

A background image of autumn leaves in various shades of yellow, orange, and red, with some green leaves still visible. The leaves are scattered across the top half of the page, with some in sharp focus and others blurred.

**VIRGINIA
TAXIDERMISTS
ASSOCIATION
September, 2017**

UPDATES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brian Williams has resigned from the Board of Directors as he does not now have the time to perform the duties required. We thank Brian for his service to the organization.



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We have a board of directors who are totally dedicated, eager and enthusiastic about growing the organization. Many thanks to them for their service. They work to make YOUR organization great!





Message from the president

Greetings to all members and interested taxidermists:

Here it is that time of the year when freezers are getting empty and we are looking forward to another prosperous year. Good luck to everyone in your shop and in the field.

Your board members are working hard for you. We are planning a meeting with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to discuss their creation of a universal form and clarifications on the grey areas in our regulations which have been confusing and upsetting to our membership. We feel that the VTA was a vital resource that was ignored by DGIF, particularly in regard to the universal form.

A big thank you to your board members. They are working hard for you and this makes my job a lot easier! There will be several openings on the board for 2018: President, Vice president, secretary/treasurer and several directors. Think about coming on board to help your organization to continue to grow.

We have another awesome show planned: world champion judges and seminars; a bigger auction on Friday night plus an auction on Saturday evening with bigger items.

Help your organization by selling tickets for our prize drawing at the show. Details are in the newsletter. Thank you for your response to this matter.

We appreciate your input for the show and the organization! I am here 24/7 for your input. The only bad idea is the one you keep to yourself. Help us continue to grow and be a meaningful organization that satisfies the needs of our membership.

Danny Waters

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The President's Animal for 2018 is a lifesize Bobcat.





LETTER FROM SECRETARY/TREASURER

Hi everyone. As always your VTA Board has been hard at work with various projects this year including planning a raffle, attending a meeting with the DGIF, and working on the new VTA website and more! So keep your eyes open for details on these events.

As a reminder the show dates for the upcoming VTA Show is March 23-24, 2018. Be sure and complete your pre-registration information and as always, please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, feedback, questions etc by email anderson2655@gmail.com or by phone at 540-520-4567

Again, I look forward to serving you and am excited about the direction and future of the VTA. As always I wish everyone a successful hunting season this year!

Suzy Anderson



FUNDRAISING EVENT

As most of you know, Chris Lacy and Robbie Anderson put a lot of time and energy into trying to get a fundraising event going in September. Unfortunately things did not work out but *not* for the lack of hard work by these two gentlemen.

A very big **THANK YOU** to them for their efforts!

REGARDING THE DISPOSAL/DISPOSITION OF MOUNTED SPECIMENS: DID YOU KNOW?

According to Virginia law, you may now sell any part of, or all of, a deer to anyone at anytime. Any mounted specimen (including bears) may be sold but the sale must be through a licensed auction house such as an estate sale.

Migratory birds are subject to Federal law, as are species not native to Virginia.



PRIZE DRAWING INFORMATION

The VTA plans to hold a prize drawing at the 2018 show for guns and a hog hunt at Mountain Meadow Preserve.

The sale of drawing tickets is voluntary.

If you are willing to sell tickets, please contact Suzy Anderson by October 15, 2017 and tickets in books of 10 will be mailed to you.

Please let her know how many books you want to sell

If you sell 10 or more tickets, and sell the winning ticket, you will be eligible to win \$100.00!

Please respond by October 15, 2017.

As always in a drawing, the importance of getting all the stubs and money in is vital. If you agree to sell tickets, please be sure to return the entering stubs and money by the deadline date.

Tickets provided to you are your responsibility and a record of who received tickets and the number of books will be kept. Deadline and additional information will be provided to those who are willing to sell tickets.

We hope that most of our members will participate in this as it can be a successful fund raiser.





VIRGINIA PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This day and age there is much confusion out there regarding deer, bear, and turkey citations in Virginia. You have the "Richmond" show which has already come and gone in August, the Izaak Walton League Show, which happened in Harrisonburg in the early part of September, but please don't forget about the Virginia Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (VPSA) show in Southampton County.

The VPSA hosts its annual BIG GAME CONTEST in September to recognize those successful sportsmen who harvested citation size Deer, Bear, and Turkey last season. The VPSA is the only show in Virginia that still scores under the traditional VIRGINIA SCORING SYSTEM. Each qualifying entry receives a Virginia State Citation and is placed in the contest. This year the contest includes a Western Regionnal, Eastern Regional, and State Competition under one roof. VPSA's goal is to have a western regional held annyally in the west but the VPSA is in need of a western partner to host the event in the future.

The VPSA, headquartered in Williamsburg, is a group of sportsmen who serve sportsmen. We founded the BIG GAME CONTEST in 1940 and developed the Virginia Scoring System for deer and bear. We hold a 78 year old record book that can most accurately determine where a deer ranks all time in the Commonwealth. In the early years we assisted the game department with the Whitetail Deer recovery effort in the Commonwealth. Our members had a deer holding pen in Newport News, which is today known as Deer Park. Our contest is the oldest in the country and we have 78 years of records from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask VPSA President, Mr. Mike Jones at 757-371-3335 or michael.h.jones52@gmail.com

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