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Virginia Peninsula Sportsmen's Association Announces Postponement of BIG GAME CONTEST until Spring 2021

Williamsburg, Va. – The Virginia Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (VPSA) and the Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show had planned to collaborate in August 2020 to produce Virginia's only and oldest Deer, Bear, and Turkey judging contest. However, due to restrictions surrounding the current pandemic the August 2020 Show is cancelled.

The VPSA is committed to holding a contest for the sportsmen and women who bagged trophy deer, bear, and turkey during the 2019-2020 season and will delay this contest until SPRING 2021 (before the start of turkey season). The VPSA will continue to monitor the pandemic to ensure Spring is the appropriate time to hold this contest. A venue and date will be announced in a future press release. All promotional tickets will be honored at the Spring Contest.

The VPSA plans to return to Richmond in August 2021 and continue its new partnership with the Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show to celebrate the 2020-2021 hunting season.

2020 marks the VPSA's 81st year as the producer of the Virginia Big Game Contest. The first Big Game Contest was held on September 23, 1940 in Hampton, Virginia and was open to any deer legally bagged in Virginia prior to 1940. This contest is the oldest continuous State Big Game Contest still in existence in the nation.

Hunters must have a certified Virginia Game Check Card or their confirmation number on their hunting license from the Game Department's Telephone/Internet Checking System in order to enter a deer, bear, or turkey in the contest. In addition, there is a Historical Division that includes any deer taken or deadhead found from a previous season in Virginia. Historical division entries do not require a game check card. The entry fee is \$15 per animal and the contest will be judged on the Virginia Scoring System.

For more information about the contest, please visit www.vpsa.org, which has more details and the list of official rules. For questions not answered by the website, please call or email VPSA President Mike Jones at 757-371-3335 or vpsa.big.game.contest@gmail.com.

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