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THE TBV NEWSLETTER

Winter is upon us, and only those who hunt in Fairfax county can still hope to harvest a doe. Our Winter Banquet takes place on Saturday, February 10th at the Blue Ridge Firehall in Clarke County. Plan on attending and take your chances at drawing the grand prize: \$300 toward a new bow. Also, plan on coming out to the many shoots around the region and join other traditional shooters.



Three Feathers to the Wind

TBV President John Sessler

At the age of 5, for a Christmas present, I received one of those cheap bows that come with the suction cup arrows. That spring when my dad went out to target shoot I ran to get my bow, and from then on when my dad shot, I had my bow. When that bow broke (it wasn't long), it was a big disappointment to me. So my dad took me to a local hunting and fishing store to get my first "real" bow, a fiberglass kid's bow that my older son now shoots.

I continued shooting with dad, and while he enjoyed shooting the bow he did not hunt, and so my interest in hunting remained dormant. Then in the early 80's, my mom purchased a cabin next to the George Washington National Forest, and I realized that I could walk across the street and go hunting. At that time I was shooting a 55# Bear Grizzly recurve, and when the season opened in early October I started hunting. I hunted nearly every weekend during the season, and on New Years Eve I took a shot just before dark. The blood trail was very good at first, but before long petered out to nothing, and so in the dark I retreated back to the cabin.

A few friends had gathered for the New Year's celebration. It was bitter cold that night, in the single digits or low teens. We kept the cabin warm with a roaring fire in the wood stove until the New Year arrived and then some. It was a late start, but in the morning I was back on the trail with three helpers, including a couple, Rob and Sue. It was a long and slow trail, but near the end of the day we found my first deer, a nice doe. Rob thought the whole deal was pretty neat, and so the next year he bought a recurve and took up

A few years later Rob and Sue had moved to Washington State, and I decided to visit and give mule deer a try. When I arrived, Rob mentioned a nearby archery shop that he thought I'd enjoy. Off we went. It was all traditional and included a

hunting too.

museum with many mounts and racks of old bows, arrows, and broadheads. As I looked in wonder, an older gentleman approached. He introduced himself as Glen St. Charles (at the time I had no idea of who he was). He showed me around the museum and then took me into a back room to show me even more bows. Eventually we just sat, and I listened while he told stories of the past, mostly of hunts and of making bows and tackle. It was inspiring, all the bows and the stories. By the time I left, I had decided to build a bow. So my hobby of bow making began.

Then, on a trip back East, Rob

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President's Corner

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gave me a copy of Traditional Bowhunter Magazine. It was the second issue. After reading it, I subscribed and read it regularly. One day, I noticed a new entry in the list of traditional clubs, the Traditional Bowhunters of Virginia. Bob Seltzer was the point of contact and I gave him a call. I joined the club to share the company of others with a common interest in traditional archery and bowhunting. Since then, I've attended many of the club's shoots and events. One event I was unable to attend however, was last fall's annual pumpkin shoot. During that shoot I received a call from Russ Hatchl and Bob. They informed me that I had been elected the next president of the club.

I hope this provides some introduction to my interest in traditional archery and how it came to be. With two young sons (ages 1 and 6), I have less free time these days, but will do my best to put forward the interests of our club. I welcome all thoughts and ideas, just give me a call or send an email. Finally, I'd like to say thanks to John Gresham for his many years of service as our president, and to all the other officers of the TBV, past and present, for making the club what it is.

Vice President

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only put one brown on the ground. However, all is not lost: I am signed up to go hog and javelina hunting with the Wensel brothers the last week of February. It will be a first for me, so wish me luck. I have already started getting ready, beginning with a new hunting back quiver. Of course, I had to dress it up with a little crenellation action on the top to give it that medieval look. I also gave a medieval archery demo at a Celtic festival this fall. Not a big gathering, but people are always amazed at what you can do with a bow. I am not sure what else I can make, but I will be at the Baltimore Bowmen's archery event this spring.

Hope to see everyone soon: Loose well and strike center.

Vice

President's Report

PETE DARBY

This will be the first column as Vice-President. I want to thank those that voted me in and hope I can fulfill their expectations. We are in a difficult spot with regards to trying to make a growing, viable club. We all live very busy lives with few times we can get together. Some live to hunt and they use longbows and recurves. Some live to shoot longbows and recurves and they like to hunt with them. Some enjoy the history of the bow, others making their own equipment. We come from all walks of life and have varied interests outside of archery. Sure, coming together for a get-together at a 3D, banquet, or informal shoot is a fun time and we all enjoy it. But what we don't really seem to have is esprit de corps. We have tried to publish a list of events we can piggyback off, and that occasionally generates half a dozen archers or so. When I first joined the TBV it was pretty big and seemed to be very active. Now we are lucky to get six members in one spot at the same time. We need to come up with something that will capture people's interest and will get them to want to join in. It will not be easy; most of us have wives, and most of them don't do archery. We hunt on weekends, do family things, and I am sure a bunch of other stuff. If you have ideas let us know. An interesting shoot will not do it since that is a one time thing.

I have one idea, but am not sure how to implement it. If several people belong to a range, they could persuade the range to adopt us and serve as a home base. They could host monthly meetings arrange for TBV to not only show up at club shoots but contribute to the success of the shoot, whether that is handling admin, setting out and picking up targets or cooking the hamburgers. People would begin to notice TBV. They would see how Trad just seems to have more fun than most of the Compound crowd. They would hear the stories of our hunts. (Yes, Mary, you can kill a deer with a longbow) Just maybe we would begin to grow again. Anyway that is my idea, and maybe you have a better one.

Enough of that; let's hear what is happening with everyone. For my part I didn't get out as much as I would have liked, so I

Secretary Treasurer Report





Here are the Minutes of October 5, 2006 TBV meeting at the pumpkin shoot at John Gresham's home:

Present: John Gresham, President, Russ Hatchl, Secretary/Treasurer, Pete Darby, Jack Denbow, John Peeler, Bob Seltzer, John Sessler, Bo Slaughter, and John Stockman.

The winter banquet will be scheduled by John Stockman at the Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire Department for January or February. He will email the membership with the dates when he gets them. The first Saturday of February was identified as the most desirable date.

[Notes from the 9/10/06 meeting: The door prizes for the ladies will be five \$50 Kohl's gift certificates. The grand prize for the raffle will be \$300 toward the purchase of a new bow. One free pull of raffle tickets will be given for each guest (other than the member's wife or significant other). Tickets will be \$15 each, \$10 for children under 12 who eat the food on the menu. Adam Hatchl will obtain the equipment to project a continuous slide show onto the screen during the Winter Banquet. Photos can be emailed to Adam or Russ Hatchl.]

John Sessler was elected President. Pete Darby was elected Vice President. Russ Hatchl agreed to continue his lifetime appointment as Secretary/Treasurer, and Dan Van Gundy was re-elected as Publicity Director [without notice in his absence from the count].

Future outdoor events at Jack Denbow's or John Stockman's mountain redoubts were suggested.

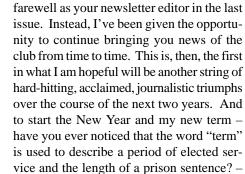
The Web Page needs to be updated to delete the out-of-date information. Russ is to email Kevin Cobb to ask if he can do that.



Publicity

Director

Dan Van Gundy



Imagine my surprise when I returned from an overseas trip to discover I had been reelected – in absentia – to serve again as your publicity director. The business trip that robbed me of the opportunity to attend the club's Pumpkin Shoot seems to have assured my victory in the officer elections. Like all humbly elected public servants, I want to thank everyone who was even remotely responsible for my apparent landslide victory in the election. I reportedly encountered so little opposition in the election that it appears the office of TBV publicity director is a safe seat; the incumbent can remain in office until he resigns, dies, or is impeached.

So, it was in error that I bid you all a fond

As a reminder, next month we hold our annual winter banquet. If you haven't notified John Stockman of your intentions, please do so at your earliest convenience.

I've included in this issue an enthralling piece

on CWD.

Also in this issue you'll find a list of the shoots sponsored by local clubs. We can piggy-back on these shoots just by showing up and paying our entry fee. In that way,

we can gather and shoot trad with friends without the hassles of set-up, take-down,

We haven't yet set the dates for our own club events, such as the winter pheasant hunt, the spring 3D shoot at Ralph's, or the Great Pumpkin Shoot in the fall. I'll publish those dates in the next newsletter and notify members by email/phone as necessary. If you have any proposals for an event this year, let John Sessler know.

In future editions, I hope to publish the best of true-life adventure stories penned by our successful hunters. But that plan is dependent upon two things: your hunting success and willingness to share the experience with the rest of us in the form of a written article. Thus, as before, I'm almost totally dependent upon hunt story contributions from some or all of you (Lord knows, I'm not having any success in the field).

TBV Winter Banquet

Saturday, 10 February 2007 from 5-9 pm at the Blue Ridge Firehall

- Adult members and guests: \$15 per person
- Children under 12: \$10
- Entertainment will be a continuous slide show of your best bowhunting photos. Email photos to Adam or Russ Hatchl.
- Door prizes for the ladies: Five \$50 Kohl's gift certificates.
- Grand prize: \$300 towards the purchase of a new bow.



Directions to the Blue Ridge Firehall:

From the Washington area, go west on Rt 7 past Leesburg, Purcellville, and Round Hill. Turn right on Rt 643 about 4 miles past Round Hill. Firehall is 200 yards on the left.

From Winchester, go east on Rt 7 across the Shenandoah River. Go one mile to Rt 643 and turn left. Firehall is 200 yards on the left.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE:

Good News & BAD News

If you've been monitoring the chronic wasting disease (CWD) outbreak that occurred last year in West Virginia, you know that this year an additional five CWDinfected deer have been detected in Hampshire Country, WV. Last year, one road-kill deer and four DNR-collected deer tested positive. This year, four DNR-collected deer and one hunter-killed deer were found to be infected. This season, West Virginia tested 1,355 hunter-harvested deer in Hampshire County. "Our analysis of this CWD surveillance data indicates the disease appears to be found in a relatively small geographical area located near Slanesville, West Virginia." noted DNR Director Frank Jezioro. "From a wildlife disease management perspective, we consider this to be encouraging news," he said.

Recent scientific studies on CWD and associated prion protein diseases offer both reasons for relief and for concern. In a study conducted in 2005 under the sponsorship of the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center (NPDPSC) at Case Western Reserve University, several lines of mice were generated, some expressing the human prion protein and others expressing the elk prion protein. After approximately two years following "intracerebral inoculation with elk CWD prion, two lines of 'humanized' transgenic mice that are susceptible to human prions failed to develop the hallmarks of prion diseases . . ., whereas the 'cervidized' transgenic mice became infected after less than six months. These data indicate that there is a substantial species barrier for transmission of elk CWD to humans."

So far, so good. But other studies last year raise concerns about consumption

of meat from CWD-infected animals. Until last year, CWD-infected prion protein had not been detected in muscle tissue. At the University of Wyoming, Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory, extensive testing was conducted on tissue samples from diaphragm, tongue, heart, and three skeletal muscles from CWD-affected mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, and moose. In seven of 16 white-tailed deer and 12 of seventeen elk, disease-associated prion proteins were found in heart tissue.

In another NPDPSC study, transgenic mice expressing cervid prion protein revealed infectious prions in skeletal muscles of CWD-infected deer. The researchers in that study concluded "that humans consuming or handling meat from CWD-infected deer are at risk to prion exposure."

Finally, according to the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance (a joint project of the Boone and Crockett Club, Mule Deer Foundation, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation), new Colorado State University-led research shows for the first time that CWD may spread through saliva and blood of infected deer, which poses new possibilities that the disease may spread by blood-sucking insects or social contact between animals. The study also reinforces that no tissue from an infected animal can be considered free of prions, the disease-causing agent.

As of November 2004, the NPDPSC had examined 26 hunters with a suspected prion disease. However, all of them appeared to have either typical sporadic or familial forms of the disease, not an acquired form. All of this suggests that the risk of transspecies human infection with CWD from deer, elk, and other cervids is low, but too

little is still known about the transmissibility of CWD to ignore the possibility. Consequently, following the guidelines suggested for "safe" handling of cervid game animals is probably wise.

- § Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick. Contact your state game and fish department if you see or harvest an animal that appears sick.
- § Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing your deer or elk.
- § Bone out the meat from your animal. Don't saw through bone, and avoid cutting through the brain or spinal cord (backbone).
- § Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.
- § Avoid consuming brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils and lymph nodes of harvested animals. (Normal field dressing coupled with boning out a carcass will remove most, if not all, of these body parts. Cutting away all fatty tissue will remove remaining lymph nodes.)
- § Avoid consuming the meat from any animal that tests positive for the disease.
- § If you have your deer or elk commercially processed, request that your animal is processed individually, without meat from other animals being added to meat from your animal.

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Summary

In August the wildlife division staff was asked by the Board of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to examine the issue of Sunday hunting in the Commonwealth since the most current information on hunter's opinions on the issue dated back to the department's 1996-1997 annual

hunter survey. The staff began the process of developing a questionnaire and obtaining a sample of Virginia hunters to survey. On November 22, 2006 the first mailing of the survey was sent to a random sample of 5,000 licensed hunters throughout Virginia. A second, follow-up mailing was sent to non-respondents on December 8, 2006. A response rate of 59% was obtained from these two mailings. This sample

size of 5,000 hunters reflects over ten times the number of completed surveys required to ensure that survey results would be generalizable to the total population of Virginia licensed hunters within a five percent margin of error at a 95 percent confidence level.

The survey consisted of fourteen questions. First, individual hunters were asked about their support or opposition to Sunday hunting. Other questions asked hunters how they felt about potential restrictions or limits placed upon Sunday hunting, the distance they traveled to hunt, the number of days they hunted, and types of land they hunted on. Hunters were asked their opinions about how Sunday hunting could potentially impact relationships with landowners, time and opportunity to hunt, and the number of animals harvested. Finally, a series of demographic questions were included to obtain information about the hunters' age, gender, and place of residence.

The 2006 survey results indicate that 53% of all responding hunters said they **Strongly Supported** Sunday Hunting in Virginia, compared to 28.5% who said they were **Strongly Opposed**. This question was measured on a seven point scale (1=Strongly Oppose,

4=Neither oppose nor support, 7=Strongly Support). When the categories were combined, 62% of responding hunters indicated some level of support for Sunday hunting compared to 34% who were opposed.

In the 1996-1997 Virginia hunter survey, a similar question asked hunters whether they favored or opposed Sunday hunting. The

cies. Generally, the majority of hunters supported the hunting of all species on Sundays, with two exceptions. First, 59% of hunters expressed opposition to deer hunting with dogs on Sunday whereas 37% of hunters opposed deer hunting without dogs on Sunday. Additionally, 55.5% of hunters said they opposed bear hunting with dogs while only 40% said they opposed bear hunting

without dogs on Sunday.

Over three-quarters (77.5%) of responding hunters believed that Sunday hunting would increase the amount of time to hunt and 63% said it would increase "opportunities for hunters to try new places to hunt in Virginia." Sixty-two percent of hunters thought Sunday hunting would increase youth participation

youth participation in hunting. Additional statistical analyses revealed a significant relationship between certain questions. A relationship was found between a hunter's place of residence and support of Sunday hunting. Fifty-five percent of hunters who reside on farms supported Sunday hunting compared to 70% who reside in the suburbs and 77% residing in urban areas. A relationship between the age of hunters and support of Sunday hunting was also found. Specifically, 76% of hunters under the age of 30 supported Sunday hunting while only 41% over the age of 60 were supporters of Sun-

The average age of hunters responding to this survey was 45.2 years and they ranged in age from 14 to 83 years of age. Ninety-seven percent of the respondents were male and 3% were female. Twenty-three percent of the respondents said they lived on farms, 43% lived in rural areas, 13% lived in towns with a population less than 50,000, 12% lived in the suburbs, and 9% lived in urban areas.

"A SUMMARY OF VIRGINIA HUNTERS' OPINIONS ON SUNDAY HUNTING"

Submitted January 4, 2007

Prepared by: Wildlife Division Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

[Detailed hunters' responses are available online at the VDGIF website]

results of this survey indicated 39% said they **Strongly Favored** Sunday hunting whereas 45% **Strongly Opposed** it. The 1996-1997 hunter survey question also used a 7-point scale (1=Strongly Oppose, 4=Does not matter, 7=Strongly Favor). When categories were combined, 45% of hunters favored Sunday hunting and 48% opposed it. The results from these two surveys indicate there is a significant difference in hunters' opinions about Sunday hunting since 1996.

Regionally, there were minor differences in hunter's support for Sunday hunting. Overall support ranged from 66% in northern Virginia (Region 5) to 58% in the south central Piedmont (Region 2) area of the state.

Hunters were asked their level of support or opposition to certain restrictions or limitations to Sunday hunting. Hunters indicated their opposition to most of the restrictions. In fact, allowing Sunday hunting "with no limitations, just like any other hunting day" was supported by 56% of hunters and no one category of restrictions or limitations were supported by the majority of hunters.

Hunters were also asked if they supported or opposed Sunday hunting for certain spe-

day hunting.

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