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From the President's Desk

Greetings everyone. I hope that you have had a successful season and filled the freezer with meat, and your mind with cherished memories.

I would like to open this report with a plea for every member to submit their home address, if different from their mailing address, as well as a valid email, and a telephone contact number to the home office. We have had several instances where Full Draw was sent back as either "No Existing Address" or



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We had another successful year of our Youth Camps. A total of 49 children attended the camps this year and they were awarded their Bowhunter Education Certificates. Congratulations and welcome to the brethren!!!!

Please take the time to read my piece that is in this issue of Full Draw. It is titled "Crossbow-Airbow, Where Does it End?" The content speaks for itself, but just watch the YouTube video from 2009, and there is the moment of clarity where the Rep for PSE Archery is calling their TAC-15 crossbow a gun. What I did not include in the piece are poaching incidents. Last year, from the bi-weekly DEC press release from the EnCon Officers were no less than 7 crossbow poaching incidents that were made public. This year, there have been 2 which were publicly announced, both of which occurred prior to the legal dates for crossbow usage, and both were over bait as well.

The Crosman Airbow, which has been touted by famed outdoor celebrity, Jim Shockey, is what lies ahead, not just for us to fight, but where do the crossbow people fit in? Where do they stand on the Airbow? Pete Shepley, owner of PSE archery maintains that "a gun goes bang and a bow goes twang!" Other crossbow enthusiast believe there should be two seasons, one for projectiles (arrows or bolts), and one for bullets. Well, pneumatic firearms can send a projectile or a bullet nearly silently downrange. No bang, no twang. What is archery and what is not? To me, it is pretty clear: hand drawn, hand held.

Enjoy your Holidays. Make it a point to attend the Annual Banquet on May 4th, at the beautiful Sunny Hill Resort in Greene County. Bring a gift box for the Troops, chewing gum, foot powder, playing cards, etc... Vote in the NYB election.

As this issue goes to print, we are still anxiously awaiting to hear back from the IRS to attain our new status as a 501(c)(3) organization. We will keep you posted when this exciting news is finally a reality.

All the best, be safe, pick a spot.

May God Bless America, and all who protect her both home and abroad. And God Bless the United States Navy Fleet Forces Command.

Al Bottari

Crossbow-AirBow, Where Does it End?

By: Albert Bottari

Since stick first met string, the fascination with the mystical flight of feathered shaft has not waned. Some historians place archery as far back as 64,000 B.C. From archeological sites of ancient societies, stone points have been discovered throughout the world. From a military standpoint, the once revered, and often feared, longbow provided a long range means of offense, while sparing infantry in close quarter combat.

The longbow, and the bows that preceded it, also provided a means of killing animals for food. Becoming experienced and proficient at killing live animals took time and patience, but it was a necessity for survival.

As time progressed, rulers, kings, despots and the like desired a bigger, more devastating tool to wage war. Their engineers produced the crossbow. This device could send a bolt (a crossbow projectile) with greater force and impact than any man could.

It is true that today, the modern compound bow is a marvel of technology, but true to its origin, it is still hand drawn and hand held, just as the longbow of yore. The same cannot be said of the modern crossbow. The crossbow of today is streamlined, user friendly, with a learning curve of zero. Cock, load, point, shoot, and with little practice necessary, presto, a bullseye at 100 yards. Incomparable accuracy, speed, kinetic energy, and ease of use, right out of the box, are just some of its many attributes

Their groupings rival that of their not too distant cousin, the modern rifle. I say, not too distant cousin because the modern crossbow shares more in common with a modern rifle than with a bow. The modern crossbow is built upon a rifle stock, and like a rifle can be fired from a shouldered, prone, or seated position, utilizes a telescopic sighting device, is pre-cocked, pre-loaded, and is fired by pulling a trigger. One crossbow manufacturer, PSE, introduced their TAC-15 in 2009. It is built upon the lower receiver of an AR-15 rifle. TAC is an acronym for Tactical Assault Crossbow. Another crossbow manufacturer, Ravin, markets their line of crossbows along the advertising campaign of "Meet your next rifle." These statements are directly from the manufacturers, but, when I say that a crossbow is more similar to a rifle than to a true bow, I am called an elitist, and selfish for not wanting to compromise the integrity of the archery season.

For decades the crossbow manufacturers have been trying to blur the lines between crossbow, firearm, and bow. There is no ambiguity, there is no gray area, it is black and white. Hand held, hand drawn versus pre-cocked and pre-loaded. This was clearly evident during an episode of the television show Top Shot. On the show, the contestants, who were top marksmen from varied backgrounds such as military, police, trick-shooters, historical re-enactors,

"The hardest thing about shooting a crossbow is learning how to cock it."

hunters, and average Joes who happen to be great shots, were given a series of tests to see just who was the "top shot." On the archery episode, at first the contestants were given a longbow to shoot. The results were less than impressive. For the crossbow segment, Bill Troubridge, the owner of Excalibur Crossbows, was brought in to mentor the shooters. His all too telling statement was this: "The hardest thing about shooting a crossbow is learning how to cock it." That was clearly illustrated throughout the segment. Once given a crossbow tutorial, the shooters were hitting the bullseye out to 40 yards. "This is more like it, this is what I am used to, a flatter trajectory" is what one firearms shooter said. Again, more similar to firearm than to a true bow.

The crossbow manufacturers want to sell as many crossbows as possible, so they market them to the largest demographic in the hunting community: the firearms hunters. "Become a two season hunter," "Expand your opportunity," "Hunt the early season" are all slogans that are thrown around to entice the firearms hunter to purchase a crossbow. They also try to push a kind of bait and switch by saying that the crossbow is a gateway to true archery. This is another falsehood that has not been substantiated; in fact, the only increase in the archery season is the participation of



the "crossover" firearms hunter, who is now allowed to hunt during the archery season with a crossbow. Not a true bow, but a crossbow.

In states where the crossbow has been given "full inclusion" into the archery season, crossbows have equaled or surpassed bow kills. Due to the crossbow's inherent advantages, what is the fate of the archery season? Here is supporting data from the States of Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

In Michigan, the crossbow was legalized for use during the archery season in 2009. Since then, crossbow license sales have steadily increased.

2009 19% of licenses sold were for the crossbow
2011 37% of licenses sold were for the crossbow
2012 44% of licenses sold were for the crossbow
2013 50% of licenses sold were for the crossbow

In 2017 there were 206,000 crossbow licenses sold, compared to 105,000 archery licenses. Those numbers were reflected in the deer harvest data as well. Crossbow deer kills amounted to 92,000, while archery deer kills were significantly lower at 44,000.

In Ohio, the crossbow has been legal to use during their archery season since 1982. Since then, crossbow deer kills have surpassed archery deer kills for decades, often at a 3-2 ratio. The crossbow is so effective at killing deer in Ohio, that the Ohio firearms season is only between 6-10 days in length. It is dependent upon the harvest data from the previous season.

Most dramatic is what has just occurred in Wisconsin. The crossbow was legalized for use during their 2014-2015 archery season. Here is the data collected from their harvest totals:

| Year | Archery Deer Kill | Crossbow Deer Kill |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 2014-2015 | 54,810 | 26,891 |
| 2015-2016 | 53,004 | 34,094 |
| 2016-2017 | 48,272 | 39,776 |
| 2017-2018 | 45,034 | 47,086 |

In just 4 years, the crossbow deer kill rate has surpassed the archery deer kill.

To say that the crossbow does not affect harvest totals is sheer ignorance.

Now, back to the TAC-15 and the Ravin, both of which can shoot bullseyes at 100 yards. Paul Penix, rep for PSE, made several claims at the ATA trade show when it was first introduced. One such claim was that Marines were shooting 1-hole groups at 100 yards when they were given the crossbow to test. Another is that because it is built upon the lower receiver of an AR-15, the trigger can be adjusted to just a one half pound pull. He also referred to it as a gun several times. Here is the video link so you can watch for yourself:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FdWkBJ4sdU
The Ravin has an incredibly short, 6" axle to axle

length when cocked. Ravin manufacturing also boasts of making a bullseye shot at 100 yards: "Experience rifle-like accuracy." There is also a "Sniper Package" available that can be installed after purchase. There are multiple videos available to watch regarding the Ravin on the internet from the manufacturer.

When have you ever heard of the terms trigger pull or sniper package being used when describing archery or bowhunting?

There are many advantages that are afforded to a crossbow that are just not relevant to a true bow, which is hand drawn and hand held.

On the horizon, even the ATA, which has long touted the crossbow as the second coming, has had recent reservations about just how far is too far in regards to technological advancements with the crossbow. The revelations revealed in Wisconsin have opened their eyes, as have the issues of ease of use, little practice to become and stay proficient, and evidence that crossbows are not providing the gateway into archery as was professed. There is even a quote from a recent issue of Crossbow Revolution magazine in which Brandon Hylton from Parker Crossbows said, "We don't want to engineer ourselves out of the archery season." All of these facts, statements, and concerns have been a part of my stance for decades against the crossbow intrusion into the archery season.

And now, there is another superior implement that is vying for inclusion/intrusion into the archery season. It is called the AirBow. It is a firearm that utilizes compressed air or pneumatics to propel a projectile. This is a rifle that shoots a bolt at 450 feet per second. Its manufacturer, Crosman, boasts that the bolt stabilizes quickly, expanding the kill range, and can fire off 8 shots in the same amount of time a crossbow can fire 3. How is this too, considered archery?

Pneumatic powered rifles are already legal to use in several states for several species of game animals. What Crosman is striving for is the same as the crossbow manufacturers: entry into the archery season. They, too, are targeting the firearms hunter demographic to purchase an Airbow to use during the archery season.

These implements offer unfair advantages in a long hardfought-for season that was originally intended for primitive use.

I am baffled by the line in the sand that is continually pushed back as to what is archery and what is not. To me and many other bowhunters and sportsmen it is clear. Unfortunately, the sanctity of the archery season, the tradition of the stick and string is constantly under attack.

Bowhunters spend countless hours of diligent practice, honing their accuracy, building the muscles necessary to draw back and to hold their bow. It is the path less chosen for a reason. That reason is the challenge. Challenging an animal, on its own turf, just a few yards away, beating all of its senses, to complete a clean and ethical kill.

Not something that can be pre-cocked, pre-loaded, that comes with out-of-the-box accuracy, and shot from a trigger pull.

I ask this simple question:

WHERE DOES IT END?

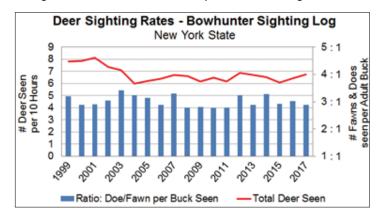
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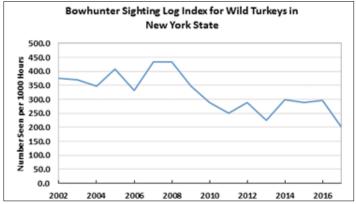
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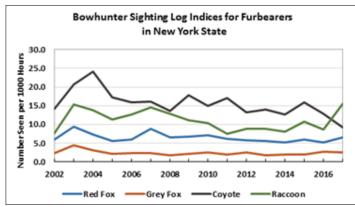
Bowhunters: Help Monitor Deer and Other Wildlife Populations

Last year, 3,648 bowhunters from across the state participated in the Bowhunter Sighting Log and provided valuable data to aid DEC biologists with long-term monitoring of deer, and other wildlife populations. Participants logged 169,549 hours afield and recorded seeing 123,207 deer, 32,209 turkeys, 2,282 ruffed grouse,

2,193 coyotes, 1,384 red fox, 1,591 raccoons, 417 fisher, 331 black bears, 274 gray fox, 115 bobcats, nine river otter, and four moose. Examples of trend information for deer, turkeys and several furbearers are shown in the graphs below.







We are gearing up for the 2018 Bowhunter Sighting Log and welcome new participants.

If you hunt during the bow season with a vertical

If you hunt during the bow season with a vertical bow or crossbow and have not participated before but would like to participate, send us an e-mail at wildlife@dec.ny.gov (subject: BowLog) by August 31. Include your name, address, hunter ID (back tag number), and the county where you primarily hunt.



Physically Challenged Hunt

By George Bolender and Cindy Phillips

NY Outdoors Unlimited Inc., with the help of NYB and local businesses, held its 10th annual physically challenged archery hunt once again in Edmeston, NY. The event started on Friday, October 5th and ran through Sunday the 7th.

This year 7 physically challenged hunters had the opportunity to bowhunt. The youngest hunter was Jake, 14 years old. This was Jake's first year bowhunting and NY Outdoors Unlimited fully outfitted him with his equipment. Another hunter, Nicholas, no stranger to gun hunting, decided to try bowhunting for the first time. He was also fully supplied with the equipment to hunt from his wheelchair.

Everyone had action. 16 year-old Jenna returned this year and watched a spike buck for a long 45 minutes, waiting for him to come in close enough for a shot. The buck never did give her the shot but she enjoyed the company of a fine flock of turkeys. Scott shot his first deer with a bow this year. His doe gave him a nice 20 yard shot and ran only 30 yards before dropping in the field. One hunter watched 2 majestic bald eagles hunt the same field! Ray was blessed to harvest first a doe, then a spike buck, all on the first night!

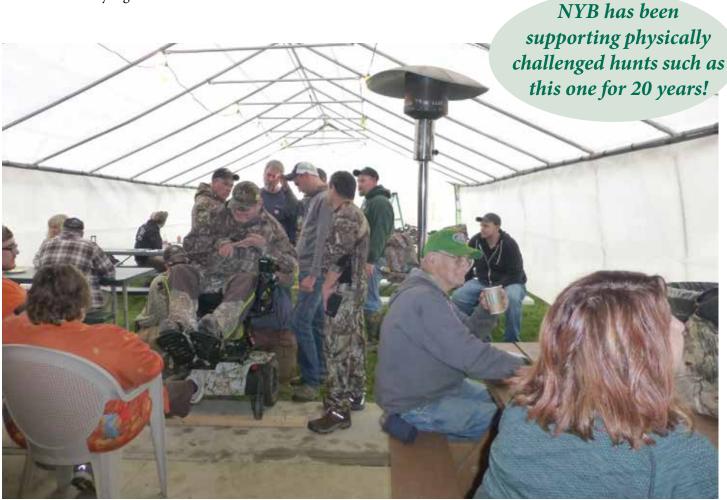
It was an amazing opening night as 3 deer were harvested in total that Friday night.

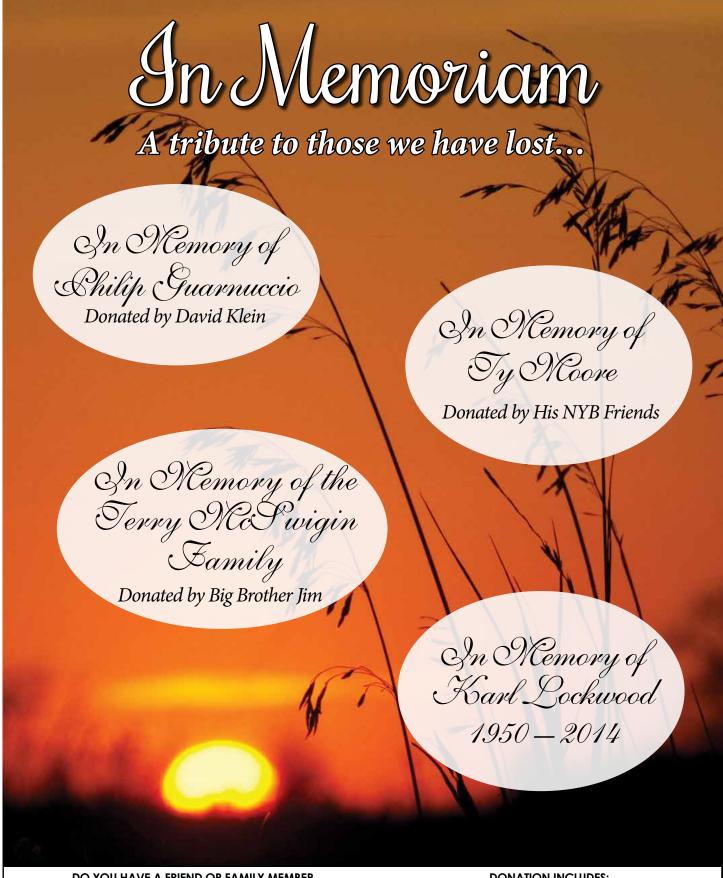
NY Outdoors Unlimited Inc. coordinated the hunt. Hotel rooms were provided for the hunters and their companion(s). The hosts of the hunt, Hicklings, Wengerts and friends, provided the hunting blinds, transportation to and from blinds, game retrieval, and field dressing. The hosts, hunters themselves, gave up their time and land for three days to let the physically challenged enjoy the hunt. In the common area, hunters and hunter helpers are treated to the finest home-cooked meals and enjoyed a cozy family-like atmosphere.

Besides being able to get out and do something that might otherwise not be possible, this experience gave each hunter much more than an opportunity to hunt. They had the chance to mingle with others who could truly understand their situation, and the camaraderie was priceless!

We want to THANK our gracious hosts who made this hunt possible once again this year. NYB has been supporting physically challenged hunts such as this one for 20 years!

Do you know of someone who is physically challenged and would want to join this hunt in 2019? Please feel free to contact George at bowman59@rochester.rr.com if you or someone you know would like to apply. First timers are given highest consideration. The hunt generally takes place the first or second weekend in October.





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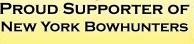
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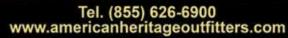




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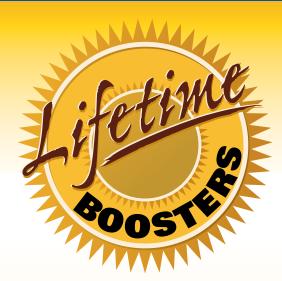


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WINTER 2018-19— REPORTS

N.Y. Bowhunters, I hope this season is a good one for you. I have been seeing some spectacular deer harvested this year. Congratulations to all. Congratulations to Wayne Boyce Jr of Wantagh for his successful bowhunt. Wayne took a big wide-racked eight point up in Delaware County.

I have seen a lot of bear pictures also this year, and we had another sighting of a moose in Columbia County. Out on the island a lot of nice bucks have been taken. I have also heard a lot of guys saying they have lost deer with not so perfect shots; it happens to everyone but we owe it to the deer to wait for the best shot, and practice until you feel confident in your shot placement. If you feel it was a bad shot, wait at least a half hour to an hour to get to your arrow. Then look at the arrow and check the blood, do you see any gut on the arrow? If so, give it time and maybe wait until the next day if possible; then go in slow and silent.

Have your bow with you in case you need to get a second shot in the deer. Have a great season, good luck and be safe. As always please bring a child with you whenever you go out into the woods for any reason. Good luck, God bless and Happy Holidays to all.

Donald Tasch

REGION 2 REPORT

Greetings to all! I do apologize that my article did not make its way into the fall edition of *FullDraw*. I was one month past with the deadline and sent it in too late. Winter does not bring too much, and better late than never, so here is my Autumn article.

The heat of the summer is slowly leaving us with cooler temperatures. I do love this time of year, but it always reminds me of my childhood having to go back to school. It was always a big transition, but after a week or so I was right back into the swing of things. I hope all of our Spikes had a memorable summer and they are ready to have a great school year.

Over the summer I try to go fishing as much as I can. There always seems to be this thing called "work" that gets in my



way. As I look back at the season, I'm happy that I took advantage and went out whenever I could. Though I was a weekend warrior and felt like I did not get out that much, I put good numbers on the board. I maxed out my fluke take twice, over the season I had two fish that were 5lb 13oz, and one fish that was 8lb 3oz! Jim McSwiggin asked me to post the picture here since all the fish I

catch are "always on his spots."

Taking a look back at the fishing season, I realize that I did get out there a decent amount of time. It gives me motivation to treat my hunting season the same way. Though we get tied down with responsibilities, we must push ourselves to take advantage when we can. When January comes, you are not going to remember the day you stayed in bed instead of

trekking into
the woods. You
will remember
that you got
yourself up
and out, and will
have the pride that goes
along with it.

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So, to get into the season, here are some tips I've learned from my experiences and other hunters:

- Be thoroughly competent with your bow and equipment prior to the season.
- When set up, glass your surrounding areas so you know yardages already.
- Practice moving in your stand as if you were about to take a shot. You don't want to go for your range finder and clink it with your release.
- Double knot your boots, keep your feet dry.
- Always expect it to be colder than it is, you can always take a layer off. The opposite goes for the hike out to your stand.
- Hot broth and carbohydrates will help keep you warm.
- If using a decoy, set it up 10 to 15 yards in front of you facing straight away. A buck will most likely check out the rear of the decoy which is where your best shot will be set up.

The woods are wild to us, but home to the animals. You are trespassing on their property. If you were in their position, how would you react???

Good luck out there! Nock on, Charles Giandana Jr

REGION 3 REPORT

This is always the slowest time of the year in regards to having material to share with you. As of this writing, the rut is soon to start and it's too early to report harvest results. My only hunting so far took place up in Delaware County with several members of NYB who annually get together there. Although we had a few decent bucks on trail cams, only does were spotted from stands. With one exception, Wayne Boyce of Nassau County took a really nice eight point. I thought as a change of pace I would use this opportunity to acknowledge those members from Region 3 who have achieved various levels of longevity. The risk in doing this is that not all of you have start dates in our database (in the early years of NYB, we did not keep track of starting dates). PLEASE, if you do not see your name below and fit one of the milestones, send me the year (close guess is fine) in which you joined NYB. Another problem is that we often have members whose membership lapses for periods of time. If you do not see your name, it may have been because of a temporary lapse, or perhaps an address change. PLEASE let me know of any mistakes, omissions, misspelling, etc. and I apologize if I have not listed you or gotten the year wrong...please contact me so data can be corrected.

According to current records, in 2019 the following Region 3 members will have been members of NYB for at least 25 Years: From Dutchess County; Bob Ledrich, Kevin Cresci, Jay Rusnock. From Orange County; Anthony O'Neill, John Lavelle. From Putnam County; Rich Chizzik. From Rockland County; Brian Sullivan. From Sullivan County; Douglas Seibert. From Ulster County; Wilbur Chauncey, Joe Skipp. From Westchester County; Robert Frangella, Mike Paul, Bob Granato, Anthony Chirles,

Ed Gorch Jr, John Santagate, Richard Kirschner, Joseph Caragine, George Bassolino, Steven Willard. The following Region 3 members have over twenty years in NYB: From Dutchess; Jim Lyons, John Moylan. From Orange; Glen Brushett, From Putnam; Fred Coffi. From Rockland; Doug Bertrand. From Sullivan; Harry Walker. From Westchester; Andrew Szcesniak, Martin Gunther, Charles Gilleo Jr, Rudy Ahlbeck, Tony DiQuinzio. The following Region 3 members have over fifteen years in NYB: From Orange; Chris Smith, Elman Groom, Enrico Laudato. From Putnam; Paul Primavera. From Rockland; Anthony Picariello. From Ulster; John Polk. From Westchester; Carmine Marranzino, Carl Ranieri Jr, Al Grimaldi, Lou Fico, Andrew Kirschner, Robert Zach.

I also have a list of another twenty Region 3 members whom I know have been around for a very long time, several for over twenty years, but again, the year you started is not in our database. Please, drop me an email with an approximate year you first joined NYB.

We also have many members from our surrounding states who support NYB. Several have been members for a very long time. As we do not have an "Out of State" region report in Full Draw (perhaps an idea for someone!) I would like to acknowledge some of those who have been around since our early years: Life Member, Joel Riotto and Michael DiNora from New Jersey; Life Member Catherine Simone





Orange County NYB member, Chris Smith caught a few pictures of this beautiful 10 point on a camera he had in Westchester. He hunted the property cautiously and played it perfect on October 30th when the buck showed up again.

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from Pennsylvania. All have been here from NYB's starting years over twenty-five years ago. Also from Pennsylvania, Gary McWilliams, Carlton Klein Sr and Jeff Sample, all around or above the twenty year mark.

I originally intended to recognize all those in Region 3 with at least 10 years of membership, however it would have made this column several pages. There are so many of you. We as an organization, as do I personally, thank each and every one of you. Our sincerest thanks for your support and making all the work of running the organization worth it.

As we enter our holiday season, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chanukah, New Year, the Kirschner/Lake family wishes our NYB family all the best in health and peace.

Richard Kirschner bowrichny@aol.com 914-330-1419

SULLIVAN COUNTY REPORT

As we have started our 2018 early archery deer/bear season, Mother Nature has hit us with some hot and humid days followed up with a lot of rain from hurricanes that ravaged Florida and Texas. Deer sightings have been minimal around here, maybe due to the lack of acorns in this area. Some trees did bear acorns to the extent that you had to watch your step on blacktop driveways or your feet would slide from under you. They were few and far between though, but the deer were able to find them. Some areas around Liberty and above never have acorns, there are no oaks! The deer there have a meager existence on buds and grass. Despite this there have been some big deer taken in Sullivan County. From 1997 to 2017 the average dressed weight of the winning buck in the Democrat's newspaper contest is 177 lbs. The heaviest taken in 2016 by Juan Arocho in Bethel, an 8 point weighing 205 lbs. Keep hunting, they are there !!

Remember that soon after the New Year, winter leagues will be starting again. You can find out about them from Russell at Silver Birch Archery in Milford, Pa. (570-491-8166), and Walt at Travis Archery in Woodbourne (845-443-3068).

Don't forget to stop at the booths in the

Rockland show and the Dutchess show to say hi!

Harry Walker, Region 3 and Sullivan County Representative 149 South Shore Drive - Wolf Lake Wurtsboro, NY 12790 bowbender@hvc.rr.com 845-794-6752





DUTCHESS COUNTY REPORT

Greetings All,

I hope all of you have had the opportunity to be out this season and are enjoying the fall air. I've been out several times and have seen a few deer but no shots as of this writing. Needless to say, this has been one of the most waterlogged seasons I can remember. At least, there is plenty for the deer to eat. Hopefully, more will make it through the winter. Of course, bow season will be over by the time you read this so congrats on another great year.

I don't have a lot to report at this time but there are a few things I'd like to mention. There are plenty of winter leagues available to us in Dutchess County. Ti Yogi Bowmen of Hyde Park offer leagues that provide both Compound and Traditional archers a chance to compete on Wednesday and Thursday evenings throughout the entire winter (I have the details if you need them). Northern Dutchess Archery in Red Hook also offers the same three days a week. You can reach them at 845-758-3651. Also, Flying Arrow Sports can be reached at 845-228-9105. Ti Yogi offers an excellent outdoor 3D course with paper shooting indoors. Northern Dutchess and Flying Arrow also offer 3D indoor and paper as well. In addition, most of the sportsmen clubs in Dutchess have 3D shoots along with winter leagues. As you know, they provide a great way to keep in shooting shape.

Again, I hope you all had a safe season and look forward to hearing about any activities you feel are beneficial to NYB. Thanks.

"Keep em sharp"
Bob Ledrich
Dutchess County Representative NYB
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ULSTER COUNTY REPORT

Well folks, deer are moving in Ulster County! I've been seeing both bucks and does, but always too far away. We had a bear in the back yard last night. I have about 24 hours in the tree stand so far. Hope all of you are getting action. Be careful in those trees. Wear your harness & be safe. Good luck & have a good Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas & great Hanukah

Bob DiGiacomio, Ulster Co Rep shorefisher07@gmail.com

ROCKLAND COUNTY REPORT

Greetings, members. Here is wishing your Autumn was a bountiful one. To make that happen we need to be outside. That is where many of us come to life and really appreciate what the outdoors has to offer and magic of nature. Just all of the colors of fall is enough to make folks come from all around and enjoy NY's colors. We sure had a wet summer into fall season. Rain just would not stop. Rain is a blessing and you can't hate rain. But sheesh...enough is enough. NY got through it, sadly some other parts of the country were not so lucky. Flooding caused much grief down south. Keep those brave folks in your prayers.

Sept 22nd at Congers Lake Park Natl hunting and fishing day was held. It was the 6th event in as many years. NY Bow took the reins of the archery field once again and had hundreds of people come and fling sticks. Yes, hundreds. Almost 300! It was a tiring day for our crew of 4. I want to thank Samantha DiVietro and her Dad Peter, my son Joe Picariello, who went nonstop ALL day from 9-3pm and a special thank you to Matt Ailses who responded to the NYB email for help that day. Matt was only able to help a short time, but he came and gave what he could. It is appreciated, Matt. We also had a little help from the Local 3 IBEW Sportsmen's Club, North chapter. Brother Anthony DiSalvo was a huge help in regulating the flow of people onto the archery field. With the authority of a Christian Brother from St Raymonds... He kept kids and parents in safe areas and allowed us to take our minds off of securing the target area.



"NYB members from Rockland County once again handled the several hundred young archers who attended throughout the day

Well, I hope you had a little luck this past hunting season because with all the rain, snow and windy days it took the fun out of it. I'd like to congratulate a few of my bow hunting buddies, Rich Wells, Greg Kearns and Travis Richards who all arrowed nice eight pointers. I guess the proof is, if they all hang out with me long enough they do learn something about hunting. By the time you receive this *Fulldraw*, the Holidays should be upon us and can only wish for everyone's happiness.

It won't be long before the planning and work begins again on the many NYB events for the year. Our Banquet, Youth Camps, Sports Shows, etc. all take a lot of work from fellow NYB Volunteers to be successful. If you would like to help out at an event and meet a few new bow hunters from your area just give me a call. If you would

That is a big help on crazy days like that one. I am going to start asking now, because we operated bare bones this year with help. Please members, come give a hand this day. You have plenty of notice. NYB needs your help in making days like this happen. You have no idea how big this is in introducing people to archery and hunting. That whole day is centered around hunting and fishing and getting the word out. If we do not do it, how in the world will the torch ever get passed? We here at NYB are vital members of the hunting community. So having said that, do you not think it is best that any info, on hunting and fishing, that is asked by young impressionable minds who attend this event, is passed on by you? A New York Bowhunter member? If not you? Then who is gonna do it? You do not need me to tell you the direction the interests of the current youth in this world have taken. So if you can help this day or however way you can help "Pass the torch" make room on the calendar for the 3rd Saturday in September. We can use your help.

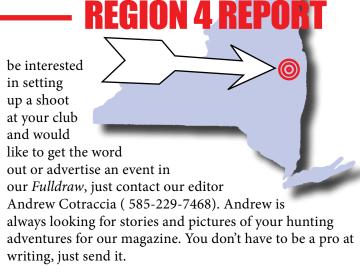
As of this writing, NY's archery season is in full swing. Hope you had a good one stroll by your stand. Please hunt safe and always let someone know where you are.

I have been at our deer camp, but not hunting. I am nursing knee injuries and retirement is around the corner. Not the way I planned it, but I have no choice. Dem bones just ain't what they used to be.

I am hearing good reports on deer being taken in the county and I have seen some really good bucks at the local butcher. I am still on a mission to get Rockland County's deer season extend until New Year's Eve like Westchester County's. Areas with no buck take objective should be a slam dunk if they want deer management. We need emails, call and letters to the state if this sounds like something you'd like.

In closing I would like to wish all of NYB a Merry Christmas, great Holiday season and Happy New Year. May God Bless America, our brave men and women of the Armed Forces and our first responders.

Be safe and enjoy life. Anthony Picariello ADjam5@verizon.net



Take Care, Ed Gorch, Region 4 & Greene County Rep.

Hope you all had a successful, and safe, hunting season. This year the early November weather was nearly perfect with seasonal temperatures and a mixture of snow here and there. The deer were right on schedule with plenty of ground scrapes and tree rubs reported as well as some chasing going on late October. But the real comfort that we all love of the early bow season is the beautiful tree colors. Some places had mostly yellows and light greens, but there were plenty of reds out there to simply take your breath away. Hunters love the fall season for many reasons.

Our **22nd Annual Region 6 Youth Bowhunting Camp** has been scheduled for July 19th \rightarrow 21st, 2019. If you have any family or friends who are interested in Bowhunting, sign them up for our Youth camp. Only youths between 11 – 18 yrs old are eligible to attend the training. In fact, sign yourself up as a chaperone—we need all the help we can get.

All of the youths attend the camp for free due to the **Region 6 Bow Raffle**. This year tickets for the **Bowtech Carbon Icon** bow package are still only \$5.00 each. With only 300 tickets being sold, your chances of winning are better than ever. Tickets are available now—order some for your family Christmas stockings. Call me at 315.415.0966 for tickets.

In addition to NYB's **Regional Youth Camps**, and the **Physically Challenged** programs, we have been helping American troops serving in the middle-east with our **Camo to**



The **New York Bowhunters Facebook Page** still posts up to the minute updates on what is happening around the state. Facebook also streams on our NYB home web page. Go to: www.newyorkbowhunters.com.

Have you signed up a new **Spikes** member this year? Youth hunters are our future! Start grooming every child in your extended family over 10 yrs old, and take one hunting this Fall. Support NYB any way you can and have a great time, too.

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NYB Spikes Member gets her first deer!

Madeline Comenale, a 2017 Region 6 NYB Youth Camp graduate, scored on her first deer.

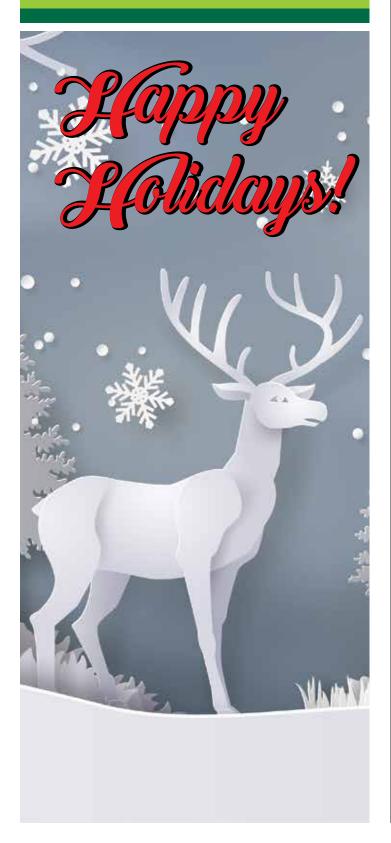
It was the first day of bow season. My day started when I got outta school, got ready to go hunting and got on stand around 4:30 pm. About an hour later I saw three does about 50 yards away from me and about 15-20 minutes later I see two more deer. I got the binoculars out and there were two spike horns, one was about three inches high and one was a good size - about 8-10 inches. I watched them for a good half hour or so. Two does came out and ran past me. I was still keeping an eye on the two spike horns. The next thing I knew I see the bigger one in range. He looked like he was gonna run so I made a grunting noise and he stopped and looked around. I said, "Now's the time," so I pulled back, took my time and shot him. The first person I called was my dad saying, "Hey I got him." He said, "No way!" After that, I waited about a half hour, got outta my stand and helped my dad take care of him. It was the best feeling ever!



Fall 2018 Raffle Winner is:

Kevin O'Brien of Central Moriches NY

The prize was a bow hunt at the Kelly Betts Lodge in New Brunswick, Canada in the Spring of 2019.





Spikes - NYB Youth Membership

As you probably know, the earlier a youth is involved in archery, the stronger their support for the sport will be. NYB's Youth Membership, "Spiles", is available for only \$10/year and includes a quality quarterly newsletter containing relevant archery and hunting material. Youths up to age 17 qualify for membership. We know the future of NYB is in the hands of our archery youth and a Spikes membership is a great way to keep them involved. A membership to NYB Spikes will encourage archery pursuits all year long. By supplying an interested boy or girl with a membership, you are not only encouraging them, you are helping to support bowhunting in New York.

Each 10-page newsletter is packed with archery and hunting related topics. Here are some of the articles that appeared in past Newsletters:

- · Archery Tips
- · How to Find Antler Sheds
- Archery Safety
- How to Use Your Watch as a Compass
- · Basic Compass Reading
- Archery Challenges to Improve Accuracy
- · Double Lung vs Heart Shot
- Treestand Safety
- Take Your best Shot (shot placement)
- How To Age Living Deer in the Field
- · How Deer Survive the Winter
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- Fun Activities for Junior Spikes

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1 pound ground venison

1 onion, chopped

1 (14.5 ounce) can stewed tomatoes

2 (8 ounce) cans tomato sauce

3 cups water

1 tablespoon minced garlic

2 teaspoons dried basil

2 teaspoons dried oregano

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans

1 (15 ounce) can green beans

1 carrot, chopped

1 zucchini, chopped

1/2 (16 ounce) package fusilli

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Brown venison, onion, and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink.

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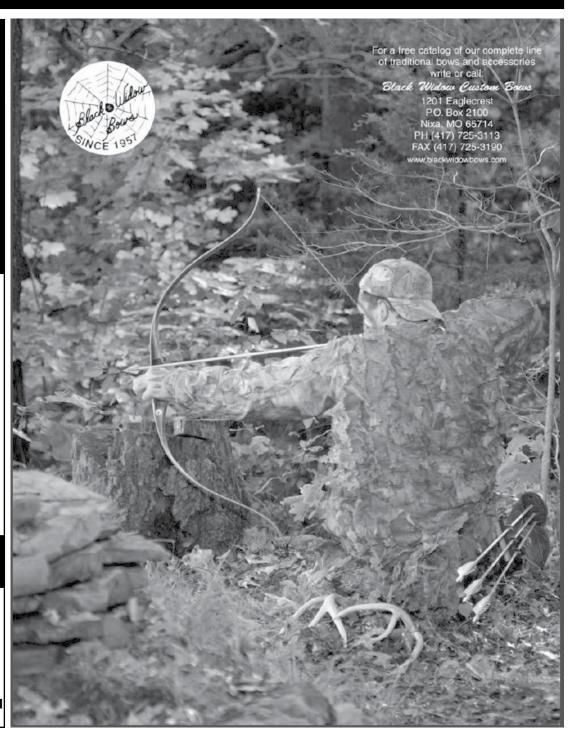
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