

BELVOIR BOWHUNTERS



October 2018 Look Ahead:

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3	Executive Committee Meeting
10	Club Meeting



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From the President: Larry Readal, (757) 469-8700,
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Hey everybody – the season is finally IN! Every year when the season comes in, I'm reminded about my first hunting adventure aboard Fort Belvoir. It was around 2001 or so - can't remember exactly. I had been stationed in California for a couple years and hadn't hunted any for a while. We moved to the Northern VA area not too far from Fort Belvoir and I found out that Belvoir had hunting! It was a lot closer than driving all the way to Quantico, but it was archery only, so I thought ok, let's get into archery! I got a bow and shot the crap out of it, qualified at Belvoir, looked around at hunting areas, and I was fired up for opening day!

Finally, opening morning came and I was early to get my pass and went out to a place I had looked at with the plan to get in there real stealthy so as to not spook anything. I even idled up the road with just my parking lights on to my spot and was super quiet getting all my stuff ready. I was finally ready - bow in hand, and started to ease into the woods. BEEP, BEEP, BEEP – that was my car alarm going off! – lights flashing, the whole nine yards!!!! What in the hell???? Now, every deer (and person) in a one-mile radius knows I'm here and has run off! I guess I hit the panic button when I put the keys away or something. So much for stealthy! And, a little while later, at least 32 trucks flew past my spot at 50 miles an hour and I heard truck doors and all kind of noise, so I figured out right then that there was no use in trying to be too stealthy! Regardless, I still was hunting on opening day, and it was all good! One of these days, I might actually get a deer from Belvoir too! Thanks, and go hunting. Larry



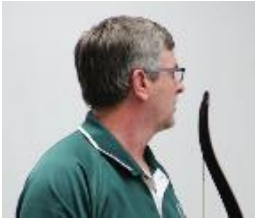
From the Vice President: Robin Vogel, vicepresident@belvoirbowhunters.com

The time has arrived where most of you are out in the woods hunting. Remember you shouldn't go into the woods without practicing at least once a week to keep your archery skills active and make sure your archery equipment is still tuned and ready. We will be having Indoor shoots in November and December, use them as refreshers for your form and shooting skills. Also remember the outdoor range is open and offers a great opportunity for some almost tree stand downhill shots.

If you like to cook or have good organizational skills, we are looking for you. The Sergeant-At-Arms position is still open on the Executive Board, ready for you to volunteer for it. If you don't cook, recruit people who do, create a sign up for each event or meeting. On the other side of the arena, if you are handy with tools or a good supervisor, our Range Warden position is just for you. We have a great group of volunteer range workers who are looking for a leader. Come join the Executive Board of Belvoir and get a free dinner once a month at the EB meeting.

As Always: Remember, Come out to shoot, Enjoy the Fun and Fellowship of the great sport of Archery! See you on the range, Robin.

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From the Activities Director: Jerry Michonski, (703) 946-1063

activitiesdirector@belvoirbowhunters.com

Thank You Kevin Walter for a great presentation of the Acorn and Deer Harvest information. You can view the slide presentation at

<https://ftbelvoir.isportsman.net/files/HarvestDataPPT2018.pdf>

Our October 10th meeting will have Veterans Fishing Adventures. Come see the custom boat he built to take out veterans fishing. It has a Wheelchair ramp for easy loading and unloading.

Want to do a presentation to the club or have an idea for a presentation, please let me know. Hope you have a great opening day and season.

Jerry Michonski



From the Secretary/Treasurer: Mirza Strujo, 585-217-6066

Mirza.Strujo@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

SEPTEMBER 12th MEETING MINUTES

President Larry Readal opened the meeting at 6:15. Guests were John, Daniel, Ken, Jason Holland, Dan, Josh, Reed, Mark, John, Jason.

All welcomed them and there was a round of applause. Larry asked how everyone found out about the club and several folks said online and through friends. There was a lot of interest for the evening's presentation from Kevin Walter on the 2017 Deer Harvest/ Acorn production Study Information on Ft. Belvoir

Secretary/Treasurer Mirza Strujo reported we have 222 members and about \$16,500 in the account and reminded everyone to please renew. They can call, mail, email, text, or renew on-line. We raised over \$8,200 at our Hunters for the Hungry event and we will be mailing out a check to them later this month. Thank you to everyone that came and participated in this great event.

Tournament Captain Ira Joseph was absent from the meeting so Larry mentioned we have Vegas Style shoots on the calendar for Sep (23 Sep), Oct, Nov and Dec, and that we haven't done these shoots in the past due to hunting season, and asked the Club if there was interest in doing them.

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There wasn't a strong yes or no from the Club, so we said maybe we would try one and see how many folks come out. There was some discussion that we could turn them into league shoots.

Publicity Director Jill Delligatti if you take pictures at the H4H event please send them to me at publicitydirector@belvoirbowhunters.com or jmdelligatti@gmail.com

Activities Director Jerry Michonski Jerry provided an overview of our most recent event the HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY 3D Fundraiser shoot which occurred on SATURDAY 25 AUGUST out at NORVA. He thanked everyone for all the help and support for making the event so successful. A special thank you to all the food folks - Greg Thompson, TDK, Charlie Shupienus and Morgan Fink.

Jerry reminded everyone to be safe when climbing and descending your tree stands and wearing a safety harness now that the hunting season has started.

Next month we will have Veteran's Fishing Adventures. Come see the custom boat they built to take out wounded veterans out fishing. It has a Wheelchair ramp for easy loading and unloading.

If you have any ideas for future programs please let Jerry know, he is always looking for program ideas and inputs.

Sgt-At-Arms (VACANT) Larry mentioned that we really need a volunteer for this position!, and that we need someone to coordinate food. It's easier for the rest of the year because we don't have any shoots or events scheduled. Also, the next several meetings are all taken care of so the person would be helping out and planning food for the club starting next year. Please volunteer for this position and help your club out! Also, we reviewed who is responsible for food for the next few meetings:

October Meeting: Mirza is bringing Chili

November Meeting: Robin Vogel

December Meeting: Larry Readal (tentatively)

January Meeting: TBD - need a volunteer!

Range Warden (VACANT) Larry reminded the Club that this position is ALSO vacant and we need to fill it! Please volunteer and help your club out for this critical position. There's a lot of work that needs to get done, especially looking at indoor bale requirements as the indoor season gets closer.

Vice President Robin Vogel discussed the upcoming Vegas Style shoot and explained how they do them for the Lancaster classic. Robin also provided a quick overview of the Hunters for the Hungry organization and all of the good work that they do each year to processes donated deer to help feed families in need in our community and throughout the country.

President Larry Readal asked for a motion to increase our donation from the \$6,900 raised at H4H shoot to a total of \$7,000 to Hunters for the Hungry. Motion was made and seconded and was approved by vote.

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OLD BUSINESS: Larry spoke about the new VBA Silver Arrow Award and gave a quick overview and mentioned that nominations are due in September and he wants folks ideas for nominations and to please let him know if anyone in the Club has someone in mind that we need to recognize. This is a great opportunity – let's not waste it! The VBA "Silver Arrow Award" was created to honor those persons who have performed at a superior level within the VBA, and focuses on persons who have made extraordinary contributions to their VBA Club, other Clubs in their VBA Region and/or Clubs outside their VBA Region.

NEW BUSINESS: Larry also talked about the upcoming September VBA meeting on 15-16 September and reminded the Club what will be discussed:

We will hash out the 2019 calendar and lock it in. Our calendar looks like last year: Indoor shoot Jan, Feb, Mar (two in Feb if get State Indoor), 3D shoot Apr, May, Jul, Aug. No Apr "Mil Child of Month" shoot/event. Bowfish in early June. WGD is on 6 April, and the May shoot will be our IBO Qualifier. One change is that we're having a Field Shoot in June vs a 3D shoot.

Will also vote on who will host these shoots (BBH ALREADY VOTED ON THESE AT THE JUNE MEETING): STATE INDOOR (23-24 FEB), SPRING 3D (6-7 APRIL), STATE OPEN (25-26 MAY), FALL 3D (17-18 AUG), STATE CLOSED (31 AUG-1 SEP).

Larry mentioned one possible conflict for March: BBH has shoot scheduled for Sun, 17 March but NORVA (although they haven't given their calendar to VBA yet) has held their "Icebreaker 3D Shoot" around that time in the past. Larry asked the Club if NORVA really wants the 17 Mar date, was the Club ok with moving our 17 Mar shoot to Sat, 16 Mar. There was some discussion, and a motion made, then modified, and approved to allow moving the shoot "at the discretion of the President".

PRESENTATION: Kevin Walter provided an overview of Ft. Belvoir deer harvest for 2017 and a look at historical deer harvest on post and the "Rut" dates that always have the largest deer harvests on base. Kevin also provided an outlook of the acorn crop on Belvoir which seems to be on the rise and gave an update on several Hinge Cutting and Timber Stand Improvement projects as well as the Culvert trail camera study that the base has been conducting. GREAT PRESENTATION that was well received – there was a round of applause and a lot of discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM

September Treasurer's Report

Account Balance as of 21 August 2018:	\$ 10,055.46
Income	
DIVIDENDS	2.24
Dues	212.70
HFH Benefit Income:H4H Bucket Raffles	940.00
HFH Benefit Income:H4H Food Donations	919.81
HFH Benefit Income:H4H General Raffle	1,350.00
HFH Benefit Income:H4H Hats w Raffle Tix	1,540.00
HFH Benefit Income:H4H Novelty shoot	210.00
HFH Benefit Income:H4H Shoot Registration	1,555.00
Total Income	\$ 6,729.75
Expenses	
3D SHOOT EXPENSES:3D Shoot Range Fees to ODR	-200.00
Total Expense	\$ (200.00)
Account Balance as of 20 September 2018:	\$ 16,585.21

From the Sgt-At-Arms: VACANT -- We need a volunteer!!

Please contact any of the club officers to see what is involved.

From the Range Warden: VACANT - We need a volunteer!!

Please contact any of the club officers to see what is involved.

WORKING PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Belvoir's range needs a lot of work also (list below).

- Shed needs to have its gutter cleaned
- Need to dig a trench around to direct water around
- Repair Target #1, #2 bales
- Replace several Bow Racks
- Move yardage marker at #7 to the right to allow us to stop using Copperhead Canyon bridge
- Make up new signs for range
- Walk through range needs some work: Some target huts need work, need to replace/fix some bow hangers, and need to replace a few bales

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From the Publicity Director: Jill Delligatti, jmdelligatti@gmail.com

If you have anything you would like to share – pictures from your latest hunting adventure – (even if it’s the one that got away), stories, or anecdotes, please send them to me. If you have been successful and would like to share the best hunting spots or techniques, I’m sure there are those who would like a few tips!



From the Tournament Chair: Ira Joseph, IJSEP@GMAIL.COM, (915) 588-4667

Don't forget to take some time for practice at the range in between sits in the tree stand or walks in the woods. League shoots and indoor tournament season is just around the corner, practice practice practice!

2018 AT A GLANCE

	OCTOBER
	3 Executive Committee Meeting
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NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
7 Executive Committee Meeting	5 Executive Committee Meeting
14 Club Meeting	9 Club Vegas /USA Archery Shoot (Sunday Shoot) - <i>If there is interest</i>
18 Club Vegas / USA Archery Shoot (Sunday Shoot) - <i>If there is interest</i>	12 Club Meeting

FOR SALE:

- DALAA RECURVE: 17" Riser, Medium Camo Limbs, 50# Right Hand, \$450.00 OBO
Call Tom Breese 540-775-1690, A19BLT@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

- Model 70-7500D Titan Diesel powered Generator Direct injection, Electric start, Remote Control, Low oil shut down 2-120 1-220. (originally \$5980.00)
- Model 16-8500M 7.5KW gas powered generator with O.H.V. Titan Engine with low oil shut down. (originally \$3460.00)
- Model TAC 2T Gas powered Industrial contractors series Compressor with 5.5 H.P. Titan engine. (originally \$1350.00)
- Model TPW 22 P.S.I. Gas powered pressure washer with 5.5 O.H.V. Titan engine with adjustable spray nozzle. (originally \$978.00)
- Model TIP 300 3 X3 Contractors Series Pump with 5.5 H.P. with O.H.V. Titan Engine with low oil shut down. (originally \$1720.00)
- Wheel Kit for TG-7500D (originally \$390.00)
- Wheel Kit for TG-8500M (originally \$390.00)

All items are new and prices are negotiable.

Anyone that may be **seriously** interested, please call Irene at 703-670-5003

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2018 Belvoir Bowhunters Membership Application

A private organization not affiliated with Fort Belvoir or the U.S. Army.
Annual Membership: 1 Jan 2018 through 31 Dec 2018

Dues	Belvoir	VBA¹	(Circle those that apply)
Head-of-Household	\$20	\$20	1. All Belvoir Bowhunters must belong to Virginia Bowhunters (VBA).
Charter (Founding) Member	\$ 0	\$20	
Senior Member (65 and over)	\$10	\$20	2. "Family" is defined as the head of household, spouse and all youth under 18. "Family" does not include other adults in household who are 18 or older.
Spouse	\$10	\$ 8	
Youth (under 18)	\$10	\$ 5	
Max for Family ²	\$30	\$32	
Additional Adult	_____ x \$15	_____ x \$20	
Independent Youth	\$ 1	\$10	

Dues Subtotal: _____

Dues Total: _____ * Make checks to BELVOIR BOWHUNTERS. Send to MIRZA STRUJO, 9071 BELO GATE DRIVE, MANASSAS PARK, VA 20111 or contact him at MIRZA.STRUJO@GMAIL.COM or 585-217-6066.

Renewing members, with no changes to personal data, need only provide their name. If renewing members have any changes to personal data, note those changes below.

New / Renewing Member Information (circle one):

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ VBA # _____

Military Status

- Active Duty
- Retired
- Dependent
- Guard
- Reserve
- DOD Civilian
- Civilian

Additional Member's Info:

Name	Birth Date (if under 18)	VBA # (Renewing members if known)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Complete for all independent youth applications:

"I will ensure that my child(ren) will receive appropriate supervision at all BBH Club Activities"

Signature _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

Assumption of Risk: I, the undersigned, do hereby release IBO, Belvoir Bowhunters, Fort Belvoir and all personnel, from losses, damages, or personal injuries incurred by myself while participating and/or viewing an IBO or other archery sanctioned event. I fully understand and acknowledge that archery tournaments, as other outdoor activities, involve certain inherent risks, and I attend and/or participate in this event with full knowledge of those risks.

Signature _____ Date _____