	253/2	97/2	211	561/4
YAMFS/R	Hunter Heavner	2009	538/92	561/30		1099/122
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
YAMBHFS/F	Chris Willard	1992	432	233	272	937
YAFBHS/R	Cory Mullins	2013	308/1	164/3	244	716/4*
YAMBB	Daran Eastridge	1983				825
YAMBH	Kendal Hall	1997	360/3	420/1		780
YAMTRAD	Kris Black	2009	149/1	224/1		373/2
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
YMBB	Victor Riggleman, Jr	1987	364	466		830
YFBB	Sara Lavenhar	2005	368/2	433/5		801/7
YMBHFS/R	Chris King	2015	509/32	247/11	278	1034/43
YFBHFS/R	Cory Mullins	2012	415/5	217/5	253	885/10
YMBHFS/F	Nick Willard	1992	420	213	238	871
YMTRAD	Zach Stoner	2011	241/4	131/0	118	490/4

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***Fall 3-D Classic***, Kingsboro, Manahoac, Norva, Singers Glen

# Limpy

*(Probably born May/June 2003 – died November 3, 2008)*

**P**lease read this warning. If you decide to read this article, you are about to read quite possibly the longest most disjointed deer hunting article of your life. I am not even sure it is a deer hunting article. I can get away with this because I am a friend of the editor, and I write these articles for free. Some people who read this article to the end will then swear I am “touched.” You were warned.

It is about a deer. I hunted this deer four seasons and passed him up on at least three separate occasions. I did not kill this deer.

I run with a fairly strange deer hunting crowd. We frequently assign names to deer but, no, we have never named one Bambi. The deer in this story had a name. I called him Limpy.

I have written several times in the past that naming deer is generally a bad thing. Deer Namers are not bad people, but they are not deer hunters. They name the deer that feed in their backyard Big Momma, and at least one of her fawns, Bambi. They view these animals as pets.

We are not bad people either, but we are deer hunters. We tend to only give names to antlered bucks. Our objective, after we give a deer a name, is to kill that deer. As I write this article, I wonder if the cave men who painted the hunting pictures on the cave walls in France gave names to the Woolly Mammoths they hunted. I know they did; sitting around the fire telling stories about big, old One Tusk.

There are two kinds of deer hunters, those who name deer and those who do not. I highly recommend naming deer. I often meet people who say something to the effect, “For two years I have been hunting a big buck back near the creek.” I find it much more gratifying to come back to my fellow deer hunters and say I saw Limpy, rather than to say I saw that big buck.

We do not typically name does, but only because it is hard to identify them without some unique identifying characteristic such as a notched ear. A three legged doe lived for years in the woods



*These trail camera photos were taken of Limpy at age three, at approximately 7:30 am on August 10, 2006. The scouting camera pictures were taken on an adjacent piece of property to where the author hunts. Photos courtesy of Mike Pulliam*

around my house. My daughter would not let me kill her. She never had a name, but she was easily identified. I should have called her Hop Along or Tripod. If you have ever been around deer in captivity, it is fairly easy to identify individual does. With the exception of female deer and fawns with unique characteristics, I have never been able to name antlerless deer in the wild. I wish I could. I have shot and killed more anonymous Jane Does than I can count.

For better or worse, the antlers of a male deer make it possible to name some of them. A lot of them look alike, but as they get older many will develop characteristics that make them unique. You can cheat at this, too. You could just put ear tags on deer instead of giving them names, but I like calling a deer Limpy better than I like calling a buck number BR549.

I first saw Limpy during the early muzzleloading season in November of 2005. It was first light and he was 75 to 100 yards quartering away from me on my left. I got a fairly good look at him through my binoculars. From the mass of his antlers and his body shape, I quickly

decided that he was at least 2 ½ years of age. To say that he was unique would be an understatement. His antlers grew straight up out of his head like they were trying to capture sunlight in a thicket, and they were the color of mahogany. He was surely a deer I would recognize if ever I saw him again. Interestingly enough, I did not name Limpy that day. If I had I would have called him the Black Horn Buck in honor of Archibald Rutledge’s infamous Phantom Buck of the South Carolina Lowcountry.

I made a mental note of him, but it was such a great morning of deer hunting that I did not have time to dwell on him. That morning I saw eight to 10 different antlered bucks, including Limpy. I had to disturb an above average two year old, eight point, 16-inch buck that was bedded down 30 yards below my stand in plain sight when I climbed down at mid morning, because I had to go to work. When he stood up, I apologized to him for the interruption. He just looked at me like I was crazy and walked off.

When I got back to the office, I advised my fellow deer hunters to call in



*Pictured here are Limpy's 3 ½ year old shed antlers found by the author in January 2007. Note the dark color faded because they have been left out in the weather for two years while training a dog to hunt for shed antlers. Photo by the author.*

sick or take annual leave. The pre rut was on! In describing all the bucks I had seen, I am sure I mentioned the strange two year old mahogany antlered deer.

Several weeks later, I finally got to see Limpy up close and personal. Hunting from the same stand early on a foggy morning, I looked down the hill toward the creek. There he was quartering up the hill toward me. It took about five seconds looking through the binoculars to realize I was looking at the same two year old mahogany horned buck I had seen a couple of weeks earlier. This time I got to watch him for well over a minute and would estimate that he came within 20 yards of my stand. Still he had no name, but there was no mistaking this deer. He was instantaneously recognizable.

The next year, in fall 2006, Limpy acquired his name. It was in mid November, early in the firearms deer season, and I hunted late one morning. It was after 10:30 when out of the corner of my eye, I saw a deer at about 250 yards. My binoculars identified him as the mahogany horned buck, now at least 3 ½ years of age, but this time there was a catch. He appeared to be injured and was having great difficulty walking. With the binoculars I was able to figure out that there was obviously something wrong with his back right leg. It appeared to be a very low injury associated with the foot/hooves.

I immediately put the scope on him and decided to put him out of his misery. I did not. I watched him for at least 10 minutes. Ten times I decided to kill him, and 10 times I decided not to. He covered

maybe 200 yards during this time, all the while walking parallel to me. When I finally got down out of the tree, he was still standing about 200-250 yards straight in front of me across the creek in plain sight. He never moved as I climbed down. I distinctly remember that I yelled some type of greeting to him that morning. I do not recall what it was. I am sure it was a "hope you get better" or "see you later," but he just stood there and stared at me again as if I was crazy. From that day on, this deer was named Limpy.

That day I broke one of the cardinal rules of ethical deer hunting. I had clearly identified what I thought was a wounded or injured animal, had a dozen chances to make a clean kill, and I did not do it. Looking back, I think the reason I let Limpy live that morning was because I recognized him. Had it been an unknown buck, doe, or fawn, I am sure I would have put it out of its misery.

When I got back to the office, I told all my fellow deer hunters the Limpy story. That night, for the first time, I wrote about Limpy. I wrote an email to all the other deer hunters that hunt the property, and the landowner, describing Limpy and what I had seen. I asked them if we should kill him. The answer was a resounding yes.

I was convinced that if I had another deer hunting encounter with Limpy, it would be his last. Well, less than two weeks later, our paths crossed for the fourth time. It was again late in the morning, and across the creek I saw an adult doe feeding in a little food plot. As I

watched this deer, I noticed another deer in a break in the cedars. When I looked through my binoculars, it was Limpy. I immediately repositioned my gun, got a dead rest, and put the crosshairs on him. He was dead. All I had to do was squeeze the trigger, but I waited. I wanted to see how bad his leg was. Imagine my surprise when he took a perfect step, then another and another. There is no doubt in my mind. I would have killed Limpy that day had he taken one bad step. He did not. That night by email, I took the automatic death contract off Limpy. I would not see him again for over a year, but now I had Limpy fever.

After this last encounter, I could not wait for deer season to end and the shed antler hunting season to begin. I wanted to find his sheds, and I did in mid January 2007. I found them in the same food plot where, if he had taken a bad step just a month or so earlier, he would have died. At 3 ½, he had pretty heavy mass and 11 points (9 typical and 2 nontypical points).

In all, I found about 12 sheds on the property that winter. I showed Limpy's sheds and told the Limpy story to everyone who would listen. I could not wait until the fall 2007 deer season. I even threatened to buy a trail camera to take his picture that summer. I knew where he lived, but I invested in a shed hunting Lab puppy instead.

Every deer season is a great deer season, and fall 2007 was no exception. I have never had a bad deer season. At this point I can imagine some Virginia deer hunter telling me if I hunted X number of days

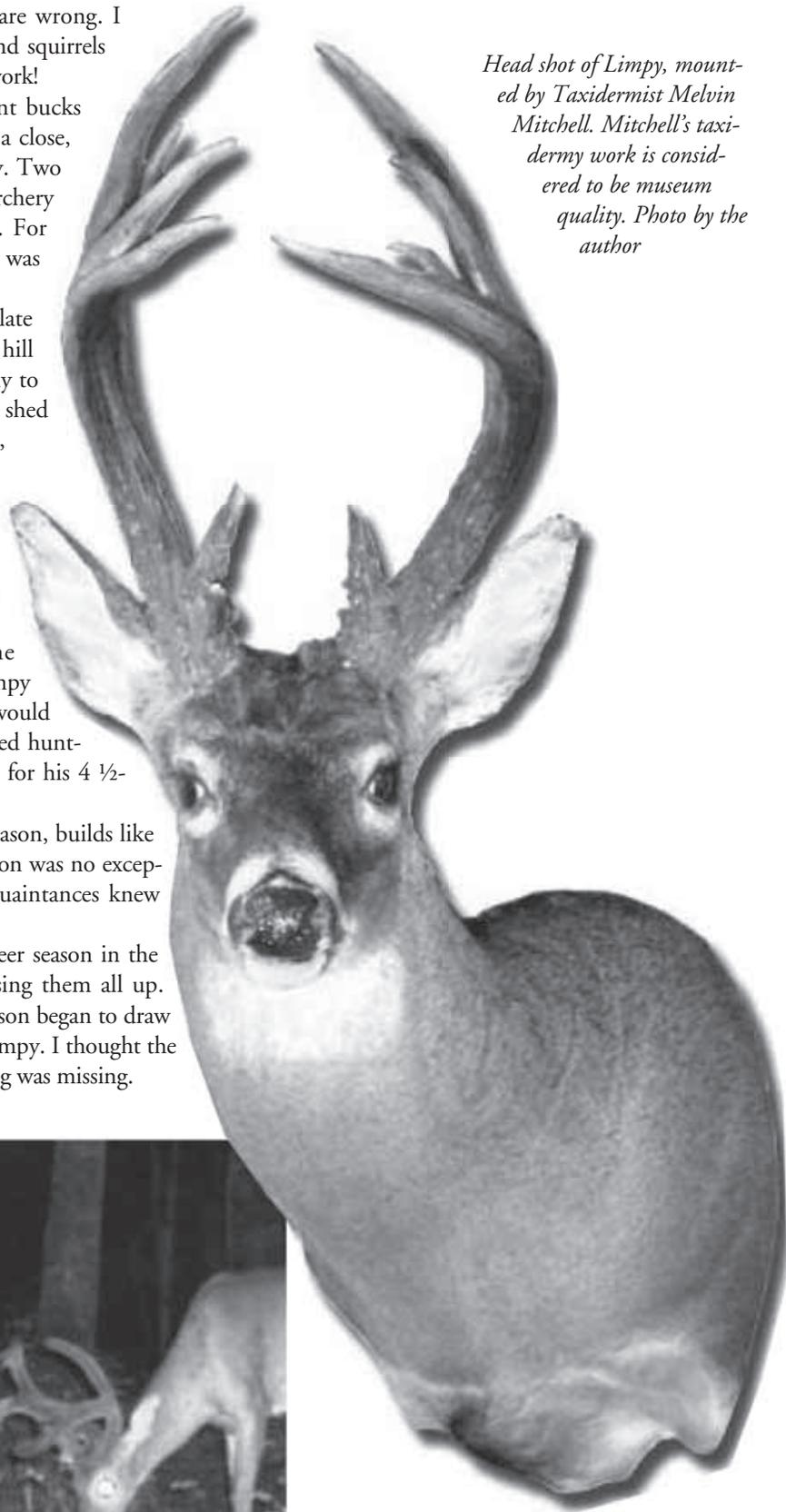
and did not see any deer I would feel differently. They are wrong. I would much rather sit in the woods watching songbirds and squirrels and think I at least had the chance to see a deer than go to work!

In fall 2007, like every year, I saw dozens of different bucks and killed a lot of Jane Does. As the deer season drew to a close, though, something was missing. I still had not seen Limpy. Two of my fellow hunting associates had seen him during the archery and muzzleloading seasons and both had passed him up. For both of them, it was their first and only Limpy sighting. I was going through Limpy withdrawal.

Then, in the last week or two of the season, in mid to late December, I saw him in mid-morning, coming down the hill 50 yards below the food plot where he had walked perfectly to save his life the previous fall. This is also where I found his shed antlers the year before. Now he was at least 4 ½ and, although he was bigger, his antlers appeared to have changed little since he was two. I could not have killed Limpy this day. He was close enough, but I would have had to shoot through tree tops, and there is no way I was going to take a questionable shot after having passed him up at least three separate times over the previous two seasons. That night I wrote all the deer hunters and the landowner and told them Limpy was still alive. Seeing Limpy was like seeing an old friend. I was nearly certain that he would survive the fall 2007 deer season. That winter, my new shed hunting puppy and I spent dozens of days in the field looking for his 4 ½-year old sheds without any luck.

Anticipation for deer season and the college football season, builds like a wave around our office each year, and the 2008 deer season was no exception. By now, many of my deer hunting friends and acquaintances knew about this buck I called Limpy.

Again, 2008 was a great deer season. Just like every deer season in the past 5 to ten years, I saw dozens of different bucks, passing them all up. Again, I killed a lot of anonymous Jane Does, but as the season began to draw to a close, something was still missing. I still had not seen Limpy. I thought the deer season would end without a Limpy sighting. Something was missing.



*Head shot of Limpy, mounted by Taxidermist Melvin Mitchell. Mitchell's taxidermy work is considered to be museum quality. Photo by the author*



*Trail camera photos of Limpy taken at age four at approximately 3 a.m. on July 1, 2007. The scouting camera pictures were taken on a piece of property adjacent to where the author hunts.*



*The author's six sightings of Limpy spanned over 4 consecutive deer hunting seasons. Pictured is the photo of Limpy and Darren Johnson that was on the refrigerator in taxidermist Melvin Mitchell's basement. Photo by Melvin Mitchell*

Toward the end of the deer season, I went over to see one of my best friends in Virginia, Melvin Mitchell. Melvin has been a taxidermist since 1948 and has mounted over 9,600 animals and birds over the years. He runs his taxidermist shop out of his house basement in Bedford County, which is only a mile or two from my office. I was visiting and talking deer with Melvin just before the holidays. Melvin Mitchell is sort of a deer hunting institution in Bedford County, and he likes to talk. Melvin has been semi-retired as a taxidermist for over a decade, but Melvin has never learned to say no, so he still takes in 10-15 deer heads each year to pay for his 50+ pounds of bird seed a day habit. Before he retired, Melvin routinely mounted over 100 deer heads annually.

Melvin and I were down in his basement talking deer when I saw Limpy for the sixth time. As Melvin was talking, I noticed the photos on his refrigerator. Every year Melvin takes a picture of each deer hunter and his or her deer and puts the color photo on his basement refrigerator. Having lived in Bedford County for

nearly 20 years, I recognized several of the hunter's faces or their names, but imagine my shock when I recognized one of the deer!

I interrupted Melvin mid-sentence and blurted out, "That deer there, where was that deer killed?" Melvin just smiled and said it was killed right next to the property where I deer hunt. I was looking at Limpy and Darren Johnson. I knew Limpy. I had never met Darren. Google Earth tells me Limpy was killed about 1000 yards from the tree where I had seen Limpy five times over the previous three deer seasons.

I proceeded to tell Melvin the whole Limpy saga. I like to talk, too. He believed me, but when I walked out to my truck and got Limpy's 3 1/2-year-old shed antlers, he couldn't believe that. They were almost a perfect match. No one could look at the sheds and the rack from the dead deer and make any other conclusion. They were from the same deer. The dead deer was Limpy.

Over the years, Limpy's antlers had gotten a little longer and had added sub-

stantial mass, but they were still two thick dark antlers that were growing straight up out of the deer's head. Melvin had pulled the entire jaw and yes, it was a perfect 5 1/2-year-old deer jaw; if there is such a thing.

Not surprisingly, my interest in Limpy was shared by other deer hunters. Within days of my visit with Melvin, I met Darren. He brought to my attention several trail camera photos of Limpy taken by another deer hunter, Mike Pulliam, on an adjacent property from summer 2006 and summer 2007 (when Limpy was 3 and 4). Mike had not put out his trail camera in summer 2008.

Although he had not given the deer a name, Mike too had identified and followed this unique deer over the years. Mike had Limpy (when he was 3-1/2) at 18 yards in 2006 on opening day of bow season, but could not take a shot, because it was before legal shooting time. Then the same year, on the opening day of muzzle-loading, he watched Limpy at 80 yards on the edge of a field running off other bucks protecting a doe in estrus. On this occasion, Mike listened as Limpy repeatedly performed a buck roar to the other bucks, telling them he was going to kick their butts. Mike says Limpy was the most aggressive buck he has ever witnessed in Virginia. As he continually roared at the other bucks, Mike told me it was so loud that he actually heard homeowners behind him call other family members out on their deck to hear it. He could actually hear them asking each other what they thought was making that very strange loud noise back in the woods. It was Limpy.

In 2007, Mike had Limpy (when he was 4-1/2) at 2 yards with a bow but could not get an ethical shot. The only shot he had was straight down, but an overhead limb was in the way. Mike had never hunted the stand, and another hunter named Darren Johnson had hung the stand. Darren is about six inches shorter than Mike, hence the limb problem. It would have been a straight down spine shot because Limpy was rubbing the very tree Mike was in! Last, and most important, Mike mentioned that Limpy provided him with some of his more enjoyable moments deer hunting in the woods. Amen!

Very early on the morning of November 3, 2008, hunting just above a creek on an adjacent property, the first deer Darren Johnson saw was Limpy,



*Limpy's shed antlers at 3 1/2 (top) versus 5 1/2 (bottom). Note the dark color of the 5 year old antlers. Photo by the author*

above and behind him at about 40 to 50 yards, moving steadily head down, evidently tracking a doe through a tangled thicket. Darren says he knew immediately that it was a mature buck, and that he was going to shoot it because of its sheer size and very heavy mass. Because the vegetation was so thick he could not get a shot. As Limpy walked behind him from his right to his left, Darren picked out a small opening at about 25 yards and bleated to stop Limpy as he entered the opening. When Limpy finally came to a stop, a horizontal limb covered his chest. Now Limpy was on guard. He took a few steps and stopped again. Darren took the only shot he would get. Limpy bolted a short way down toward the creek. There was a huge crashing sound, and Limpy was dead. Over the years, Darren had seen the trail camera photos of Limpy, but he had never actually seen the deer alive in the woods. Darren immediately got on the radio and

called Mike and told him, "I just killed your deer."

### ***Epilogue***

Several deer hunters have asked me if I am upset that Limpy is dead, or that I did not get to kill him. No, not at all. Other hunters and I had the chance to kill him several times over the years, and we did not. That was our choice. I am just glad to know how the Limpy story ended. In fact, I am very happy for Darren Johnson. In the future, when a fellow deer hunter comes into his home and sees the deer mount, I do not think he will tell them, "Oh that is just a buck I killed in fall 2008." I am pretty sure he will tell them, "That is Limpy," and then proceed to tell them the story.

If you ever meet me and want to hear this story in person, just mention Limpy and I will immediately spin a 10 minute yarn. As time goes by, I am sure I will learn

to embellish it, like all great deer hunting stories. But, please do not ever ask me what Limpy scored. Because, depending on my mood, I will probably give you a look of either disgust or pity. This story is not about "what did he score." I never pulled the trigger on this deer. I will never put a measuring tape/score on him either. Has he been scored? Yes, probably, but I couldn't care less. Regrettably, half of the people I have told this story have invariably asked at the end, "What did he score?"

I call this obsession with bucks and their score the antler religion. In my opinion, the biggest cancer growing on deer hunting today is the antler religion. The people who practice this antler religion worship the deciduous bones that grow from a deer's head. Deer hunting among practitioners of the antler religion is nothing but a contest. They think the bigger the score, the better the deer. They look at me like I am from Mars when they hear

my passion for the deer in this story and then see his picture/antlers. To them Limpy is and was a cull! When Limpy died, his outside antler spread was less than 12 inches. I look at them like they are

from Venus when they brag about their trophy buck and its big score.

I personally do not understand or comprehend the antler religion. I guess I am an antler religion agnostic. I am not

impressed with a deer's score or trophy deer hunters. If you want to impress me, tell me if your deer had a name and then tell me the deer's story. 🏹



*The Limpy story cast from left, Mike Pulliam, Darren Johnson, Limpy, Melvin Mitchell, and Matt Knox (the author). Photo by Shirley Mitchell*

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I wanted to contact you all and let you know that Massanutten Archery Club has been working on updating our social media efforts. Our blogspot site is still going to be available but is now considered archived. We are now building a new website that can be found at [www.massanuttenarchery.com](http://www.massanuttenarchery.com) and we also have a Facebook page that can be located at [www.facebook.com/massanuttenarchery](http://www.facebook.com/massanuttenarchery). I will still maintain my personal email of [viriniabowhunter@yahoo.com](mailto:viriniabowhunter@yahoo.com) and have a new one just for Massanutten Archery Club that is [ckeller@massanuttenarchery.com](mailto:ckeller@massanuttenarchery.com).

While our sites are up and running we are just beginning to build it so we invite everyone to stop by for a visit and see a list of our outdoor shoots for 2015 and enjoy the archery and bowhunting galleries that will be soon loaded with lots of memories from the past.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

I'll see you on the range or in the woods,

Clint Keller

## Subway Commonwealth Games



**3D Archery Competition - July 11-12, 2015**  
 Fee \$27.00

*30 target 3D Course, can shoot Saturday or Sunday*  
*Shotgun start at 9am*

**presented by Sherwood Archers**

**[www.CommonwealthGames.org](http://www.CommonwealthGames.org)**



**Archery FITA Competition - July 17-19, Green Hill Park**

***Bring on the Fun!***  
***GET IN THE GAMES!***

### ***Sherwood Archery Club***

*An affiliate of Virginia Bowhunters Assoc, Inc*

2720 Timberview Road, Roanoke, Va 24019

[www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com](http://www.sherwoodarchersroanokeva.com)

Contact Roy Forehand - 540-797-1351



### ***Virginia Bowhunters Associate Inc.***

<http://www.vbarchers.com>

Contact Marie Bell - VBA State Secy &  
 Treasurer 1-888-922-9536  
 or 540-343-7334

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS CLUB

HOSTING THE

## 2015 VBA STATE 3D FALL CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>

**EVENT HELD AT**

(TWO DAY EVENT)

**REGISTRATION**

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS

TIMES:

SATURDAY 7:00-8:30AM

10875 HAMPTON RD

FEES: \$20.00 PER ARCHER

FAIRFAX STATION, VA 22039

\$50.00 PER FAMILY

(IT'S ON THE LEFT ABOUT 300 YDS AFTER TURNING OFF HAMPTON ROAD) [WWW.NORTHERNVIRGINIAARCHERS.ORG](http://WWW.NORTHERNVIRGINIAARCHERS.ORG)

**MUST SHOOT BOTH DAYS FOR AWARDS**

MAKE CHECKS TO **NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS**

MAIL TO: KEVIN BROWN (NORVA), 6041 BONNIE BERN CT, BURKE, VA 22015

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR VBA STATE 3D FALL CLASSIC**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

ONE PER ARCHER AND MUST BE POST MARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2015

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ VBA # \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION:** (CIRCLE ONE) SILVER SENIOR 70+, MASTER SENIOR 60-69, SENIOR 50-59 / ADULT / YOUNG ADULT / YOUTH / CUB / PEEWEE

**SEX:** MALE / FEMALE

**STYLE:**



# BELVOIR BOWHUNTERS

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunters for the Hungry 3D Fundraising Shoot



### Saturday, August 22, 2015

Northern Virginia Archers Range  
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Fountainhead Regional Park  
10875 Hampton Rd,  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039



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# 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\_\_\_

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3 Day Semi-guided Hunt \$ 1,275  
4 Day Semi-guided Hunt \$ 1,650  
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hogs per day, lodging and guide.  
Season is year-round, but we limit  
our season to January 4th to March  
15th due to the hunting being more  
productive during this time.



## Spring Turkey Hunts

2 Day 1-on-1 Guided Hunt \$ 850  
3 Day 1-on-1 Guided Hunt \$ 1,200

Prices include meals and lodging  
State bag limits apply: 2 Toms per  
day, 5 per season  
Better than 95% success rate year  
after year



# 2015 VBA Calendar of Events

## VBA Meetings

September 19 Scheduling Meeting

September 20 Meeting

## Tournaments 2015

Fall 3-D classic August 15 - 16

State Closed September 5 - 6



## Conservation Scholarship

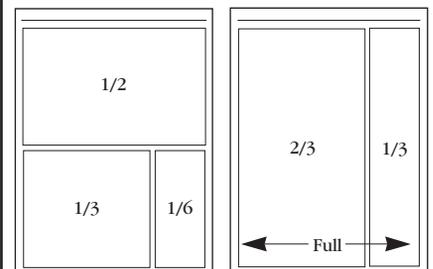
Just a reminder that the VBA has a \$500.00 Conservation Scholarship Available each year [providing funds are available]. Written request for the scholarship must be submitted to the VBA President by March 1st for approval by the directors. VBA members and their immediate family members are eligible.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



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## Change of Address?

If you have had a change of address and are not receiving your *Flight* newsletter, please fill in the following information and send to

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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.