

VHEADLINES



A quarterly Newsletter of the Virginia Hunter Education Association

Wendy Hyde, Editor

Letter from the President

By Tony Carambia, President

WOW, seems like this time just flies by so fast.

We have the upcoming VHEA Sporting Clay Shoot on 14 July in Remington VA. I hope to see you come up and give us a hand or maybe to shoot a few rounds.

We also have our Hunter Skills Weekend on 14-16 September. We are offering 14 scholarships for first timers at the event. All they must do is apply through our Secretary, Aaron Grimsley, who is handling the application / award process. The full scholarships are on a first-come first-served basis so all they have to do is show up and have fun learning.

The spring turkey season has come and gone. I do hope you got a chance to go out. A few of our members did get some nice birds. All I got was wet feet and bug bites. It still was nice to get out, listen, and watch the sun come up. I did hear a few birds, but I think they were heading for the next county.

I hope some of our members have come up with a few ideas to earn monies for the organization. Maybe you have talked to other instructors about joining VHEA. I look forward to seeing you all again at our next meeting. Remember to vote in the upcoming election. Every vote counts.

Wendy Hyde, our Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, is stepping down as of September 30 and will truly be missed. I mention this because we need someone to step up and take her place. If you do want the job let us know. The board would love to vote you in. The outgoing Director can spend some time with you and give some valuable insight about this position.

Again, looking forward to seeing you all, God Bless
Very respectfully,

*Anthony P. Carambia (Tony), your president
God Bless*

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A Message from the VP

By Mike Norkus, Vice President

I hope everyone is enjoying this direct transition from winter to summer, I guess spring just forgot to jump in there! Now all this this rain! Hope everyone was successful with their spring gobbler season and stayed dry! Just wanted to give you the latest and greatest on what's new for 2017-2018 from DGIF. Please mention these items during your discussions in your Hunter Ed Classes.

Licenses: A resident junior bear license (ages 12–15) is now available for \$6.50.

General Information: Blaze Pink may now be worn where there is blaze colored requirement.

Bear: All areas that had an August or September bear hound training season will have the same season dates. Additionally, the season will begin earlier on August 1st.

- There is a new three-day open (firearms) season in a number of counties in western Virginia. Hunting hours, bag and weight limit, weapon requirements, dog use, and all other open and general bear season regulations apply.

Deer: Muzzleloading either-sex deer hunting days have been changed for several counties west of the Blue Ridge (see page 37 of your game laws booklets).

- Earn A Buck has been established for private lands in Fauquier and Montgomery counties and for all towns and cities in Virginia (except Chesapeake, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach).
- Firearms either-sex deer hunting day have been significantly reduced for over a dozen eastern counties and eliminated on most National Forest and Department owned lands west of the Blue Ridge. It is now legal to buy and sell the hair, hide, tail, sinew, skull, antlers, bones, and feet of a legally possessed deer or elk carcass or carcass part, any products made from these carcass parts, and deer or elk mounts. Deer or elk meat (venison), organs, etc. cannot be bought and sold.
- Air rifles for deer hunting have been restricted to .35 caliber or larger and their use prohibited for bear and elk hunting.
- Charlottesville, Boones Mill, and Victoria have been added to the urban archery deer season(s).

Turkey: Hampton and Newport News are no longer closed for fall firearms turkey season.

Small Game: Sunday hunting for crows has been changed to Monday. The days are now Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Furbearers: Raccoons were added to the list of species that can be hunted with electronic calls.

Quota Hunts: Dismal Swamp Bear Hunt and Deer Hunt are now first-come, first-served and no longer quota hunts.

Hunt hard and hunt safe!

Mike

VP, VHEA

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Secretary's Notes

By Aaron Grimsley, Secretary

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well. At this time the State Corporation Commission has been paid and submitted. The scholarships for Hunter Skills Weekend is not going as well as we would like. If anyone knows a first-time female that would like to attend, please email me.

We can always use more members. Any recruitments would be appreciated. Please remember to vote in the September elections. Everyone needs to be in good standing with the Association.

The Association has a very nice display board with tables, tablecloths, handouts and furs. If anyone needs to borrow it, please let me know. The Association has its annual clay shoot which is a fundraiser on July 14, 2018. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the event. At this time, it looks like we have about 50 to 70 shooters. Most shooters will shoot more than one round.

Best,

Aaron Grimsley
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

By John Maher, Treasurer

Beginning Total	\$16,884.57	\$16,678.08	\$13,730.08	\$17,230.18
Donor-Advised Funds	31 Jan	28 Feb	31 Mar	30 Apr
Bedford County HE	\$221.82	\$221.82	\$221.82	0
Bedford County Hunts	\$77.88	\$77.88	\$77.88	0
Carter Lewis Memorial	\$820.00	\$820.00	\$820.00	\$820.00
Judy Bergloff Memorial	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00
John Dunn Hunt	\$394.76	\$394.76	\$394.76	\$394.76
VDGIF HSW Grant	\$213.09	\$213.09	\$213.09	0
VDGIF HSW Donation	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,713.09
Ending Subtotal	\$3,362.55	\$3,362.55	\$3,362.55	\$3,032.85
Beginning Subtotal	\$13,522.02	\$13,315.53	\$13,367.53	\$13,897.63
VA SCC Annual Registration for 2018				
Event Insurance (April Fundraiser)			176.00	
Dues			\$200.00	
Web Page \$60. Per Qtr \$18. Annual Registration			\$60.00	
Spring Fundraiser Donations			\$100.00 \$436.10	600.00
HSW Inst Mat	206.49			
		52.00		
Ending Subtotal	\$13,315.53	\$13,367.53	\$13,867.63	\$14,97.63
Ending Balance	\$16,678.08	\$13,730.08	\$17,230.18	\$17,530.48

VAHEA is a non-profit organization. Our annual financial goal should be to take in slightly more funds that we expend every year. This annual increase will support (and regulate) the growth of VAHEA initiatives in number and scale.

As VAHEA moves forward, processes need to be defined and recorded as appendices to the By-Laws. Regardless of how thoroughly events are planned there will be improvements from lessons learned and in the event. As appendices, the processes can be updated without

Fund Raisers

The first fundraiser, a Sporting Clay event last July, was a great success bringing in over \$2,000. Projections for a repeat in milder April anticipated doubling that intake, but weather forced a postponement until a later date – again in the warm July climate. Conceptually, this will be an annual springtime event.

In search of a second fundraiser that would not focus on the same Northern Virginia audience, a presence at the Virginia Outdoor Show in August and a raffle has been selected.

We need membership support and participation.

Memorial Funds

We have closed the two regional Memorial Funds (Bedford County HE (\$221.82) and Bedford County Hunts (\$77.88) and checks were sent to Vernie Kennedy.

The remaining memorial funds will support state-wide programs:

- The Carter Lewis Memorial will support Treestand Safety.
- The John Dunn Hunt will continue to support injured veterans' crossbow hunts
- The Judy Bergloff Memorial will promote ladies' participation in the hunting sports. I expect this to begin with a regional pilot program to resolve administrative processes.

Grants

We have received a \$1,500.00 grant for Hunter Skills Weekend and DGIF has approved combining the \$213.09 remaining from the 2016 grant with this current grant.

Regional News

Region 1

No report submitted

Region 2

No report submitted

Region 3

I hope everyone has a safe summer.

If anyone in Region 3 has any issues they'd like to bring up, please feel free to contact me.

I would like to see more instructors in Region 3 step up and join VHEA. We have the lowest membership in our region, and possibly the highest number of hunters. I would like to encourage more to step up and join to help and support us. We are all in this for the same reason, to help young and new hunters, trappers and shooters to educate them in their skills and safety.

Thanks,

John Gullion
Region 3 Director

Region 4

Nothing to report

At Large

Nothing to report

YHEC and VHEA

This year for the first time VHEA offered a \$500 sponsorship to the overall individual senior winner of the 2018 Virginia Youth Hunter Education Challenge toward attendance at the 2018 Youth Hunter Education Challenge National Championship on July 22-27, 2018 in Mansfield, PA.

Neither the first nor second place winners decided to attend. VHEA hopes to make this offer available for future YHEC events.

Fundraiser in July



The 2nd Annual VHEA Sporting Clays FUNdraiser has been **rescheduled to**

Saturday, July 14, 2018
at Shady Grove Sporting Clays
11986 Lucky Hill Road
Remington, VA 22734

Aaron Grimsley is heading up the effort and is the primary contact for any questions.

This is a fun competition and participants can shoot as many rounds as they want. Cost for an adult is \$35.00 per round of 50. We are offering a discounted rate this year for youth - kids 16 and under shoot for \$25.00 per round.

Stations sponsorships are a \$100 tax-deductible contribution. Sponsorship includes a sign at a shooting station, the business or individuals' name and website link is posted on the VHEA website, and sponsors can set up an 8' x 8' display booth at the event.

Pre-registration is open on the VHEA web site at: <http://vahea.org/sporting-clays-fundraiser/>. A list of sponsors and donors is posted as well as links to their web sites.

Lunch will be available to purchase, and Bill Bush and his crew will be serving up BBQ, burgers, hot dogs, fries and cold drinks.

We still have room for more volunteers - as the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work"! We can still use help if your Saturday is free. To volunteer, email Aaron at huntedr@yahoo.com or call him at 703-895-8027. We'll hold the shoot rain or shine!

This is a fun effort that will help VHEA be able to continue offering workshops, special hunts, and scholarships to educate the public, promote hunter education, and meet our goals.

Board Bulletins

VHEA Officers:

President	Anthony Carambia cartony9@cox.net
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Region 3	John Gullion trapperjohn@live.com
Region 4	Lynn Hyde lhyde429@yahoo.com
At Large	Jesse Ebron jebtron@sms.com
Director of Public Affairs and Marketing	Wendy Hyde vheadlines@gmail.com

Hunter Skills Weekend Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that VHEA is making a *limited number* of full scholarships available for first-time female adult or female youth participants to the September 14-16, 2018 Virginia Hunter Skills Weekend! Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis.

As an instructor, you can help by telling all your classes about the event and this unique offer for female students of all ages. The application and registration process is different than a regular attendee and must be processed through VHEA Secretary Aaron Grimsley. Contact Aaron or Wendy Hyde at vheadlines@gmail.com for details on how to apply.

VHEA Volunteer Job Announcements

Ways and Means Committee

The Board is seeking a Chairman AND one member from each region for the Ways and Means Committee effective immediately. The goal of the committee is to generate fundraising ideas and work as a team with the Board, Regional Directors, and VHEA members to help accomplish them. Send your name, email address and telephone number to the board at vheadlines@gmail.com.

Director of Public Affairs and Marketing

Effective September 30, Wendy Hyde will be stepping down as the Director of Public Affairs and Marketing for the VHEA after six years of volunteer support. The communication role this position requires is important to the continued outreach efforts of the Association, and the board would like to find a suitable candidate soon to work with Wendy to make a smooth transition. Anyone interested in the position is asked to contact any of the board members. A job description and contact information are below.

Director of Public Affairs and Marketing: Responsible for the development and implementation of the Virginia Hunter Education Association's communications strategy and objectives. Develops communications plans and implements a broad range of public relations activities.

This position shall be by appointment of the Board of Directors; with no minimum or maximum term of office.

Responsibilities:

- Develop an effective communications plan that leverages the VHEA's organizational goals
- Develop, integrate, and implement public relations activities designed to enhance the organization
- Work with the President/Vice-President/Association Officers by managing the communications and public relations plans as determined by the larger organizational strategic planning process in order to:
 - o achieve organizational goals and objectives
 - o advance the VHEA's identity
 - o broaden awareness of its programs and priorities
 - o ensure consistency in internal and external communication content

VHEA Volunteer Job Announcements (cont'd.)

Director of Public Affairs and Marketing (cont'd.)

- Cultivate and maintain strong media relationships
- Function as a liaison between the public and the Association on public relations matters, and work with the Board to resolve public affairs issues
- Serve as author and executive editor for the development, production and maintenance of the VHEA's internal and external communication vehicles, specifically
 - o printed communications products including newsletters, flyers for Association events, advertisements, submissions to newspapers and periodicals, and other printed media
 - o electronic communications products including the main website, online communications, and social media sites. This includes serving as the sole interface between the website hosting company and the Association regarding site content, format and functionality, and acting as the primary contact for any issues pertaining to the web site.
- Work with the President/Vice-President/Association Officers to facilitate the distribution of internal meeting minutes and assist with the creation of annual reports for distribution to the membership
- Generate and present reports regarding public relations and marketing matters as required by the Board of Directors and at annual meetings
- Attend Board and General Membership meetings
- Create and launch new media and marketing materials
- Receive inquiries obtained through the web site and respond or forward, as applicable, based on the nature of the inquiry

2018 Elections

Nominations are now closed for the offices of President and Secretary. Candidates will be announced on the VHEA web site and through email by August 1, 2018.

Article III, Section 2, VHEA By-laws:

- (A) Each Officer shall hold office for a period of two years and until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and shall be and remain qualified for their term of office. Exception to this is the Director of Public Affairs and Marketing (See Director of Public Affairs and Marketing description in Section 4).
- (B) The Term of Office shall begin January 1 following the election. The offices of President and Secretary shall be elected in even years. The offices of Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected in odd years.
- (C) The process of election of officers will proceed according to the following schedule:

- i. The Board will appoint a Nomination/Election Committee of one (1) Regional Board member and one (1) elected officer (not running for office that year) by the first scheduled Board meeting of the year normally in conjunction with an Advanced Training Weekend (normally in March). Notice to all members of the offices to be filled, Nomination/Election Committee members and due date for nominations to be received, will be communicated to all members at the spring informational meeting held in conjunction with an Advanced Training weekend, by email, and posted to the website by May 1.
- ii. The Nomination/Election Committee will qualify (member is good standing) all nominees and report to the Board a list of candidates for each open office by July 1.
- iii. The Nomination/Election Committee will announce the slate of candidates and voting process to the entire membership in good standing (dues paid and life members) by email, written letter (if so indicated by the member) and posted to the website by August 1.
- iv. The election will be held from August 1 to August 31 by mail-in ballot or by email. The election is open to all currently active members and life members as of July 1 of the same calendar year. Any ballot post marked after August 31, or any email submitted date stamped after August 31 will not be counted.
- v. The Nomination/Election committee will count the ballots and announce the results of the election at the annual meeting of the Association.

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"Virginia Hunter Education Association" on

facebook

OR

Visit the VHEA web site at www.vahea.org

Go to the "LINKS" page and click on the
Facebook logo to be directed to our page

Special Workshops by VDGIF

Workshops focusing on specific types of hunting are one of the ways VDGIF is creating opportunities to recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters of all ages.

An Introduction to Waterfowling Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 9 am – 4:00 pm at the Sussex Shooting Sports site in Waverly, VA. Students attending the one-day free workshop will rotate through classes on wing shooting skills, decoy placement, and waterfowl regulations and identification.

Jamestown 4 H Educational Center will be the host for a Next Level Bowhunting Workshop the weekend of October 12-14, 2018. This event provides an opportunity for licensed, adult bow hunters 18 or older to expand their knowledge about bowhunting methods and techniques; treestand use and placement; camouflage, scents, lures and calls; and understand shot placement and game recovery techniques. Part of the weekend activities includes the unique opportunity to go on an evening bow hunt on a Wildlife Management Area. Registration cost is \$120 before September 14 and \$130 after.

For more information on either workshop contact VDGIF Region 1 Recreational Safety Coordinator Bryan Branch at 804-836-5943 or bryan.branch@dgif.virginia.gov.



**HUNTER
EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

Saturday, August 18
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FREE CLASS!
Lunch & Instruction Included

INTRODUCTION TO WATERFOWLING WORKSHOP

FOR AGES 12- ADULT; UNDER 18 MUST ATTEND WITH PARENT
At the Sussex Shooting Sports site, Waverly, Virginia

Interested in waterfowl hunting? Want to improve your existing skills? This workshop is for you!

You rotate through all three classes!:

Wing Shooting Skills: live fire (firearms and ammo provided), feel free to bring your own shotgun, must be unloaded and cased as well as locked in your vehicle during other segments of this workshop)

Decoy Placement: both duck and goose spreads for different conditions

Waterfowl Regulations and Identification: by a Conservation Police Officer

A Partnership Program Presented by:

To register: register-ed.com/events/view/124245

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries shall afford to all persons an equal access to Department programs and facilities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex or age.

NEXT LEVEL BOWHUNTING WORKSHOP

October 12-14, 2018

Want to be a more successful bowhunter?

Looking for expert instruction?

Then this is the workshop for you!

WHERE: Jamestown 4-H Educational Center, Williamsburg, Virginia

WHO CAN ATTEND? Licensed, Adult Bow Hunters 18 years of age or older who have completed a hunter education course.

WORKSHOP TOPICS INCLUDE:

DETAILED CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE AT jamestown4hcenter.org

- Bowhunting Methods and Techniques
- Treestand use, Placement and Safety
- Camouflage, Scent Control, Lures, Calls
- Shot Placement and Recovery of Game
- *An Evening Bow Hunt on a Wildlife Management Area!*

COST: Early bird fee of \$120.00 through Sept. 14, 2018; after Sept. 14, 2018: \$130.00
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 28, 2018

INCLUDES: Meals Friday dinner- Sunday Breakfast, lodging, and all instruction.
Participants are required to provide their own archery equipment, hunting clothing, treestand with a TMA approved full body harness or ground blind. Proficiency with archery equipment out to 25 yards is required.

WHAT A DEAL!

REGISTER: Jamestown4hcenter.org or 757-253-4931

A PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PRESENTED BY:

Includes a real Bowhunt! Limited Spaces!

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center programs and employment are open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veterans status, or any other basis protected by law. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

In Our Sights

By Wendy Hyde

We are “adjusting our sights” for the next several issues and looking outside our organization to people we interact with in the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. I am grateful for their cooperation and willingness to let us learn about them, and hopefully foster new relationships or learn something new about an old friend.



Name	Zach Adams
In what county do you live?	Campbell
What is your job title?	Region II Recreational Safety Coordinator
What areas of the state do you support?	Central Virginia
How long have you had this position?	Three years
Do you have law enforcement experience? For who and how long?	I was sworn for ten years as a Game Warden/CPO beginning in 2004. My assignment was Campbell County. I transferred in to my current position in 2015.

What prompted you to work for VDGIF?	<i>I have always wanted to work outdoors and have a passion for the outdoors.</i>
What do you enjoy most about your job?	<i>Teaching kids and adults as well about the outdoors and how to enjoy and do it in an ethical and safe manner.</i>
What is the most challenging aspect of your job?	<i>The declining numbers of youth taking to the outdoors and hunting.</i>
How did your interest in hunting begin?	<i>My father passed along his knowledge and passion to me starting around age seven or so.</i>
Where did you grow up?	<i>Pearisburg, VA (Giles County)</i>
What is your educational background (high school, college, what did you study)?	<i>Giles High School, Giles Vocational School (Machine Technology), NRCC (Police Science), Radford University (Criminal Justice) and Liberty University</i>
Do you have any training certifications?	<i>I have had numerous certifications over the years in Law Enforcement but nothing current</i>
What other jobs have you had in the past?	<i>Manager of GNC, and other jobs while attending school</i>
Are you a member of any community organizations or churches?	<i>Thomas Road, Blue Ridge</i>
What would you like to share about your family?	<i>I have two daughters</i>
What do you like to do on your time off?	<i>Coach softball and enjoy outdoor activities</i>
Do you have any hobbies?	<i>Hunt, fish, kayak, shooting bow, firearms, woodworking</i>

Zach can be contacted through the VDGIF Region 2 Office
 1132 Thomas Jefferson Rd.
 Forest, VA 24551
 Phone: 434-525-7522