

VIRGINIA TAXIDERMISTS ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2016



CONGRATULATIONS!

Justin Hinson

NTA Award, Taxidermists Best of Show, Breakthrough Award, Judges Choice Best of Show, Judges Choice Best of Category/Masters/Game Head, Pro 1 Award and Hog Wild Winner!

From the President:

Greetings to all members & interested taxidermists,

I will start this letter with a big thank you. I thought this was an awesome show.

Thanks to all members attending. Hope to see you next year and that you bring your family and friends. I want the VTA convention to be a family friendly event..

Thanks to the board members for their hard work before, during and after the show. We welcome Suzy Anderson to the board and a strong welcome back to Gerry Viola. He has proven himself to be a great board member and we are glad to have him on the board again.

Thanks to the vendors. In speaking with them, every one had good sales and will be coming back.

Thanks to our seminar instructors and judges. They all did a great job. Steve Tugwell's hands-on seminar was a big success. We will try have more hands-on seminars. Let me know the seminars you would like to have.

During the auction, we had Eric Trukovich and Paige Nethercutt offer a 'day in the shop' with them. This is a win-win situation—good for the VTA and whoever won them. A big thank you to both these gentlemen.

I would like to thank everyone who helped us tear down after the banquet, as we were against the clock. A special thanks to the men from North Carolina who helped us.

I have probably forgot someone, but again thanks to all who made our show a success.

A additional big thank you to Rick Denzler. This man works year around for the VTA, When you see him, thank him for his dedication to the organization.

There were a few gripes about the length of the auction. Board members and I are working on ways to help this problem. Maybe auctions on Friday and Saturday?? The auction brought in over six thousand dollars. This really helped the organization.

In closing, please let me know what you want at your convention. Your input is always greatly appreciated.

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The President's Animal for 2017 is a squirrel (grey or fox).

From the Secretary:

I want to first thank all of the members who supported our show this year. Without your support we would not have had a successful show. I also want to thank all of the Suppliers, Judges, and Seminar Instructors. A big thank you to Judy Waters, Suzy Anderson & Doris Symm for all the help with registration & much more. The Board did an awesome job! And a Great Job goes out to our President Danny Waters!!! Have a great spring!

Secretary / Treasurer

Audrie McLane



From the Editor

All functions of the organization are solely for the benefit of our members and the taxidermy industry. Therefore, we encourage all members to participate in the organization as much as possible. I have set up an email site for members to contact me with articles, pictures and items of interest to the industry to be included in our newsletters. vtanewseditor@gmail.com.

Also included in this newsletter is an evaluation sheet. If you didn't fill one out at the convention, please do so now and mail it to the President at 30523 Mountain Valley Rd, Millboro VA 24460. These sheets are an invaluable tool for the board to prepare for next year's show.

Please join the Virginia Taxidermists Association page on Facebook. It is a great page and a good place to go to for answers, information and photos/videos and links to other sites of interest.. Once you join the group you will be free to post on the site.

Don't forget our website www.vataxidermists.com. For website info, contact Audrie McLane.



Our Judges

Billy Robertson Eric Trukovich
Tim Jordan Danny Smith
Rick Denzler

Our Seminar Instructors

Billy Robertson Kip Hughes
Andy Speer Steve Tugwell
Tommy Hall Chris Horne
Eric Trukovich Rick Denzler

A big thank you to these gentlemen for a fine job!

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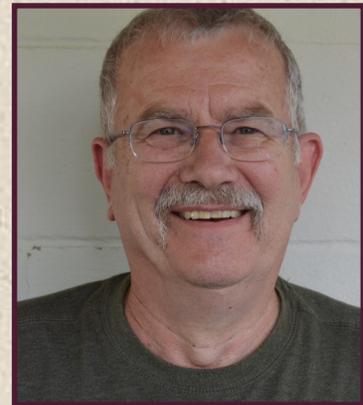
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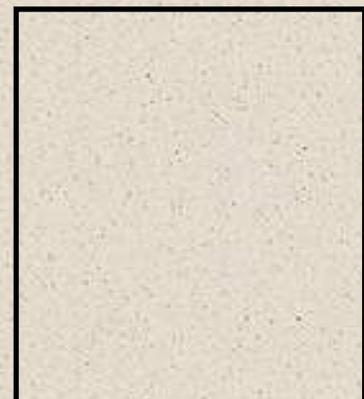
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**** Please take note. If your name is incorrectly spelled, or not listed, please contact me or the secretary as soon as possible.**

**WELCOME TO ALL
OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

Congratulations to our 2016 Award Winners

'Beefy' Collins Award—Steve Tugwell

VTA Service Award—Richard Bell

McKenzie Distinguished Service—Pete Runion

Lifetime Achievement—Billy Breen, James Gray

President's Award—Brian Williams

Golden Example—Ken Devivi

Horizon—Macey Tugwell

Research Amateurs—Ashley Black, Veronica Huymh, David Beamon, Lacey Tugwell

Billy Taylor Memorial Best Amateur—Lacey Tugwell

Payer Eyes—Chris Lacy

Commercial Deer Head Mounting—Ken Devivi

Les Harper Best Bear—Mark Poirot

Kip Hughes Award—Chris Horne

Jason Jenkins Award—Jennifer Beck

VDHA—Ken Devivi

Ducks Unlimited—Shawn Powell

NWTF—Harold McQuire

Polytranspar—Mitch Black

VDGIF—Mark Poirot

Al Holmes—Steve Tugwell

Calloway—Rickey Logan

Pro 1—Justin Hinson

Best Commercial Entry—Brian Williams

Van Dykes—Steve Tugwell

Competitor's Challenge, Masters—Jake Rouse

Competitor's Challenge, Professional—Chris Horne

Hog Wild—Justin Hinson

Mounted in Alaska—Jennifer Beck

Artisan Award—Paul Miller

Wasco—Chris Horne

Taxidermists Best of Show—Justin Hinson

Breakthrough Award—Justin Hinson

Judges Choice Best of Show—Justin Hinson

NTA—Justin Hinson

Maryland—Jarvie Robinson

VTA AWARD WINNERS

TAXIDERMIST CHOICE BEST OF CATEGORY

Deer Head—Ken Devivi

Game Head—Mark Poirot

Large Mammal—Mitch Black

Small Mammal—Paul Miller

Birds—Rob Olson

Reptile—Paul Miller

Fish—Chris Conyers

Habitat—Mitch Black

Wildlife Art—Mitch Black

JUDGES CHOICE BEST OF CATEGORY, PROFESSIONAL

Deer Head—Jarvie Robinson

Game Head—Jake Rouse

Small Mammal—Jennifer Beck

Birds—Paul Miller

Fish—Brian Piro

Reptiles—Mitch Black

JUDGES CHOICE BEST OF CATEGORY, MASTERS

Deer Head—Ken Devivi

Game Head—Justin Hinson

Large Mammal—Chris Horne

Small Mammal—Matt Maruli

Birds—Shawn Powell

Fish—Paul Miller

Reptiles—Jennifer Beck

Habitats—Steve Tugwell

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Calloway Custom Woodworks Inc.

Sivko Furs

Jordan's Bear Den

Payer Eyes

Mark & Lisa Harris (driftwood)

Linda Tobin—Western VA Sportsmen's Association



SOME WILDLIFE ART ENTRIES



AWARD WINNING MOUNTS



NTA Award
 Breakthrough Award
 Pro 1 Award
 Hog Wild Winner
 Taxidermists
 Choice Best of Show
 Judges Choice
 Best of Show
 Judges Choice
 Best of Category
 Masters Game Head
 Justin Hinson



Judges Best of Category Masters Reptile
 Jennifer Beck



Mounted in Alaska Award
 Jason Jenkins Award for highest scoring small mammal
 Judges Choice Best of Category Small Mammal
 Jennifer Beck



Taxidermists Choice Best of Category
 Game Head
 VDGI Award, Best Bear Award
 Mark Poirot



**Al Holmes, Van Dykes,
Judges Choice Best of Category
Masters Habitat
Steve Tugwell**



**Billy Taylor Memorial Award
Best Amateur
Lacey Tugwell**



**Wasco Most Artistic
Chris Horne**



**Judges Choice
Best of Category Masters Bird
Ducks Unlimited
Shawn Powell**



**Chris Barnhardt Award
Judges Choice Best of Category
Small Mammal
Matt Marulli**



**Artisan Award
Paul Miller**



**Taxidermists Choice
Best of Category Habitat
Mitch Black**



**Kip Hughes Award
Judges Choice Best of Category Masters
Large Mammal
Chris Horne**



Golden Example, Commercial Deer Mounting, VDHA,
Taxidermists Choice Best of Category Deer Head,
Judges Choice Best of Category Masters Deer Head

Ken Devivi



Judges Choice Best of Category Professional Deer Head
Maryland Award

Jarvie Robinson



National Wild Turkey Foundation

Harold McQuire



Starfish Award, Polytranspar Award,
Judges Choice Best of Category
Professional Reptile

Mitch Black



Taxidermists Choice
Best of Category Fish

Chris Coyners



Kip Hughes Award
Judges Choice Best of Category Masters
Large Mammal
Chris Horne



President's Animal Award
Best Commercial Entry
Brian Williams

AWARD WINNING PEOPLE



VTA Service Award
Richard Bell



Lifetime Achievement Award
Billy Breen
James Gray (not pictured)



'Beefy' Collins Award
Steve Tugwell

AWARD WINNING PEOPLE



McKenzie Distinguished Service

Pete Runion



Research Amateurs

Ashley Black, Veronica Huni, David Beamon, Lacey Tugwell

BUT WAIT. . .THERE'S MORE!

In a new event this year, a participation drawing, the winners are:

Amateur Division—Ashley Black

Ashley will have her convention dues paid in 2017

Professional Division—Daniel Nicholson

Daniel will have his convention dues and membership dues paid in 2017

Masters Division—Paul Miller

Paul will have his convention and membership dues paid in 2017 and 2 banquet tickets

CONGRATULATIONS!

Raffle Winners

1st place (gun or money) - Jesse Thompson

2nd Place (bow or money) - Buford Red

3rd place (money) - Rick Denzler

**ANIMALS SEEN
HANGIN' OUT IN
THE COMPETITION
ROOM**









Name _____
(To be entered into the drawing)

Virginia Taxidermists Association Convention Evaluation

We encourage all members to complete and return this survey to the registration desk. By participating, we will have a better understanding of what you would like to see at the next convention.

1. How did you like the hotel? ___ Very Good ___ Good ___ Somewhat ___ Not at all
Comments: _____

2. Who would you like to see as a seminar instructor?

3. What seminar topics would you like to see?

4. Did you attend the seminars? _____ How did you like them?
_____ Very Good _____ Good _____ Somewhat _____ Not at all
5. What did you like most about the Convention? _____

6. What did you like the least? _____

7. Overall, how would you rate your VTA Convention?
_____ Excellent _____ Very Good _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor
8. Will you come back next year? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Maybe
9. Would you be willing to serve on the board? ___ Yes ___ No
_____ Your name if yes
10. Would you like to see a three day show? ___ Yes ___ No
11. Would you be interested in having a photo taken of your mount? ___ Yes ___ No

Please list any ideas and suggestions you may have to improve our show

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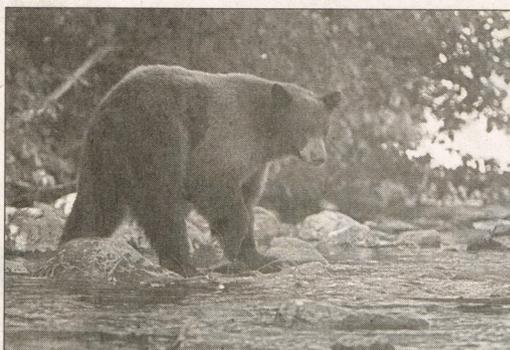
SUBMITTED BY RICK DENZLER

Deer, turkey, bear harvests up from last year



Tee Clarkson

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Virginia hunters killed 2,331 bears in the 2015-16 season, the state's second-highest total. The highest was 2,412 in the 2014 season.

Despite very odd weather during much of the fall hunting season, deer harvests were up from the 2014-15 season according to newly released data from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

This will come as no surprise to hunters, who reported a total of 209,197 deer harvested during the 2015-16 season, compared to 192,197 the previous year.

While the 2014-15 season was plagued with a serious outbreak of hemorrhagic disease, which coupled with a bumper mast crop across the state, led to very poor hunting, hunters had it much better this past season.

"It was a quiet year for HD, and we had an average mast crop," said Matt Knox, deer project leader for the VDGFIF.

Still, this year's harvest marked the second-lowest total since 2001, with record harvest numbers occurring during the 2007-2009 seasons.

Harvest numbers have been stabilizing or declining for much of the last decade.

"What we are seeing is what we expected," Knox

said.

The department's primary deer management effort over the last decade was to increase the female deer kill over much of the state in an effort to reduce and stabilize the deer herd. That appears to be happening.

Archers (not including crossbow hunters) accounted for 15,078 deer (7 percent of the harvest), crossbow hunters 11,719 (6 percent of the harvest), muzzleloader hunters 42,517 (20 percent of the harvest), with the rest coming on youth days and during general firearms season.

The VDGFIF website has harvest records dating to 1947 when a mere 4,019 deer were reported harvested. Even by 1980, only 75,208 deer were reported harvested. The real jump in harvest numbers began in the late 80s with an almost continual rise through 2009.

Turkey hunters reported 3,283 birds

harvested during the 2015-2016 fall season. This was up from 2,988 last season. The increase in harvest could certainly be partly attributed to the lower mast crop, causing turkeys to move further for meals, which increases the likelihood of hunter encounters.

Data suggest that the Virginia turkey population is at record levels for modern times. With spring gobbler season right around the corner, turkey hunters have a lot to look forward to again this season.

Things changed a bit for bear hunters this past season. While bear licenses had traditionally been combined with deer and turkey, they were separated for the first time during the 2015-2016 season so those hunting bears had to purchase a separate license.

Some 30,780 resident hunters purchased bear licenses as well as 926 nonresident hunters.

SKY, WATER CONDITIONS

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:33 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:08 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:44 a.m.
Moonset today	3:41 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 23	Mar 31

Water Conditions

James (Westham):

6.82 ft. 7 a.m. Saturday, -0.40 ft. change

Forecast: 6.70 ft. 7 a.m. Sunday, 7.10 ft. 7 a.m. Monday.

Cape Charles to Chincoteague Today: ENE 4-8 knots, waves 3-5 ft. Water: 42°

Tonight: ENE 4-8 knots, waves 2-4 ft.

Tomorrow: S 6-12 knots, waves 1-3 ft.

Hampton Roads to Windmill Point Today: NW 4-8 knots, waves 1-2 ft. Water: 45°

Tonight: ENE 4-8 knots, waves 1-3 ft.

Tides

	1st HI/Lo	2nd HI/Lo
James River		
Burwell Bay	7:59a/1:57a	8:16p/2:39p
Jamesstown Is.	9:45a/3:54a	10:02p/4:36p
City Point	12:24a/6:47a	12:52p/7:30p
Scotland	9:24a/3:26a	9:46p/4:08p
Puddledock	1:15a/7:51a	1:47p/8:23p
Rich. City Locks	1:42a/8:27a	2:00p/9:09p
Chickahominy River		
Ferry Point	10:43a/4:44a	11:00p/5:26p
Ferry Is.	11:26a/5:21a	11:43p/6:03p

These hunters, along with some exempt from purchasing licenses, recorded 2,331 bears harvested, the second-highest total ever recorded in Virginia.

Bear harvests have exceeded 2,000 bears since 2008, with the highest harvest coming in the 2014 season (2,412 bears).

"With excellent hunting opportunities between October and January, it's a good place and time to be a bear hunter," said Jaime Sajecki, bear project leader for the VDGFIF.

	1st HI/Lo	2nd HI/Lo
Mobjack Bay		
East River Ent.	6:25a/12:20a	6:42p/1:02p
Potomac River		
Coles Point	12:10p/5:19a	--/6:03p
Colonial Beach	12:18p/6:13a	--/6:47p
Yeocomico River		
Lynch Point	11:36a/5:30a	--/6:14p
Kinsale	11:59a/5:29a	--/6:13p
Chesapeake Bay West		
Clifton Beach	3:46a/9:36a	4:03p/10:20p
Gt. Wicomico	9:41a/3:25a	10:02p/4:06p
Dividing Creek	9:17a/2:52a	9:38p/3:33p
Plankatank River		
Dixie	8:16a/2:32a	8:33p/3:14p
Jackson Creek	8:18a/2:22a	8:35p/3:04p
Rappahannock River		
Urbanna	9:32a/3:27a	9:49p/4:09p
Wares Wharf	10:32a/4:46a	11:02p/5:24p
Tappahannock	11:22a/5:36a	11:39p/6:18p
Pamunkey River		
Sweet Hall	9:41a/3:30a	9:57p/4:15p
Lester Manor	11:31a/5:27a	--/5:58p
Mattaponi River		
Wakema	10:16a/4:15a	10:33p/4:57p
Walkerton	10:19a/4:21a	10:35p/5:03p
York River		
Yorktown	6:46a/12:29a	7:10p/1:10p
West Point	8:54a/2:56a	9:11p/3:38p

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Dividing Creek 9:17a/2:52a 9:38p/3:33p

Plankatank River

Dixie 8:16a/2:32a 8:33p/3:14p

Jackson Creek 8:18a/2:22a 8:35p/3:04p

Rappahannock River

Urbanna 9:32a/3:27a 9:49p/4:09p

Wares Wharf 10:32a/4:46a 11:02p/5:24p

Tappahannock 11:22a/5:36a 11:39p/6:18p

Pamunkey River

Sweet Hall 9:41a/3:30a 9:57p/4:15p

Lester Manor 11:31a/5:27a --/5:58p

Mattaponi River

Wakema 10:16a/4:15a 10:33p/4:57p

Walkerton 10:19a/4:21a 10:35p/5:03p

York River

Yorktown 6:46a/12:29a 7:10p/1:10p

West Point 8:54a/2:56a 9:11p/3:38p

Other Va., NC Points

Cape Hatteras 4:48a/11:11a 5:09p/11:14p

Cape Henry 5:23a/11:48a 5:44p/--

Fishermans Is. 5:45a/12:06p 6:06p/--

Sandbridge 4:59a/11:19a 5:20p/11:31p

Oregon Inlet 5:15a/12:22p 5:54p/--

Duck Pier 4:52a/11:12a 5:13p/11:24p

Kitty Hawk 4:51a/11:14a 5:12p/11:26p

Sajecki noted that by separating the bear license VDGFIF is able to get a better idea of how many hunters are pursuing bear.

Part of the bear management objective is to stabilize populations in high density bear areas, and hunters harvesting bears in Virginia is the No. 1 option for bear management, Sajecki said.

For information about deer, turkey and bear management plans visit dgif.virginia.gov.

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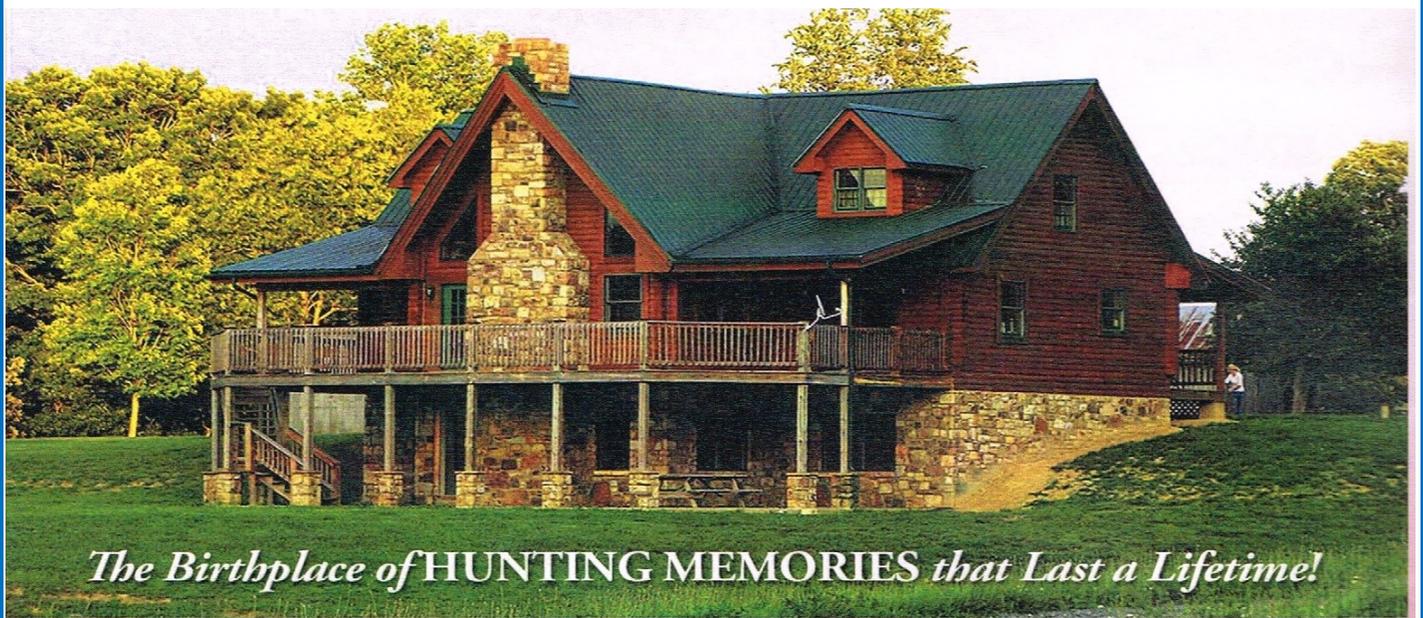
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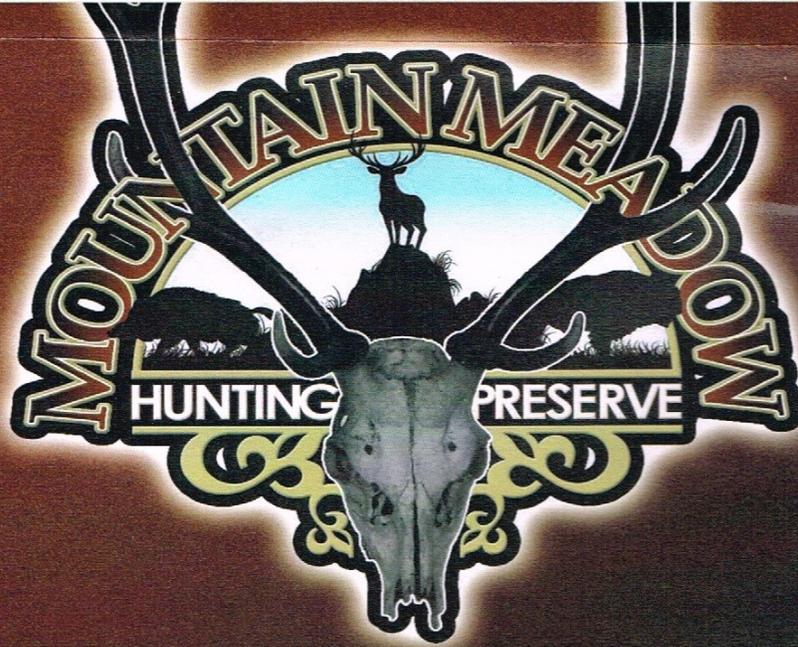
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