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AFIWLA Archery Club Newsletter of the Cub Run Archers



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Upcoming Events:

Swap Meet
2 March 0900 AM

March Meeting 3 March
11 AM



President: Bob Walla stated the reason and purpose for the Level 1 requirement for range officers was to get a commitment from volunteers and eliminate random distribution of keys to persons who only showed up for range officer orientation and a key. Other benefits were noted. A discussion evolved into a better arrangement to provide better access to the range for all members.

Dave Burke volunteered to explore alternatives to the current procedure.

The discussion highlighted the need for all members to sign in at the indoor and outdoor ranges. All members are reminded that they are required to sign in each time they use either range and to challenge or remind any shooter that may not have signed in to do so.

We will collect 50¢ for the targets on the honor system. A collection jar has been provided. A suggestion from the floor was to put the collection jar and targets outside of the locked equipment room. **Bob Walla** will come up with something.

Spring Break Archery Camp is set for April 15th & 16th. Sign up no later than April 1st. Bob Walla has a preliminary agenda that will be adjusted to the class makeup once registration is complete.

AFC Archery Director: Dick Riemer reported Appalachian Bowhunters Suburban Whitetail board of directors will be using the indoor Field Archery range from 6pm to 10pm on February 25; CRA Swap meet will take place March 2, 9am to 2pm in the Indoor Field Archery range.

Correspondence/Secretary We need a few volunteers to man the Cub Run table at the upcoming Swap meet on March 2nd. Please contact **Stephen Johnson** at stephenjohnsonsr@gmail.com if you can help.

I am pinning your VBA cards to the wall. Please pick them up at your convenience.

Range Captain: Fred Ansick reported that an archer using the 3D range was injured (a twisted ankle), but did not require immediate medical attention and the cause (roots on the path) was corrected. **Fred** identified four safety enhancement projects that need work parties as soon as the weather breaks: 1) complete the wall at the shooting position on target 16. 2) relocate target 15 to utilize the green shed as a back drop and 3) add sections of plywood on target 14.

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VBA Rep: Red Bourdage reported that VBA will change from four meetings a year to three to save money. Red will be attending the March VBA awards meeting and has invited any and all VBA members to join him

Social Director: Teri Perry said there will be a pot luck lunch after the March

New Business: A motion was made from the floor to increase the President's purchasing power from \$100 to \$200. After discussion, the amount was increased to \$250. The motion was called and passed unanimously

BEAR, DEER, TURKEY, HARVEST DATA ANNOUNCED

February 20, 2019

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RICHMOND, VA –Wildlife biologists with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) have compiled the preliminary figures for the 2018-19 fall/winter hunting season. The Virginia bear harvests reflected a slight decrease but still the second highest harvest of bears ever in Virginia; deer harvests reflected a slight increase, and the turkey harvests remained about the same. According to Dr. Gray Anderson, Wildlife Division Chief, "The annual variation in harvest is normal and most populations are healthy and on-track with long-range management plan objectives." These harvest data are used to inform future regulatory decisions.



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2018-19 VIRGINIA BLACK BEAR HARVEST SUMMARY



During the 2018-19 bear hunting seasons, 2,715 bears were harvested in Virginia, which represents the second highest harvest of bears ever in Virginia. The 3-day early firearms season, archery and youth/apprentice harvests increased over the 2017-18 seasons by 7%, 64% and 40%, respectively.

The muzzleloader and firearms harvest both decreased from last season, 28% and 29%, respectively.

Hound hunters made up the majority of the firearms harvest (72%) and youth/apprentice harvest (84%) while hunters who were not using hounds harvested the majority of bears in the 3-day early firearms season (60%). Although 33,115 bear licenses were purchased, license-exempt hunters accounted for nearly 25% of the harvest. Successful non-resident hunters came from 25 states and accounted for 8% of the total harvest.



The 2018-19 bear harvest decreased 5% from last year's record harvest but was nearly 14% higher than the 5-year average during 2012- 2016, just before significant season changes were made to help address human-bear conflicts and bring about measured population reductions in areas primarily archery season increased bear mortality and the overall statewide bear harvest for the last two years. As anticipated, the female harvest composition was higher for the early firearms season (51%) than for the remaining bear hunting seasons, with the exception of the youth/apprentice weekend. It will take several more years to determine the ultimate population impact of the additional 3-day early firearms season because of variation year-to-year in hunter success and environmental factors. Spotty or localized food (mast) availability, as occurred this past fall in western Virginia, often lead to higher hunter success in the earlier seasons and lower success in the later seasons.

The early 3-day firearms bear season continued to generate additional interest and recreational opportunities for new and non-traditional bear hunters. While many hound hunters took advantage of the early season, the success of other hunters confirmed the expanded interest by all hunters during the second year of this unique bear hunting opportunity.

For additional details on black bear management in Virginia please read the 2012-2021 Black Bear Management Plan www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/

Data presented in this summary are preliminary and only include bears killed in the regulated bear hunting seasons.

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2018-19 VIRGINIA DEER HARVEST SUMMARY



During the 2018-19 deer hunting season that ended January 5, hunters harvested 190,636 deer in Virginia. This total included 96,239 antlered bucks, 12,342 button bucks, and 82,055 does (43%).

The youth and apprentice deer hunting weekend resulted in a harvest of 2,778 deer. The archery season harvest was 26,676 deer while hunters took 43,749 deer during the muzzleloader season. For the first time since crossbows became legal for all deer hunters in fall 2005, the number of deer taken with crossbows exceeded the number taken with traditional bows. Firearms deer season (rifles the 59 eastern counties where dogs may be used to hunt deer, deer hunting with dogs accounted for approximately 51% of the total firearms deer harvest and ranged from just a few percent in northern Virginia up to 80-90% in some Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula, and Virginia's southeastern counties. Approximately 161,800 deer (85%) were checked using the Department's electronic telephone and online checking through the Go Outdoors Virginia portal.



According to Deer Project Coordinator, Matt Knox, he expected the fall 2018 deer harvest total might be down for two reasons. First, much of the Commonwealth experienced heavy rain and/or high winds on several of the big deer hunting weekends. Second, the continued steady decline in the number of licensed deer hunters in Virginia could result in fewer deer being harvested. A portion of this decline appears to be related to the "baby boomers" get older and retiring from hunting. Annual deer harvest totals by county dating back to 1947, including the county specific 2018 deer harvest totals, can be found at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/deer/harvest/>

2018 FALL TURKEY HARVEST REPORT

A total of 2,363 wild turkeys were harvested in Virginia during the 2018-19 fall turkey hunting season, a difference of only 5 birds from the 2017-18 fall season bag of 2,368 birds. The harvest declined slightly in counties east of the Blue Ridge Mountains (-2%), while the harvest increased slightly in counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains (+2%).

While Virginia's turkey population is close to record levels for modern times, fall harvests will fluctuate due to a number of other factors in addition to population size. These factors include annual variation in turkey productivity, mast conditions, hunting pressure, and weather. Reproductive success, or "the hatch," can vary widely; inclement weather in May and June can lead to nest losses or death of the young turkey poults. In 2018, the productivity estimate (1.6 poults/hen) was the lowest on record and much below the long-term average (2.6 poults/hen). Juvenile birds account for 40-60% of the fall bag so this year's poor reproduction set the stage for a decline in the turkey population and a significant

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impact on fall harvest rates. In years with abundant acorns, wild turkey home ranges are small, which makes them harder for hunters to find. As a result, harvest rates decline. On the other hand, during years of acorn scarcity turkeys must range further to find food and this typically helps hunters find and harvest more birds.

Gary Norman, Wild Turkey Project Leader, said fall turkey harvest patterns varied across the state according to the various patterns seen in turkey production and mast crops. A good acorn crop in the North Piedmont Region should have resulted in a decline in 2018 fall turkey harvest but moderate reproduction resulted in a 7% increase. Fair to poor acorn crops combined with very low production resulted in an 8 percent decline in fall turkey kill in the South Piedmont. The largest increase in fall harvest was seen in the North Mountain Region (16%), where acorn crops were poor yet turkey production was the best seen in 2018. Perhaps the worst of conditions were seen in the South Mountain Region, where acorn crops were scarce and reproduction was very poor; acorn scarcity would have predicted an increase in the harvest, but poor recruitment likely moderated the observed decline (3%). Little change was seen in the fall harvest in the Tidewater Region where white oak acorns were found in good numbers but reproduction was poor. Norman went on to say that “despite efforts to promote interest in fall turkey hunting, the long-term decline of fall turkey hunters and turkey hunting effort may be having the biggest influence on the relatively low fall kill. Other states have seen similar decreases in fall turkey hunting interest by sportsmen.” One of the goals of the DGIF Wild Turkey Management Plan is to reverse the general decline in fall turkey hunting interest. The October youth and apprentice fall turkey hunting weekend and the late January fall season were designed to encourage interest in fall turkey hunting. Additional surveys of hunters will be necessary to fully understand how these opportunities may have enhanced participation in fall turkey hunting.



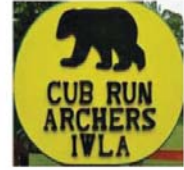
For more information on wild turkey population goals visit the Department’s Turkey Management Plan at the following website:

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/turkey/management-plan>

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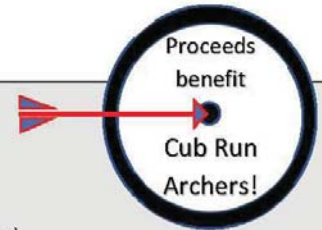
Swap Meet and Sale! Saturday, March 2, 2019 Arlington-Fairfax IWLA Centreville, VA



Open to the Public!

Sell, Browse, Buy, Donate

- Archery Equipment 
- Hunting and Outdoor Gear  
- Firearms (all sales in strict accordance with Virginia State Law)
- Fishing Tackle 



Free Admission: Your generous donation requested
Win Door Prizes!

Where:

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America
14708 Mount Olive Road
Centreville, VA 20121-2517

Inside Field Archery Building (10 MPH speed limit inside gate, follow signs)

Indoor Facility:
Come Rain or Shine!

When:

Doors Open to General Public 0900 – 1400

Doors Open for ARL-FX IWLA Chapter Members at 0830.

Delicious food!

Breakfast – coffee and donuts
Lunch – hotdogs, and soft drinks



Vendors:

Table Reservations are \$20 per table (ARL-FX Chapter Members \$15). First-come, first-served. Limit two tables per person; additional unsold tables available after 2/23/19. Vendor set-up 0730, vendor pack out by 1430. To reserve table, **send e-mail to stephenjohnsonsr@gmail.com**. When request is acknowledged, **send check** (no cash) made payable to Cub Run Archers to: Dr. Stephen P. Johnson, 2972 Emerald Chase Dr., Herndon, VA 20171-2321. **Checks must be received by 2/23/19 to hold reservation.** Questions by e-mail (preferred) or (703) 887-3145 (cell).

This is a **family-oriented event** - we reserve the right to disallow sale of any items we deem inappropriate (e.g., mature-related material). All sales must be conducted in strict accordance with Virginia State law.



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DGIF REPORTS 28 NEW CWD-POSITIVE WHITE-TAILED DEER IN NORTHWEST VIRGINIA



RICHMOND- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) was confirmed by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) in 26 deer from Frederick County and two deer from Shenandoah County during 2018. Twenty-six of the CWD-positive deer were harvested by hunters and showed no symptoms of the disease. Two infected deer were showing signs of the disease prior to death and were reported to the Department by members of the public.

Over 1,550 deer from Frederick, Clarke, Warren, and Shenandoah counties were tested for CWD during the 2018 hunting season. DGIF appreciates the assistance of deer hunters in this area for their excellent cooperation during CWD sample collections this past fall. Additional appreciation is due to road-kill contractors, deer processors, and taxidermists from these four counties who also assisted with CWD sampling this fall. Since 2009, 66 CWD-positive deer have been confirmed from Frederick (61) and Shenandoah (5) counties. All CWD-positive deer have been harvested located west of Interstate 81.

In addition to the sampling effort in Frederick, Clarke, Warren, and Shenandoah counties, DGIF partnered with dozens of taxidermists to enhance CWD surveillance throughout the remainder of Virginia. This partnership proved effective in securing over 1,500 samples from across the state. The results of this effort are currently pending and will be released when they are received from the laboratory.



CWD has been detected in 26 states and three Canadian provinces. The disease is a slow, progressive neurologic (brain and nervous system) disease found in deer, elk, and moose in North America, which ultimately results in death of the animal. It is spread through urine, feces, and saliva. Symptoms do not appear for several years and include staggering, abnormal posture, lowered head, drooling, confusion, and marked weight loss. There is no evidence that CWD can be naturally transmitted to humans, livestock, or pets, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise hunters to test all deer harvested from known CWD-positive areas and to not consume any animals that test positive for the disease.

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Regulations pertaining to CWD, maps of affected states, and more information about the disease and what DGIF is doing about it can be found on the DGIF website at: www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/disease/cwd

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The VBA 24th Annual Awards Banquet

will be on Saturday, March 30th, 2019 at the New Market Fire & Rescue Department Social Hall in New Market, Va. 22844. The prices, times, an excellent buffet, BYOB, award recipients, great door prizes, raffles, silent auctions, Guest issue of FLIGHT.

The deadlines for both the VBA Big Game Award applications and banquet reservations are --
NLT March 1st, 2019.



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Activities At The Cub Run Archers Clubhouse

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Saturday, March 2

9:00am

Cub Run Archers Swap Meet and Sale

Sunday, March 3

11:00am

CRA Meeting

3:00pm

Winter Youth Olympic Target

Saturday, March 9

8:00am

World Archery Indoor Tournament

17 March

1PM Archery 101 Class (FA)

18 March

8-9PM BSA 1137 (FA)

VBA Shoots (Schedule cards on desk in clubhouse)

1. Also available on line @ <https://vbarchers.com>



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