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THE TBV NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays to everyone. May it be a blessed and joyous season for you all. Hunting season is almost over.. Drop pictures to the Publicity director and we'll get them in the newsletters and the website if you would like.



FROM THE
TREESTAND

TBV President
JOHN GRESHAM



"SHE'S A HUNTER!!"

friends (Kendall) lives on a 900 acre and is an active member of a hunt club. Kendall's Dad spent about \$10K of food plots for recreational hunting this past year. I've seen the farm and the population of deer and turkey there makes me drool. (That's another story.)

son, I moved to my own ground blind 250 yards away to maximize my own chances.

Well, now, as I write this, I find myself being gerrymandered into another two year term as TBV President. (Would somebody please send me a detailed e-mail telling me how to get impeached?:) Just kidding:)

At 4:30 PM, I heard Lindsey's gun go off. I just knew she had scored. I walked over to her, and asked about the shot. She said that she hadn't really been expecting to see deer and started whittling on a stick to pass the time. When she looked up, there were three deer standing in front of her. She raised her gun and the three deer filled the scope. She pulled the trigger, and the deer disappeared. I found no blood trail and surmise that she had a classic case of buck fever. In any event, she had a great afternoon. I now realize that I should have been sitting

Now to my point: Earlier in this years hunting season, I found myself obsessing on the problem of not getting venison in the freezer, mostly due to lack of time to hunt. I finally broke my jinx one Saturday morning in November and by downing two deer about 8 seconds apart with a single shot 20 gauge slug gun. I'm not making apologies. I wanted venison in the freezer. Period!

You may recall that two years ago, I took Lindsey hunting and then 'shot her deer'. She didn't hunt last year, but said that this year she wanted to get back into it. So, I got her hunting clothes and made sure that she 'qualified' with a scoped 20 gauge slug gun in the back yard. Her shooting was pretty impressive for a 14 year old. She got consistent 1.5 inch groups at 50 yards. Lindsey was ready! The following Saturday, I took her to a farm in Central Point where I had seen voluminous deer sign. I put her in a ground blind at 3:00 PM and told her that either a buck would visit a scrape in front of her or that does would come to feed before dark. Since, I had not yet harvested a deer at that point in the sea-

The other aspect related to hunting that has commanded my attention, is the realization that my kids are growing up fast, actually too fast.. Catherine, the oldest, hunts only at malls, and only with cash of my credit card. Lindsey, the younger, has some interest in hunting because it means spending some time with Dad, and because one of her

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PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

JIM COVAIS



SECRETARY
TREASURER
REPORT

RUSS HATCHL



Jim wasn't available this month and unfortunately due to a cold was unable to join us on the Great Pumpkin shoot. However he sent his best and wished everyone well.

Minutes of November 14, 2004, Meeting of Traditional Bowhunters of Virginia

Location: John Gresham's home, Ruther Glen, Virginia

Present: President John Gresham, Secretary/Treasurer Russ Hatchl, Publicity Director Kevin Cobb, Bob Seltzer, John Stockman, Dan Van Gundy, Pete Darby, Mike and Tommy Garvey, Ralph Lawson and Jack Denbow.

Like last year, we had a great time shooting pumpkins at John's place. Russ again was thankful for the durability of carbon arrows upon colliding with hardwood. Many wooden arrows showed their fragility, not to mention disrespect for the time and loving care spent in their creation.

We re-elected John Gresham, Jim Covais [in his absence!], and Russ Hatchl and found Dan Van Gundy to volunteer to replace Kevin Cobb as Publicity Director, as he did with Belvoir Bowhunters. Kevin agreed to continue to handle the club's web site. John agreed to continue with the commitments made by the others to share in the planning and supervision of 2005 club activities.

The site of our 2005 Winter Banquet will be the Blue Ridge Firehouse off of Route 7 just this side of the Shenandoah. John Stockman will try to get the place for Saturday, February 12, 2005.

If John is successful, Kevin will contact Billy Bryant to schedule a club pheasant shoot for the following Saturday, February 19, 2005.

Ralph will host a shoot in May at his place.

Bob Seltzer will arrange a July piggyback shoot at Belvoir.

Russ will arrange for a fall piggyback shoot at NORVA.

John will host another late fall pumpkin shoot at his place.

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with her to guide her through the shot. The following Saturday morning, she didn't want an early morning hunt, so I went back to the same location and shot the two of three deer that were sneaking away from two Yahoos who barged in the woods a full hour after sunup. They might have been Lindsey's deer. Who knows? Last Saturday, Lindsey again expressed an interest again in going afield with me. This time we went turkey hunting in a location along the path that local turkeys take late afternoon as they feed back toward their roosting area. I built a ground blind and used a turkey call very sparingly. Lindsey was patient. She asked questions. She was observant. She looked adorable in her hunting clothes! I was loving the fact that she is growing up enough to be my hunting buddy. Every moment was precious! In the end, we saw no turkeys that day. We even left the woods a bit early, because Lindsey had to get home in time to dress up for a party. Walking back to the van, she said, 'Dad, why didn't we see game? Did I do something wrong? We always see game when we go out.' 'Lindsey', I said. 'You did everything right. But, that's why it's called hunting and not getting.' Those hunts with my daughter this Fall rank as two of my favorite and most memorable times in the woods.

I hope my daughter wants to continue to hunt with me as time goes on. No success I've ever had in the hunting woods compares to the enjoyment of father daughter time in the Fall woods.

If you have hunted with your kids, you know what I mean.



CHOOSE THE FALL NORVA
3D DATE

We have the choice of 8/20 & 21 and 9/11/05 for piggyback shoot at NORVA. Please drop John or Russ an email with your preference so that we may be able to schedule this event. Only 8/21 is a Saturday. NORVA shoots start at 0900. We have plenty of time to choose, but we might as well get input early.

Club Member Tips
by Jack Denbow

For any of you guys who chop your own feathers check out the Vario Choppers at the below link. They are a little pricey but you only have to buy extra blade assemblies for different shapes. I got mine today and to say that I am impressed would be an understatement. This thing is even more than it is cracked up to be, now a days that is normally not the case. Be sure to read the review from Pete Ward.

One guy said if the "Little Chopper" is the Hyundai of choppers the Vario Chopper is the Mercedes Benz of choppers.

You can wack this thing with your hand and cut fletchings exactly alike every time. It is really cool. Jack

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Well this is it. My last newsletter...for a while anyway. I'd like to personally thank each of you for supporting me in this position and all the kind words I received from many about the newsletters. I really appreciated that and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the board. It takes a little time, but it's really rewarding being on the board of one of your favorite organizations. Especially for a group of guys that helped develop my skills. It's the least I could do.

Some of you may know Dan Van Gundy, and Some may not. Dan came to us this past year, though he'd been tinkering with his traditional equipment for a while. He's going to replace me as your Publicity Director. He's currently the President of the Belvoir Bowhunters, and has served on their board for more than, what Dan 4 years now??. Anyway, when I relinquished the ropes of Publicity Director for the Belvoir Bowhunters a few years back, Dan took over from me there. He carried on the PageMaker newsletter style and greatly improved what I started there. I'm sure you'll be just as pleased if not more so, with everything he accomplishes for the Traditional Bowhunters. Dan thanks so much for volunteering to do this job. (And from taking over from me for the second time!).

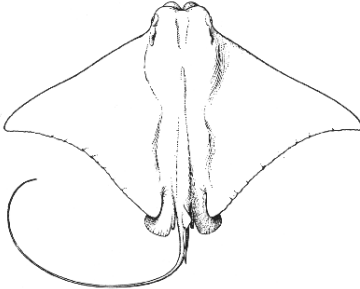
I hope everyone had a warm and joyful Thanksgiving this year. I was able to join my family in Pittsburgh and then got to go to CABELAS. That was quite a huge thing for us. For years my Dad, Brother, and I have given each other certificates for Cabelas at Christmas. It's so known I simply call the 800 number around this time frame, tell them my name and they just ask how much to both Chris and Glenn. I don't even have to give addresses any longer. So for the three of us to get to go to the real live store together. Oh man!

For those of you that missed the pumpkin shoot this year, you really missed a lot of fun and some darned good wild game cooked on the grill. We really had a lot of fun and some good laughs out there. Some good chiding took place as well. I recall Dan Van Gundy getting razed pretty hard by

good ol' Jack Denbow, only to turn around and Ace two pumpkins in a row. Pretty much sealed that conversation! It was good to see everyone again too. Been some time since we'd all been together.

Well, for the last time, I'll sign off. I wish each of you a warm and wonderful Christmas Season. I hope you all get great toys in your stockings. Jack that lump of coal isn't necessarily a bad thing...just sit on it long enough and it'll be a diamond..... ☺

Thanks again to everyone for making the last two years such a pleasurable experience. And a very special thank you to Jim Covais, Russ Hatchl, and John Gresham who put up with my nagging emails for newsletter information, and all sorts of stuff. It was a real pleasure working with each of you guys.



The Great Pumpkin Shoot FF



Marbled Arrow Crests

By Kevin Cobb

First I apologize for the quality of some of these pictures. Since I'm in the middle of a move, it's difficult at best to accomplish the proper setup and shots.

Marbling an arrow can add a touch of ownership to your arrows just as cresting can identify one's work. The trick is knowing what colors blend to make other colors. E.g. white and black, expect gray; etc. Then let your creativity take over. I had been working on this for about two years before I finally got the process down. Also probably threw about 100 shafts cut into short lengths away.

Needed items

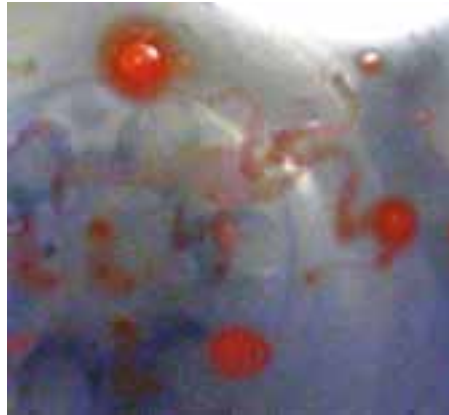
- You will need a tube long enough to dip the crest end of your arrow down into water. I recommend one with a mouth width of at least 2/12 to 3 inches.
- Testors Enamel Paint. (I cannot make this work with any other type paint, and I have tried them all.)
- Water
- Toothpick
- Arrow

Prepare your arrows by running them through your dip tube with a base color. I have typically used white for this process and do anywhere from 8 to 12 inches. Once this has completely dried, usually a day, mark the end, where the marble swirl should stop.

Fill the tube with very cold tap water. Set it in a place that will keep it straight. When the water has settled down, take the toothpick and place into the enamel color

you wish to marble. Only get a drop of paint on the toothpick. Then gently place that drop on top of the water. Once it touches the water it'll spread out slightly. Then I place a second light drop on top of the first. Take the toothpick and begin to swirl the paint into many directions. (Depicted is a poor rendition, but the only thing I could make work today without my real tubes.)

Note: There are three bubble spots in the picture below. I would throw this out and start over again with a real setup.



Quickly take the arrow and hold straight up and down above the tube. Lower the arrow into the tube while spinning back and forth, or in complete circles until you hit your mark, then quickly pull the arrow back out of the water. Hold a moment to set and then lightly tap the unpainted area against your knee to shake off any water spots.



At this point, I empty the water tube, and refill it for a second arrow. I do this for each arrow. Never use the same paint, otherwise it'll cling to the whole shaft.

After a moment of drying I've actually rolled the arrow across a smooth paper towel. Not one with dimples as shown in the picture. This will remove the water without damaging the marble you've just completed.

Let the arrow dry for a day, then you are ready to complete any further cresting, and/or cap dips required. Once this has been completed, I run it through a full dip tube of Minwax PolyAcryl to seal all crests and the marbling. When fletching, I use the Bohning tape and so far haven't had any issues with the feathers peeling back off.



Most importantly, have fun. It can be time consuming, but something neat to do on one of those cold wintry days.

2005 LIST OF EVENTS

February 12th. TBV Banquet, Blue Ridge Fire Hall

February 19th. Annual Bill Dillon Memorial Pheasant Hunt, Sportys - Catlett, Va

July - 3D with Belovir. Date TBD

Fall - NORVA 3D Date TBD (Please see page 2 for date choices)

Fall - Great Pumpkin Shoot III - John Gresham's House - Stafford Va.

Traditional Bowhunters of Virginia
Membership Application

Full Name (printed): _____

Address (printed): _____

Phone numbers: work: _____ home: _____

Email address(es): _____

Wife/Husband/Significant Other: _____

Children (names and ages): _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

(make check payable to Traditional Bowhunters of Virginia or "TBV")

Single membership and family membership is \$20.00/year.

By signing below I agree to be bound by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Traditional Bowhunters of Virginia, a Virginia Non-Stock Corporation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send application to Russ Hatchl, Treasurer, 318 Van Buren Street, Falls Church, VA 22046, home: (703) 534-3564, work: (703) 519-3553



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