

# Virginia Elks Association News – January 20, 2012

## Bedford 2844 Holds Hoop Shoot January 14



Sophia Palladino (age 10) shooting. Sophia won the National Title last year in the Girls 8-9 age category, she returned this year in the Girls 10-11 age group and placed first in the 10-11 year old group. Go Sophia!!!!



Madison Clark (age 9) shooting.



Lecturing Knight Gail St Clair signs up shooters in the Girls 8-9 age category, as Exalted Ruler Bob Humphreys awaits competition to start.

Bedford Elks Lodge 2844 sponsored its annual Hoop Shoot at the Bedford Middle School on Saturday January 14, 2011 beginning at 8:00 AM. This turned out to be the most well attended "Shoot" of all that we have sponsored both in terms of contestants(out of the 82 eligible 63 participated) and approx. 300 + spectators. There are three age groups each for boys and girls ages 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13 year olds. The top three winners of each division received plaques and all participants received a certificate of participation. That gave us six winners who will advance to Collinsville,VA for the Southwest District Finals on Saturday January, 28th at 12 Noon,

Thanks go to Chairman Scott Craig, who always does a fantastic job each year by getting the word out and making sure there are enough volunteers, (14) to make this fair and balanced for students. Plus the needed help from the schools to reach the students is very appreciated along with the family members and friends who had to be up early that morning to get the children there on time. Thanks for the support from PE Teachers in the area, coaches and Exalted Ruler Bob Humphreys who spoke to each division of children about "the importance of Discipline: doing things correctly when no one is looking,; Mental Toughness - doing things correctly, when you are uncomfortable ; PRACTICE DOES NOT MAKE PERFECT, PERFECT PRACTICE, MAKES PERFECT!!!

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