

VAS Writers Win Awards



Beau Beasley(L) and Douglas Dear at the Mason-Dixon Outdoor Writers Association award ceremony.

The Virginia Outdoor Writers Association and the Mason-Dixon Outdoor Writers Association announced their annual awards for excellence in mid-March. Writers who regularly appear in this magazine received several awards. John Shtogren, senior editor for *VAS*, garnered VOWA's third place award in feature writing for his "Big Money Bass in the Blue Ridge," which appeared in the Aug/Sept issue of *VAS*. M-DOWA awarded Douglas M. Dear third-place in the magazine-article category for his "A Fly Fishing Expedition on the Fabled Deschutes," which appeared in the Apr/May issue of *VAS*.

Other frequent contributors to *VAS* received outdoor writing awards. King Montgomery took VOWA's third place award in Column Writing for his work in *PressBox Sports Newspaper*. Beau Beasley was awarded first place in M-DOWA's book category from for his *Fly Fishing Virginia: A No Nonsense Guide to Virginia's Top Waters*. His book was also the overall first-place winner in the M-DOWA contest. In addition, The Virginia Press Association presented Phil Audibert three first-place awards for his "Insider" series in the *Orange County Review*. Over the past few years, Audibert has received a total of 14 first-place VPA awards.