



# YANKEE SPORTSMAN'S CLASSIC 2019

Presented by The Vermont Trappers Association

# SEMINAR INFORMATION



## Tim Andrus

What started as a dream, became a reality in 1996 when Tim joined the rank of pro-staffer for Realtree Outdoors and he hasn't looked back since. He feels like one of the luckiest guys in the outdoor industry to come from a small, farm town in Western NY to become a national pro-staffer traveling the country meeting sportsmen and women from all over and hearing their stories from the field. But even before that he had a strong passion for the outdoors whether standing streamside fishing or sitting in a snow storm deer hunting. Tim's true passion is deer hunting whitetails and Mules, having hunted them in twenty states and five Canadian provinces, but he also love the challenge of long-beards, antelope and bear. Tim started hosting "Rush Outdoors" a regional show covering NY, PA and Southern Ontario 7 years ago. He is also host of "The World Of Rush Outdoors" a national show on the Pursuit channel reaching 42 million homes. He has made appearances on Realtree Roadtrips with Michael Waddell, Realtree Outdoors, Deer City USA and Outdoor America aired on the Outdoor channel. He has also appeared on Realtree's Monster Buck DVD series.



## Ken Hammel

Ken Hammel grew up in Altoona Pennsylvania and has been a whitetail hunting fanatic since the age of 12. He has 30 years of experience hunting the North American whitetail deer, in fact in 10 consecutive deer seasons he harvested bucks scoring 130 to 189 7/8 inches on the Boone and Crockett Gross scale. He also has harvested three Giant Whitetails scoring over 170 inches, all on public land where anyone can hunt. Ken is a nationally known caller and hunter. His expertise in hunting the whitetail deer has allowed him to be successful in the many States and Canadian Provinces that he hunts. He has harvested over 100 whitetails in his lifetime, 70 percent of them being bucks. His knowledge on how to rattle in the big North American whitetail deer is second to none. He has rattled, called, and used scents in order to be successful time and time again. Come along and listen to Ken speak on how to help you understand how to rattle in those incredible big whitetails to your tree stand in your neck of the woods. Ken is the Owner of Mountain Hollow Game Calls, Inc.



## Rainforest Reptile Show

Michael Ralbovsky obtained a BS degree in Biology, but gained his most valuable experience as an animal keeper at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm and Zoological Park. In all, Michael has worked with and gained an in-depth knowledge of all twenty-four species of Crocodylians, not to mention the 17' 9" saltwater crocodile giant at The St. Augustine Alligator Farm and Zoological Park. Michael currently lives in Beverly, Massachusetts with his wife and business partner, Joaney M. Gallagher, their five children, and lots and lots of animals. Michael started Rainforest Reptile Shows in 1993 to help promote his love of the natural world and his concern for rainforest preservation.



## The Adirondack Deer Trackers

Jim Massett is a true deer hunting living legend. He has been the subject of countless articles and defines the Adirondack deer hunting tradition. Joe DiNitto has also become one of the top names in deer hunting, specifically tracking deer in snow. He was recently featured in the December 2018 issue of Field and Stream magazine describing his tactics. It doesn't usually take Joe more than a day or two, to tag out on a mature whitetail usually at least 6.5 years of age. Together, Massett and DiNitto deliver an incredibly dynamic seminar. Many have called it "the finest seminar on tracking whitetails in the remote woods" that they have ever seen. They also, along with the rest of their group, The ADK Trackers, set up an impressive booth with some of their past trophies and are more than willing to talk deer hunting and make personalized copies of their book "The Adirondack Deer Trackers: Stories as Told In Deer Camp" available.



## Chris Adams

Adams, 32, is a second-generation tournament angler who has built an impressive record of wins and top finishes on Lake Champlain. Adams has amassed Five FLW Fishing Top Ten finishes, two RAM Open Series wins, four Champlain Bass Series wins, a Champlain Bass Series Angler of the Year title, and over \$90,000 in tournament earnings on Lake Champlain. Along with dozens of local and team event wins and top finishes, Adams is also a former LCI Bass Open champion, past Vermont Mr. Bass winner and previous BASS Federation National Championship contender. His most recent major finish was 5th in the 2018 FLW Costa Series on Lake Champlain. His sponsors include Turner Piping & Refrigeration, Shimano Fishing, Ranger Boats, Yamaha Outboards, Gamma Fishing Lines, Vermont Field Sports, Reynolds Boats, Sugar & Spice, Green Screen Graphics, Keitech Lures and Ninja Grass Blade.



## Have Your Trophy Officially Scored




The Vermont Big Game Trophy Club will be on hand with scorers representing the following clubs: MASTC, NHASTC, NBBBC, P&Y, B&C and VBGTC. These nationally acclaimed scorers will be able to officially score any species of North American Big Game. The Vermont Big Game Trophy Club is a non-profit organization and utilizes a network of volunteer measureers throughout the state to measure trophies and forward this information to the VBGTC offices for inclusion in their records keeping program. For more information, check out [vermontbig-gametrophyclub.com](http://vermontbig-gametrophyclub.com).

## JJ Judd

With over 15 wins and countless top 10 finished over the past 20 years, JJ Judd is ranked #1 on Lake Champlain according to BassRanking.com. Judd specializes in sight fishing and largemouth fishing in the grass. Judd's latest win came in 2018 where he topped a field of 197 anglers in a FLW BFL event on Lake Champlain.





*Our Mission is conserving wildlife and preserving our outdoor heritage for future generations of outdoorsmen and women, ensuring the controlled harvest of wild fur bearing animals to maintain healthy populations within the carrying capacity of the environment and providing trapper education, emphasizing the most humane techniques in harvesting fur bearers, and giving special consideration to conservation of wildlife species. VTA is pleased to be the Title sponsor of the Yankee Sportsman's Classic Show this year and invite you to our seminar "Trapping in the Modern Era" being held Saturday, Jan 19th at 3:00pm in the Stevens Seminar Room.*



## Mark Scheeren

A member of the Big Woods Buck Team, Mark Scheeren is an avid rifle hunter, who specializes in tracking and still-hunting big woods bucks and stand hunting when conditions warrant that tactic. He is an outdoor writer, a Team Member of Big Woods Bucks, and considers himself a hunter/conservationist. He spends most seasons hunting the Central Adirondacks, and the farmland around his home just south of the Adirondack Park. Mark's favorite places to hunt are the New York mountains, Maine's Northernmost Regions, and the Western portion of Montana. Mark is a lover of rifles, gunsmithing, and is an expert on ballistics and understanding the process of matching the rifle to the rifleman's passion.



## Lee Schanz & Joel Carvell

Lee is a Master Maine Guide and operates Schanz's Guide Service with locations in Cornville and Pleasant Ridge, Maine. He has been guiding moose hunters for the last 18 years and has many trophy class bulls to his credit. Joel is a Master Maine Guide and has been guiding moose hunters in the north country of Maine for 18 years. He has helped many clients realize their dream of harvesting a trophy Maine moose. Joel started hunting partridge with his grandfather at age 10 and has mastered the art of hunting throughout his lifetime. Both Joel and Lee are proud to be members of the Big Woods Bucks team and hope to contribute to their mission of helping others develop their woodsman skills by sharing their adventures and knowledge.



## The Whitetails of North America Collection

The Whitetails of North America Collection created by John Laberge of Vergennes, Vermont includes many of the world's most famous bucks. Standing above all, as full mount replicas, are the current World Record Typical, The Milo Hansen Buck, and the Non-Typical world record, The Missouri Monarch Buck. The collection currently includes over forty, spectacular whitetail typical and non-typical giants from across the continent. Come see this newly created collection of the biggest whitetails that have ever lived.



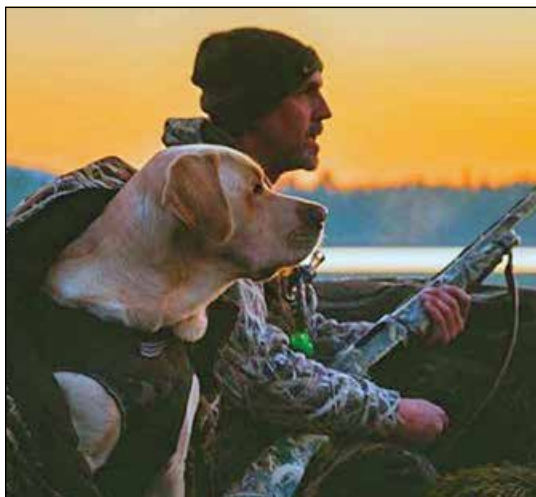
## The Big Woods Buck Team – Hal Blood

Master Maine Guide Hal Blood is a special breed of deer hunter. Hal has tracked thousands of bucks over his lifetime. By chasing that many bucks wherever they might be going, Hal has been able to unlock the mysterious life that a mature big woods buck leads. Hal has mastered the core fundamentals and woodsman skills needed to kill any game on this continent and his willingness to teach these fundamentals to help shorten their learning curve has helped hunters across America successfully and consistently pursue and kill game. Hal has written 3 books on the subject of hunting in the Big Woods. His most recent book is titled "Tracking Whitetail Bucks" is stories on the trail as he shoots 25 Bucks in the Big Woods.



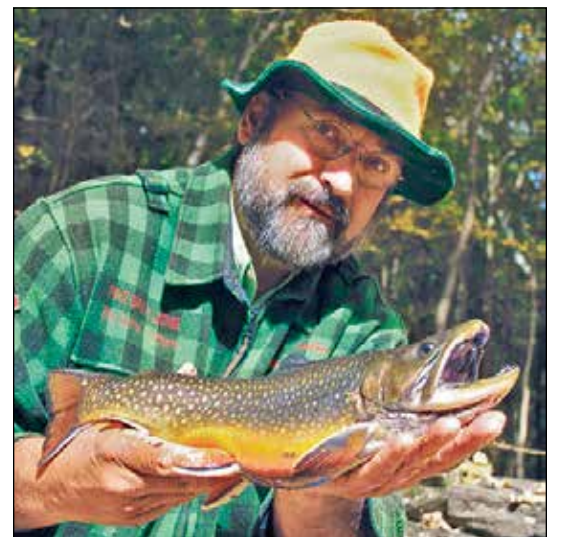
## Chris Ingram

Vermont and avid duck and goose hunter, Chris is dedicated to promoting Waterfowl Hunting in Vermont will be presenting on several topics. In his Duck Hunting 101 seminar he and Ed Gagne will go over the essential gear, tips, tactics and bird Identification every beginner hunter needs to know. Chris will also be offering a seminar that gives an overview of the notes and sounds needed to work birds into the decoys during a hunt and a breakdown of competition-style calling guidelines, strategies, and tips and another seminar that will cover some of the basics of photography, understanding equipment, getting creative/storyboarding, editing/production techniques, leveraging social media and much more.



## Bob Howe

Bob Howe understands that if you are going to pursue "trophy" caliber fish and game, it requires a special mindset. This has earned him a reputation as one of Maine's best all-around outfitters. While his talent guiding deer and bear hunters at Pine Grove Lodge in Bingham, Maine, is well known across the Northeast, another passion is pursuing trophy brook trout in the 4 - 6-pound range, both with a fly-rod and trolling setups. His seminars will reveal some of his best secrets that are the keys to his consistent success landing these prized fish. While the tactics have been refined in Maine, they will work anywhere brook trout are found. Not only will serious trout fishermen want to attend, but so will any angler with trophy fishing ambitions.



## Joe Judd

2013 NWTFF Roger Latham Award Winner! Joe's Journey as a sportsman began at the age of 10 as he followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and was fully entrenched in the outdoor scene by the age of 18. In 1976, while turkey hunting he met Dick Kirby who had just founded a company called Quaker Boy Game Calls. Ten years later, with much success and knowledge having been acquired by both men, Joe was asked to join the prestigious Quaker Boy Prostaff and thus another segment of his outdoor career had begun. Since that time Joe has traveled throughout the country producing outdoor videos, instructing at seminars and clinics, while at the same time honing his own skills along the way. Joe has pursued everything from Maine moose to Alabama mallards. His expertise as an "Over the Edge" turkey hunter is well known throughout the Northeast. He has appeared on the Quaker Boy Video Series and has assisted many celebrities and countless sportsmen in their turkey hunting adventures. He is a member of the RealTree Advisory Team and the Alpen Optics Pro-Staff and has served two terms as President of the Massachusetts State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He writes an outdoor column and hosts his local cable TV show called On The Ridge. He is dedicated to the future of hunting, so please stop by and introduce yourself.



## VT FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT SEMINARS

See Seminar Schedule Page for Date, Location & Times.



### Deer Hunters Needed to Discuss New Hunting Regulations.

with Nick Fortin, VT's Deer Biologist

### Field Dressing and Whole Deer Processing

with Rodney and Theresa Elmer

### Vermont Black Bear Hunting

with Jim Roy

### Free Wild Game Cooking Samples

with The Skinny Pancake,  
Saturday Afternoon





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## SEMINAR SCHEDULE

### Friday, January 18th

Show Hours: 12pm - 7pm

Time	Bissonette Room	McEwing Room	Stevens Room
1:00	Tracking & Stalking Whitetails: Hal Blood	Advanced Turkey Hunting Tactics: Joe Judd, Quaker Boy Prostaff	Matching Your Hunting Style with The Right Rifle: Mark Scheeren
2:00	Tactics To Harvest Big Bucks Consistently: Ken Hammel	Duck Hunting 101, Gear, Tips, Tactics & Bird Id: Chris Ingram	Hunting Trophy Maine Moose: Lee Schanz & Joel Carvell
3:00	The Adirondack Deer Trackers: Joe DiNitto and Jim Massett	*****	Coyote Hunting: Bob Howe, Pine Grove Lodge
4:00	Tracking & Stalking Whitetails: Hal Blood	*****	Springtime Bass Fishing & Bass Fishing on Lake Champlain: JJ Judd
5:00	The Adirondack Deer Trackers: Joe DiNitto and Jim Massett	*****	Advanced Turkey Hunting Tactics: Joe Judd, Quaker Boy Prostaff
6:00	*****	*****	*****

### Saturday, January 19th

Show Hours: 9am - 7pm

Time	Bissonette Room	McEwing Room	Stevens Room
10:00	Tracking & Stalking Whitetails: Hal Blood	The Perfect Shot, Film & Photograph Your Adventures :Chris Ingram	Talkin' Turkey For Success: Ken Hammel
11:00	Getting the Most Out of Your Trail Cameras: Tim Andrus	Springtime Bass Fishing & Bass Fishing on Lake Champlain: JJ Judd	Catch the Buzz.....Introduction to Beekeeping: Michael Willard
12:00	The Adirondack Deer Trackers: Joe DiNitto and Jim Massett	Turkey Hunting History and Basic Hunting Strategy: Joe Judd	Deer Hunters Needed to Discuss New Hunting Regs: VTF&W Staff
1:00	Tracking Tips for Big Woods Bucks: Hal Blood & The BWB Team	*****	Trophy Brook Trout Fishing: Bob Howe, Pine Grove Lodge
2:00	Tactics To Harvest Big Bucks Consistently: Ken Hammel	*****	Getting the Most Out of Your Trail Cameras: Tim Andrus
3:00	The Adirondack Deer Trackers: Joe DiNitto and Jim Massett	*****	Trapping in the Modern Era: VT Trappers Association
4:00	Tracking & Stalking Whitetails: Hal Blood	*****	Advanced Turkey Hunting Tactics: Joe Judd, Quaker Boy Prostaff
5:00	Tips For Planning Your Hunting Trips: Tim Andrus	*****	Seasonal Bass Fishing Strategies for Vermont Waters: Chris Adams
6:00	*****	*****	*****

### Sunday, January 20th

Show Hours: 9am - 4pm

Time	Bissonette Room	McEwing Room	Stevens Room
10:00	The Adirondack Deer Trackers: Joe DiNitto and Jim Massett	Advanced Turkey Hunting Tactics: Joe Judd, Quaker Boy Prostaff	Matching Your Hunting Style with The Right Rifle: Mark Scheeren
11:00	Getting the Most Out of Your Trail Cameras: Tim Andrus	Duck & Goose Calling, Instructional for Field and Stage: Chris Ingram	Seasonal Bass Fishing Strategies for Vermont Waters: Chris Adams
12:00	Tracking & Stalking Whitetails: Hal Blood	*****	Talkin' Turkey For Success: Ken Hammel
1:00	The Adirondack Deer Trackers: Joe DiNitto and Jim Massett	*****	Do It Yourself Hunting Trips Done Right: Tim Andrus
2:00	Tracking & Stalking Whitetails: Hal Blood	*****	Vermont Black Bear Hunting: Jim Roy
3:00	*****	*****	*****

## Upstairs Seminar Rooms Schedule (located at the main entrance of the show)

### Saturday January 19th, 2019

### Sunday January 20th, 2019

11:00 - 2:00 Field Dressing and Whole Deer Processing: Theresa and Rodney Elmer

10:00 NWTf Turkey Calling Competition

1:00 - 3:30 Field Dressing and Whole Deer Processing: Theresa and Rodney Elmer

**Show Hours**  
 Friday: Noon - 7pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 7pm  
 Sunday: 9am - 4pm

**Ticket Prices**  
 Adult \$11  
 Children Ages 3-12 \$5  
 Children Under 3: FREE

Paid admission is good for all three days of the show with hand stamp.

**FREE PARKING!**

### Map



### Directions

**FROM MONTREAL:**

Route 133 to I-89. Travel approximately 35 miles south to Exit 17. Take Route 2 to 2A (thru Colchester) to Essex Junction and enter either Gate E or F. If gates closed, continue on Route 2 to Route 15. Take Route 15 west to Gate B of the Exposition.

**FROM BOSTON AND POINTS EAST:**

I-89 northbound to Exit 12. Take Route 2A north approximately 4 miles to Essex Junction. Go west on Route 15 (1/2 mile) to Exposition entrance Gate B.

**FROM ALBANY AND POINTS SOUTHWEST:**

I-87 to Lake George, NY. Take Route 149 to Fort Ann, NY. Take Route 4 to Fairhaven, VT (Exit 2). Take 22A north to Vergennes. On northside of Vergennes take Route 7 north approximately 20 miles to I-189. Take I-89 north bound to Exit 15. Go 4 miles east on Route 15 to Exposition entrance (Gate B).

**FROM UPSTATE NEW YORK:**

Take Lake Champlain Ferry (Plattsburgh) from Cumberlands Head Island to South Hero, VT (Grand Isle Ferry) — 20 minute ride. Take Route 2 to Route 2A to Essex Junction. Enter either Gate E or F. If gate closed, continue on Route 2A to Route 15. Take Route 15 west to Gate B of the Exposition.

**GPS ADDRESS**

105 Pearl Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452