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From the President's Desk



Hello, everyone. It is with a heavy heart that I start another issue of Full Draw on a somber note. Our NYB family has suffered another great loss. Kathy Armstrong ascended into the Lord's Kingdom on February 24, 2019. Not only was Kathy the loving wife of Past NYB President Kevin Armstrong, she was also our E*bay Auction Coordinator. She devoted countless hours of her time to monitor and manage the auctions, with the proceeds of the donated items going to NYB to assist in funding our programs.

Kathy was a wonderful person, quick with a barb, and a smile. She was always the giver in many ways. She had a soft spot for canines, and rescued dogs, mostly 4 legged, with some saying she rescued a particular 2 legged, aforementioned Past President as well! She visited legislators, attended county federation meetings, worked NYB functions, and had that infectious smile that made you smile along with her.

She will be sorely missed by us all. May her memory and those memories that she created be forever in our hearts and minds. May God rest her soul.

Congratulations to Vice President Andrew Cotraccia, his Wife Heather, and Daughter Layla on the birth of Jonathan David. May God Bless him with health and happiness.

Now, onto some happier news: as of April 24, 2019, New York Bowhunters, Inc. is officially in the 501c organization. Annie received the letter from the IRS just days before our Annual Banquet. It was such great news to finally fulfill the long sought after tax status. We can now approach corporations for grants and donations to help sustain and grow our line-up of programs. It is truly an exciting time for us all. We owe so much, to so many who have contributed to this coming to fruition.

It has been in the workings for nearly 2 decades. The required paperwork had stymied several past attempts; just imagine the mountains of IRS, red-tape laden paperwork. I recall Jim McSwigin broaching the idea well over a decade ago, and try as he might, stonewalled again. And Jim is never one to give up! Fast forward to 2017, Director Ed Gorch took a trip up to Albany Law School, and asked if they could help us. To his, and all of our surprise, Law Professor David Craft, Esq. said yes. Well, Ed quickly set up a meeting.

Ed, Past President Rich Kirschner, Treasurer Jim Beltrami, and myself, went up to Albany for that meeting. He explained to us that his students, as part of their curriculum, have to tackle real-life legal issues. We would be one of them, pro bono. After a few hours of discussion, we began to fill out the paperwork right then and there. The process had finally begun. We were still unsure if we would qualify, but David assured us that he would make every effort to do his best. Well, as you just previously read, he did more than his best, he went above and beyond for us.

At the Banquet, we honored him with our ADEO Award. Adeo means "friend" in Native American, and David Craft is truly a friend of NYB. He welcomed us in, and without one hint of skepticism, saw us through to success. We are truly grateful for his efforts and those of his students.

Regarding the Banquet, it was another fantastic time at Sunny Hill. Just as last year, it rained on Friday, but we threaded the needle on Saturday!!!! Many were able to go through the 3D course and enjoy our outdoor shooting events.

I would like to thank Gail and Gary for once again providing us with a top notch venue in the beautiful Hudson Valley. Also a great big thank you to Bill Remmin and his kitchen staff, the housekeeping staff, the groundskeepers, and the maintenance crews, all who worked diligently for us. And I would

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be remiss if I did not mention our very own Ed Gorch. Ed goes above and beyond, never tires, and just pulls it all together for us. Thank you Ed, NYB is so grateful and appreciative for all that you do.

The Friday night BBQ was a bit soggy, but we were warmed by the live music from Ed Gorch Jr. and the grill, manned by Bill Remmin. Rich Kirschner had a slide show going of past NYB functions. Gary Thornington and his nephew Kyle Thornington cooked up a wonderful BBQ chicken dinner. As always, Michelle Brown set up a never ending dessert table of her delicious homemade treats. Thanks Michelle. John Paul Lake of Shop Rite provided nearly 100 pounds of steaks for the grill, as well as beverages and utensils. And thanks also to Mike Savage, Kathy Tessier, and Dave and Patty McMahon, better known as the "Friday Night Committee" for helping set it all up. If I missed someone, I apologize, and we are all so grateful to everyone who helped.

Like I mentioned earlier, despite the rainy weather, we had another great Banquet. It is so nice to see old friends, make new ones, and see the camaraderie that is so vital to NYB. Russ Burton of the Northern Catskill Chapter of the North American Wild Turkey Federation was in attendance with a group of Veterans, Nancy Sperl was also present, and she was so generous to donate a lot of her late husband, Art's, African game pelts to our Live Auction. A special thanks to Les Armstrong, who not only helped out during the Live Auction, but donated the Door Prize that he had won earlier in the day. Les won a Gift Certificate for \$500 that was donated by Expressions of Wilderness Taxidermy Studio, and quickly turned it over to Camo to Camo Chairman, Ed Gorch to be used by the Veteran on this year's Camo to Camo Hunt. Thank you, Les. Chris Zaccheo of Zaccheo's Gun Shop donated 40 gift boxes to our Camo to Camo Program, as well as a Mathews SE4 compound bow and a Reflex Compound Bow. Thank you, Chris.

A big thanks to our energizer bunny, Annie Jacobs. Along with her team of well-seasoned veterans, she ran the front desk check-in like a Swiss watch, and also our Auction check-out. She received a well deserved standing ovation during the Banquet introductions. Thank you, Annie, we could not do it without you.

A special thanks to Greg Kerns, Ashley Tasch, Bob Di Giacomo, Jimmy Beltrami, Ed Gorch Jr. and Oliver Loseshisstuff for assisting with the fun shoots. And I cannot forget our roving Staff Photographer, Suzy Beltrami for capturing the spirit of NYB with her camera. Our Guest Speakers were the husband and wife bowhunting duo of Tom and Denise Hoffman. They captivated us with their bowhunting tales and stunning photography. And I found out that Tom loves flowers just as much as he loves bowhunting BIG animals!!!! Thank you both for sharing a part of your life with us; it was truly appreciated. And lastly, to our Auctioneer, Walter Jutkofsky, a great big thank you for running our Live Auction. Great job!

Sadly, this was Banquet Chairman Paul Willey's last Banquet. We honored him with an award for his service as Banquet Chairman. Thank you, Paul. He has done a great job, and we will miss him at the helm.

Our Manufacturer of the Year was awarded to Rinehart Targets; they have donated several targets to our Youth Camps

over the years, and we are grateful for their generosity. Old friend Kirby Bryant received the Award for Outfitter of the Year for Chesapeake Bay Outfitters. Kirby and his wife are such wonderful people, they have donated a previous hunt to our Camo to Camo Program, and they run a great operation, just a few hours South. Cindy Phillips received our Award for Service and Achievement. Cindy works tirelessly coordinating our Youth Camps, the SPIKES newsletter for our Junior Members, our grant applications, which we were blessed to receive this year from the NRA, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the New York State Conservation Officers Association, and always finds the time to check in on the Annual Physically Challenged Hunt. This is the least that we could do for her. Thank you, Cindy. Anthony Picariello received NYB's "Little" John DiMura Award for his unending and selfless time spent with those less fortunate at the Helen Hayes Hospital for Rehabilitation. To see the joy that he and his team brings to those afflicted, brings tears to my eyes. Thank you, Anthony. United States Army, Chief Warrant Officer 3, Mickey Devlin received our Camo to Camo Award for his participation in the 8th Annual Camo to Camo Hunt. Thank you for your service, Mickey. As I mentioned earlier, Mr. David Craft, Esq. of Albany Law School was our well deserved recipient of our ADEO Award. Thank you again, David, I cannot say that enough.

Please welcome Bob Ledrich as our latest addition to the Board of Directors. Bob has filled many NYB roles over the years and we look forward to assigning him a full roster of tasks to be accomplished. Thanks, Bob, for taking that next step.

My piece about the crossbow and the Airbow that was in a recent issue of Full Draw, was also printed in New York Outdoor News, as well as Traditional Bowhunter magazine. As typical, NYB and myself got dragged through the mud. Our redemption though, is knowing that the data which I presented in the piece vindicates our stance 100%. To have several states DNR's issue statements that they will be rethinking their stance on full inclusion, and to have a crossbow industry insider say that they need to make sure that they do not engineer themselves out of the archery seasons are confirming revelations that we are fighting the good fight.

To help all of us, sign up a new member. Introduce them to other NYB members, attend an NYB event, better yet, bring them to the Banquet next year. Renew your membership when you receive the notice in the mail. We are all in this together. I want to thank each and every one of you for being a member of New York Bowhunters.

Please keep in mind our NYB Scholarship, in memory of Doug Kerr. If you are a member in good standing, and have a child in college or about to enter college, fill out the application and submit it.

In closing, please keep the men and women of our Armed Services and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Also, our first responders, Police officers, Firefighters, and EMS personnel. They all protect our great land from dangers both foreign and domestic. For the United States Navy Fleet Forces Command, Calm seas and prevailing winds. God Bless America.

All the best, Al

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Vice President's Report



Greetings everyone! So much has changed for me personally since the Spring issue was published. Most notably, my wife Heather and I welcomed our 2nd child, Johnathan David into our family on May 20th. We now have a daughter who just turned 3 and a newborn!

Needless to say, my life consists mainly of baby stuff at home, a lot of work, a little bit of sleep and not much else. I hope everyone had the opportunity to get out this May and do some turkey hunting. I know the weather wasn't accommodating for most and I didn't have any success.

You may have received an email correspondence from NYB regarding legislation that was recently introduced in Albany to further expand crossbow hunting into the early archery season. NYB doesn't email our members often, so when we do, please take one minute to check it out. I know it doesn't seem like much but a few clicks on our NYB Action Alerts have a huge impact in Albany. As NYB has proven time and again, this legislation has nothing to do with helping people get out into the woods and has everything to do with selling more crossbows. As you all know, we will continue to fight any efforts to put superior hunting implements in the primitive archery season. NYB isn't alone in our stance either and the tide is starting to change. More and more states are seeing increased harvest numbers after allowing crossbows in their archery seasons and are second guessing their decisions to include it there. This should come as no surprise to anyone because crossbows are easier to shoot, more powerful, and more accurate than traditional

compounds, longbows, and recurves. Anyone who tells you differently isn't aware of modern crossbow technology. One can simply point to the greatest crossbow advertisement of all time for Raven Crossbows where it specifically says: "Meet your next rifle." This ad, and many more like it, is contrary to what the NY pro-crossbow crowd has been telling everyone. I have one question to ask them: what do they know that the manufacturers don't? Please be on the lookout for additional emails from NYB regarding Assembly Bill A7627 and Senate Bill S5818.

Even though my family and I were not able to attend, we had another outstanding and successful 2019 Banquet at Sunny Hill! My thanks and appreciation go out to all members who made the trip and to our Banquet Committee who organized and executed. By the time you read this, our 4th of July holiday may have come and gone. Please remember to take some time to spend with your family and loved ones. Work can wait and will always be there waiting for you when you get back!

Take care!

Andrew Cotraccia, Vice President

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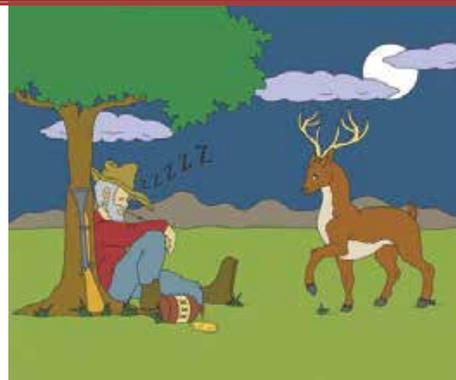
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FAMILY, NEW FRIENDS AND SIKA DEER

A stateside adventure for free range exotics

by Curt Carney

It all started with an idea at hunting camp. My cousin Wayne from Maryland told us about a wild non-native species of deer, running wild in the Maryland eastern shore. My brother Tom and I agreed quickly to want to try something new with hunting. With that conversation over and many other things in life to focus on, the conversation about these little deer from Maryland drifted from my thoughts and was almost gone by the next hunting season. Almost a year later as we sat at dinner table on opening day of the regular season, telling stories about my father who started our camp some 30+ years ago and passed this past July, my cousin chimed in completely out of the blue that our Sika deer hunt was all set for the last weekend in January. Just 2 months out, with 2 kids with medical conditions at home, I started to think quickly on how to ask my wife, or what excuse I needed to come up with to get myself out of this promise I made to go on a trip I knew absolutely nothing about! My cousin said it was all good and to purchase a hunting license was all my brother and I needed to do, he had it all planned out and a good friend Grant who was going to be our personal guide into swamp country. With my wife giving me the green light (she rarely says no, I swear) we were on our way.

Getting to camp was an adventure in its own. The town we were headed to was named Crapo (Krey-poh). We had a good laugh talking about the name before we were told the correct way to pronounce it. It felt like we were driving hours through a swamp on a tiny twisting and turning road, with sea level only inches from cresting the road. For a boy born and raised in NY it was amazing to see only a few hour drive away. Turning down the final driveway I was worried the truck might not make it the last few hundred yards to camp with all the water. Two trucks had to be pulled out of the water-logged earth before the weekend was over.



With only 30 minutes in camp to prepare for the afternoon hunt the rush was on. Not knowing the area we were going to be hunting and exact gear that was required left us asking our new friends at camp for waders and hip

boots just to get to our stands. With borrowed gear quickly and graciously given, we were on our way in different directions to sit the afternoon hunt. The first 2 hours were quiet with only squirrels stepping through thin ice to break the silence. I realized that I was drifting off when the sound of the automatic feeder sprang to life and tossed golden corn all over the

black muddy ground. Within minutes 15 Hinds (does) come trotting through the swamp headed for their dinner. Watching these small deer with amazement (40-90 pounds) I almost forgot I was hunting. Never hunting over bait before this was something I wasn't used to. After 20 minutes or so I heard more splashing from a different direction. As I peered through the 12"x12" window at the direction of the commotion a black stag with white antlers appeared from the canopy. I quickly snapped out of my awe and prepared to take advantage of the situation. I realized location of the chair I was in was not going to work and slowly tried to slide it to my left. Almost instantly I realized my mistake had cost me that hunt. With a slight creak in the floor boards, the deer were gone in a flash disappearing in every direction, only coming back just before dark leaving the Stag bugling out of my sight. With defeat on my mind I hoped Tom or Wayne had better luck that afternoon. I trudged through the often waist deep water back to camp.

The next morning was a cold one. Breaking through quarter inch ice almost the whole way to the stand, I was questioning if any deer would be left in the county. After 4 hours in the stand, loss of feeling in my toes and not a single deer sighted, I assumed my only chance had come and gone the previous evening. Back at camp I was excited to hear that the other guys had a lot more action that morning but still no arrows released.

With our feet warmed up and bellies full the time had come for our last sit in Sika deer country. With “good lucks” given all around we were off to try and complete a successful hunt that afternoon. I was hoping on a similar scenario as the previous night. I positioned my chair and waited for the action to begin. This evening went completely different. The feeder still had about 30 minutes to go when I spotted the first deer. With the awe and excitement of never seeing a Sika before now gone, my mind was focused. Slowly more Hinds showed up and before I knew it, the same Stag I saw the previous night was standing a 32 yards broadside. I drew my bow back, settled

As we approached the hit sight blood was found quickly and the track was on. About 100 yards away and through several standing bodies of water, lay my 5-point Sika stag. With the relief of knowing it was a quick kill and the animal was in hand, the emotions filled me rather quickly. The fact that I could not text my father about my success, he was always the first one, just added to the bittersweet feeling. My hunt was over and the work was now to begin. Realizing quickly I had my brother, cousin and new friends at camp to share this with made a grin on my face not soon to be washed away.

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my 30 yard pin just high and released. With a crash of commotion the deer once again were off in every direction. I instantly had the rush of adrenalin crash through my body. As I tried to think through everything that had just transpired I realized I had not prepared to track a deer through land I was not familiar with. I packed up my gear and headed back to camp. At camp I was greeted by Grant the land owner. He was very pleased to hear of potential success and was more than willing to land a hand.



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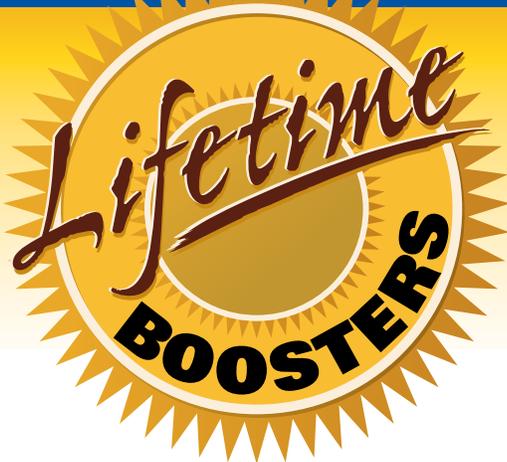
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Hello again. Boy these report deadlines just pop up quicker and quicker, or am I finally getting older? First of all, just got back from another great annual Rendezvous / Banquet. Thanks to all who took part in putting it together. Especially Paul Willey, Ed Gorch and the backbone of NYB Administrative operations, Annie Jacobs and all their NYB helpers and staff. I know there were many attendees from Region 3 and I apologize if we did not get a chance to chat with all of you. Next year just grab me and say hi. Was a very busy weekend. Friday night Lakeside BBQ, Ed G Jr entertaining us with his wonderful singing and playing, Saturday 3D course, archery contests (I don't want to talk about it!), raffles, social hour, banquet dinner, guest speakers bowhunting couple (Tom and Denise Hoffman), auction, more social time etc. It was great seeing the group of kids shooting almost all day Saturday! Unfortunately Sunday's heavy rain kept the outdoor activities down. Let's hope for a dryer 2020. Especially rewarding to many of us was seeing Mr David Craft, of Albany Law School receive NYB's "Adeo" (Friend Of) award for his invaluable assistance in helping us achieve 501c3 status. As many of you know NYB was started in 1991 by only 17 passionate bowhunters. Three of these "charter" members (and past officers), and their wives, were again in attendance at our Banquet, Tom (and Wendy) Weaver, Dale (and Robin) Walburger and Walter (and Brenda) Dixon. Another special treat was seeing past President, Kevin Armstrong join us. Kevin unfortunately had missed the last few banquets due to Kathy's battle with a horrible form of cancer which ultimately took her from us just a few months ago. In my early days of being a BOD and eventual NYB Presidency, I sought advice from Kathy as much as I did from Kevin. Kathy had a laser like perception of all things NYB. For those of us who had the pleasure of knowing her, we'll keep Kathy Armstrong's NYB passion alive inside of us.

By now you should be aware that NYB has recently changed our status to a 501c3 organization. The process has taken over a year. In addition to David Craft's invaluable assistance in achieving this, I'd also like to thank past President, Gary Socola and Dawn for their financial support of this project. This change will greatly assist us in receiving donations and hopefully more grants. We are still in the process of finalizing it and we'll keep you informed as to how this may be used to help us all improve NYB programs.

Welcome new Region 3 (and other) new members who signed up at the recent show held at the Dutchess County fairgrounds. If you have any questions or items to share, contact any of the county reps, or myself.

Board of Director (and Banquet Chair) Paul Willey will be taking a leave of absence from his NYB duties. His

knowledge, perspective and sense of humor will be missed. Paul and I became friends through NYB and occasional hunting partners. Hopefully I'll still get an invite to hunt the Finger Lakes Region! And Tanya, if you're reading this, Debra and I would love to have you stay with us again, with or without your other half!

Replacing Paul on the Board was not easy, but luckily, Region 3's very own Bob Ledrich offered to return to the BOD. He has a wealth of hunting and NYB knowledge and experience. I've known Bob since I started serving NYB in a representative capacity as he was already serving as a county rep before I joined the Region 3 Team. Welcome back Bob, look forward to working with you again.

Anyone want to give back to the sport a little? Read the Rockland County report and give Anthony a call. NYB needs a few volunteers on Sept 28. Great rewarding day.

You all should have received a couple of emails informing you that NYB is now on Instagram. For those of you not dinosaurs (like me) please follow us @nybowhunters. If you have any questions about it, or information to share, please contact Samantha DiVietro divi5274@fredonia.edu. Also, if you are a facebook user and have not yet signed up, please do so. Informing the hunting community of bowhunting related issues is one of NYB's purposes and using social media and your contacts is a great way to do this.

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SULLIVAN COUNTY REPORT

Hope everyone who hunts the wily spring turkey gobbler has had a good season and has next Thanksgiving Day's meal waiting in the freezer! We will be eating lamb or ham here at my house unless my luck changes in the next week or so. Have had some close calls and could have had a nice mature tom with a shotgun but he did not give me that good bow shot I was looking for. Still an exciting experience. Let's hope the turkey poultts survive this wet, nasty weather we are having. The youth season was wet and rain has been heavy a lot since then.

Our banquet at Sunny Hill Resort up in Greene County was not a sunny experience this year. Thankfully the rain subsided just long enough to accommodate our games

of chance shooting the genesis bows. Congratulations to past president Rich Kirschner for a great shot to win the monster TV. The can raffles and auction at the Saturday dinner worked out great, we had a good prime rib dinner, and Tom Hoffman and his wife Denise were great guest speakers. If you didn't attend, put it on your "to do" list for next year.

With support from the Federation of Sportsmen of Sullivan County we managed to donate six boxes to the camo to camo program Greene County Rep Ed Gorch started a few years ago. These shoe boxes are loaded with goodies for the troops overseas and mailed there by NYB so they have a little something extra to enjoy during their days. Thanks to my wife Kathy for doing all the shopping, I just pack them up and transport them.

The Sullivan County Archers will be having their annual youth archery camp July 12, 13, and 14th, held at the Sullivan County Conservation Club just outside of Monticello. Kids from regions 1, 2, and 3 ages 11 to 16 can attend. Contact me thru the information at the end of this column for an application. Our camp can accommodate 16 or 17 kids so let's get these youths involved in the sport of bowhunting!

Welcome to the new members who signed on at the Dutchess County Outdoors Show. It is a great help to us in our endeavor to protect your bowhunting rights.

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ORANGE COUNTY REPORT

Rain, rain and more rain!!!! What a crazy wet spring we have had this year. Turkey season is upon us and it has been quite a struggle so far for many of us. Biologists from the NWTf say that cold, wet, spring weather affects poult survival and can cause short term population swings. With this unfavorable spring weather, poults get wet and cold and are not able to generate enough body heat and can die from exposure or dehydration. When wet, a poult's body odor can also become intensified making them easier to locate for nearby predators. Hopefully we will not be affected too greatly. However, I did have the pleasure of calling in a long beard during the youth season for NYB member Carlo Longobardo's son, Joey. It was his first turkey and you should have seen the smile on his face...Priceless!!!! That is what it is all about.

Tri County Archers has its new 3D schedule for this upcoming year. They host these shoots at various locations around our area. Please visit their Facebook page for a list of locations and dates. This is a great way to get out and sharpen those skills shooting at all types of 3D targets at varying distances.

The NYB Banquet was once again a huge success. Thanks to all who put the effort in making it a great weekend for our membership. Please, please, please always check yourself for ticks!!! It has been horrible so far this year and

remember to spray down and take your clothes off outside before you enter your homes.

Enjoy the nice weather and get outdoors. Stay safe and shoot straight!!!!

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ROCKLAND COUNTY REPORT

Hello my fellow "Rocklanders"! Spring is here! The rain does not seem to end, but we know spring is here. Great time to plant and see through all of those commitments you made last season about planting fruit trees, tree pruning and hunting spot improvements. On April 7th the Hudson Valley Friends of the NRA had their 28th annual dinner at Patriot Hills in Stony Pt. It was a great success and I would like to thank all who came and participated. Remember half of the money raised at these dinners comes back to the county in the form of grants that promote hunting and the shooting sports. NYB was again recently a repeat recipient of one of the Friends of the NRA grants. So again, these are worthwhile events. Well done, Stan Pascoo and committee. I would also like to thank the Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation. NYB was the recipient of one of their grants and fellas...It will be put to good use. The Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation is another great organization that puts their money where their mouth is. NYB is glad to be affiliated with them. Thank you RMEF and Tim Foster, RMEF Senior Regional director.

On April 13th, NYB was at Helen Hayes Rehab Hospital helping hand out smiles. We were fortunate in being asked to help some incredible people have some fun and fling some arrows.

Samantha DiVietro, Peter DiVietro, Joe Picariello, myself and Nick Durso from the Local 3 Sportsmens Club North Chapter set up an archery range on the grounds of Helen Hayes Hospital and had some repeat visitors come and fling sticks. This event has become popular with the Hospital's sport therapy unit and NYB is doing this a few times a year now. I have been writing about it in the past. We had a recurve, Mathews Genesis and a low poundage crossbow. Yes...I did just use that word. I know...I am sorry. I forgot this was a family publication. I'll watch my use of the "C" word. BUT... Our point was proven on ease of use and superior implement with some seriously disabled people shooting a crossbow for the first time and hitting the bullseye. Yes, evil NYB was once again helping those less fortunate. We had one brain injury survivor (what a wonderful woman) who insisted on using the hand drawn bow for the hand eye coordination that kind of bow demands and how it tweaks her senses using a hand drawn bow. She proceeded to tell me how the crossbow has nothing hard about it. Dang...Sorry. Said the "C" word again. Whoops. Anyway. It was a very rewarding day helping people do what we all take for granted. NYB will be out there again in September doing this at the hospital. So if you are interested, give me a shout and you can come help out. Thanks to my crew for always being there to help.

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Also in Sept.: The 3rd weekend is Natl Hunting and Fishing Day. You all know NYB needs help that day. Come on guys. I am beating the crap out of the same people for the last 7 years. Need some new blood to help out. This is a VERY busy day in helping the public shoot arrows, introduce people to hunting and great PR for NYB. Some years we march between three and four hundred people through the gates to shoot! Very hectic for just a few people to handle. Really, NYB. I need your help that day. Come give a little time and help us out if you can. It would be big.

The Banquet: Once again, Eddie Gorch, Paul Willey and all their NYB helpers did an awesome job at another great event. Congratulations guys, it was awesome. Sunny Hill treats us so well and the staff there is great. There were so many great prizes and hunts that were auctioned and raffled off. Apparently we had all the right stuff because many of the items/hunts were bid on aggressively by folks and it really helped out the club. Thank you to all who came to the Banquet and helped make it a success. Regardless of the rotten weather we all had a good time. I do want to note, on Saturday afternoon before the dinner I saw that there was a little kid who was crying and I asked him what was wrong. He told me some big bad old mean fireman had just beat him in the archery contest and took his milk money. I immediately thought it was Uncle Warmth. He has been known to take kids' milk money and make them cry. But I found out, it wasn't Uncle Warmth but it was our own Rich Kirschner who made the kid cry and took the milk money. I just want to say you won that fair and square Rich, don't worry one bit...once that kids turns 7 or 8...he will forget all about losing to you.

Congrats to the Cotraccias on the birth of their baby boy. Congrats to NYB Member Albert Gonzales on taking a very nice turkey locally in Green county.

Make the most out of your summer and your life. Be there for your family. Keep in mind the best thing you can spend on kids is time.

God Bless our country, our Military and our first responders.

Enjoy and be safe.

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DUTCHESS COUNTY REPORT

Greetings All,

I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather the summer has brought and keeping those shooting skills honed for the upcoming season. A few arrows a day keep your muscles tuned and build confidence so you can enjoy our sport even more.

I would like to give a huge thanks to Paul Willey and his crew for providing us with a fantastic banquet/rendezvous. Also, another big thanks to our BOD and all who helped make this event possible, especially Ed Gorch, who secures this location for us each year. For those of you who didn't make it this year, I strongly urge you to attend next year.

The BBQ on Friday evening was enjoyed by all with some excellent entertainment by Ed Gorch Jr. ("oh yeah, the boy can play!") The 3D shoot was great with plenty of shots at a wide variety of targets. There were plenty of prizes and games of chance for our raffle and a lot of people left with some high quality merchandise. Tom and Denise Hoffman also entertained us at the dinner with a slide show of their accomplishments and the beautiful places they have been. I hope you all enjoyed it.

The Outdoor show at the Dutchess County Fair Grounds proved to be another successful event. Thank you to all who worked. We managed to sign up quite a few new members. This show is gaining momentum as it grows in popularity and even featured a 3D tournament on both days.

At the time of this writing, I am preparing to go on a spring bear hunt at Betts Kelly Lodge in New Brunswick with several NYB members along with a disabled veteran and veteran DEC officer who was shot in the line of duty. More details to follow in the next issue.

3D shoots are a great way to stay in shape during the off season. There is a list of the shoots for TiYogi of Hyde Park and many others on our website. If you have never attended a shoot before, give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

I'll end with a special thanks to Rich Kirshner for the encouragement to return to our Board of Directors and the Presidential appointment by our President Al Bottari. I am honored to be a part of such a fine organization and look forward to working toward our goals.

That is about it from Dutchess County for now. As always, please let me know if there are any local activities going on that NYB might be interested in.

"Keep em sharp"

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ULSTER COUNTY REPORT

Well, as I said last year, "If you missed the Banquet you missed a great time". The 3-D course was excellent, getting better each year. The fishing on the pond was not bad either. I caught 2 small ones, one smallmouth & the other a Largemouth Bass but lots of fun on an ultra-light rod & reel. Food at the Banquet was great, as well as Friday night desserts by Michelle Brown. Jon Paul Lake donated 60 steaks for the Friday BBQ which were delicious. I think everyone had a great time. A big note of thanks to Chris Zaccheo's (of Zaccheo's Gun Smithing, 215 River Road Ext, Tillson NY) children put together the 39 boxes of Camo-To- Camo boxes bought packed by Elizabeth & her brother Nicholas to the Banquet on Saturday even though they couldn't stay. Family crisis at their hunting cabin, roof leaking. Well, that's it for this month. Hope those of you who made it out, had some turkey action.

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REGION 4 REPORT

planning for our upcoming events. Our Region 4



Youth Camp date is still up in the air at this time. We have a couple of shoots in the works, B.O.D. meeting, local club meetings, along with another Camo To Camo hunt to Colorado in Oct. Retirement is starting to be a lot like work. Speaking of retirement, Congratulations to our past and very old NYB President FDNY Capt. Richard Kirschner for forty years of distinguished service in the Bronx's New York.... I've made a lot of long time friends in NYB. And Rich, you're one in a million.

Take Care,
Ed Gorch, Region 4, Greene County Rep.
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Wow! Another great Banquet. Instead of thanking members by name and taking the chance of missing someone, I would just like to throw out a big “ THANK YOU ” to everyone who took the time and work in making this yearly gathering a huge success . We had some new and old members make it this year, which only increased the joy of the weekend. I can only hope for Banquet numbers to grow year after year as the word gets out. A few members from Tupper Lake checked in at Sunny Hill Resort a few days early and just enjoyed everything the place had to offer... O.K. the truth is, it's the first chance they had to get away from snow and sub zero weather.

I'd like to welcome the new members who joined at last month's sports show in Rhinebeck. A lot of bowhunters are joining NYB after seeing all the crazy bills being proposed in Albany this year . Not just bow bills , but bills banning fur, items in hunting club raffles, importing any of the big five from Africa, the list goes on and on. It's like common sense is lost and our freedom is under attack by people who never entered the woods. They will never stop, they don't agree with the sportsmen's right to hunt and take game because they don't, but they have no problem with ordering prime rib.

We've been pretty busy in recent months with the Banquet, Sports Shows, Camo To Camo Hunt and the

By Dave McMahan

Below is a listing of the 2019 3-D in our area:

- July 6 Norfolk Fun Shoot
- July 20 Tupper Lake Traditional Only Day
- July 21 Tupper Lake - open to all
- July 27 Chesterfield
- July 28 Raquette Valley
- August 3 Norfolk
- August 3 and 4 Mad River
- August 17 Chesterfield

REGION 5 REPORT



- August 24 and 25 25th Anniversary of Tupper Lake Mt. Challenge
- August 31 Norfolk Traditional Only
- September 1 Norfolk Trophy Shoot
- September 8 West Chazy
- September 21 Chesterfield

REGION 6 REPORT

Region 6 members are having a mediocre year this year. We only signed up a couple of memberships and one youth camp student at the only Sports show we exhibited at, the **CNY Sports show in Oneida**. Since then we have a few more student applications, 6 total, signed up for the 22nd Annual Region 6 Youth Bowhunter Camp this summer.

Back on March 16th, Tim DelMedico of *Straight Arrow Archery* in Chadwicks hosted our **16th Annual Indoor Shoot** in support of our Region #6 Bowhunters' Youth Camp. We had a very poor showing of shooters this year, 12 vs. 24, that was probably due to the "shooters" being served at the local bars the day before St. Patrick's Day. We chose the wrong day to schedule our event. Adam Bennett took top prize with a score of 290 for the men's division, and Carmel Lehr was the high scorer for the women's with a score of 276. Madeline Yerman achieved the highest score of the youth division with a score of 193.

~ Our **Region #6 22nd Annual Youth Bowhunting Camp** is scheduled for **July 19, 20, & 21, 2019**. Contact me if you have a friend or family member (11-18 yrs old) who would like to complete the NYS Bowhunting course. And yes, volunteer help is always welcome.

~ The **NYS Woodsmen's Field Days** is scheduled for **August 16, 17, & 18, 2019**. This show is for outdoor enthusiasts. In addition to the regular Lumberjack & Lumberjill Championship contests, the weekend features canoe & kayak races, chainsaw carving competitions, greased pole, and horse skidding contests. Even beard judging! Put it in your schedule right now. And, as always, contact me if you can spend any time at all helping out with our booth.



~ The **Region 6 Annual Physically Challenged Archery Hunt** is scheduled for October each year. If you know anyone who might qualify for the event, contact me. We are always looking for qualified candidates.

Contact me for raffle tickets to support our **Region 6 Youth Camp**. The kids attend camp for free, while you take a chance on winning a Bowtech Carbon Icon RAK Compound Bow Package. Only 300 tickets to be sold at \$5.00 each.

Special thanks to all of our NYB Boosters for their support of the NY Bowhunters. Stop in to say hello—they'll appreciate it! Support NYB any way you can and have a great time, too.

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- To be eligible, the applicant must be a member or have a parent or guardian who is a member in good standing with New York Bowhunters, Inc.
- The applicant must be a senior year in high school and have a letter of acceptance to an accredited school.
- If there are no high school senior applicants, other qualified applicants may be considered. The same requirements will apply.
- Applicants must provide an official copy of a transcript showing grades for the entire enrollment in all high schools, colleges, or universities attended.
- An essay of 250 to 400 words must be submitted with the application. The contents of the essay are intended to show that the applicant has put serious thought into their career choice in their particular field of study and their goals.
- The NYB Doug Kerr Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee members will review the applications and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Directors for final approval.
- The \$250.00 Scholarship will be awarded at the beginning of the second semester.

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*2019 Banquet Raffle Winner
 was Oliver Martell of
 Westchester County.*

REGION 8 REPORT



Currently there is no news from Region 8 partly due to this writer being busy with another group which has consumed a lot of my attention. Hope all are well.

The main thing I have is the 10th Annual Western New York Bowhunters Festival at Swain Ski Resort the weekend of August 23-25, 2019. Those who want to camp can, and if anyone could help I would greatly appreciate it because I will have a table set up but don't want to be the only one there as I have been in years past. I want to shoot some of the trails while there. In the spring I did a youth Archery class for the Archery Sportsman Club of St. Mary's in Waterport. The person I worked with there said that the club will be joining NYB. That is that both the club and members will now be with NYB which is cool, and we have it setup that we will continue to do an archery class there yearly. A huge "thank you" is in order for Past President Gary Socola and his Wife Dawn for their offer to pay for the cost of our 501c3 conversion. It is extremely generous and greatly appreciated. Well, that's all I have for now. Those who can help and I hope you'll step up and help at the festival. Contact me at spoda237@gmail.com
 Jody Ferrara - Region 8



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, "Spikes", 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
- Post Season Scouting
- How To Age Deer by Teeth Wear
- Fun Activities for Junior Spikes

Please consider gifting a boy or girl in your circle of influence with a Spikes membership. You never know, they just may be a future President of NYB!

	Send application to: NYB Spikes 5937 County Rd. 33, Canandaigua NY 14424
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***And anyone not
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everyone who attended
who made this
weekend a success!!***



28th Annual Banquet



NYB Director Paul Willey (L) & Treasurer Jim Beltrami (R)



Wendy Weaver & Past NYB President Tom Weaver



(L-R) Treasurer Jim Beltrami, Suzi Beltrami and President Al Bottari.



Guest Speakers (L-R) Denise & Tom Hoffman with NYB Director Ed Gorch.



Jim McSwigin (L) & John Lavelle (R)



NYB 2019 Outfitter of the Year Kirby Bryan (L) of Chesapeake Goose & Duck Hunting with Director Greg Masaitis (R)



Kathie Brewer (L) with NYB Secretary Annie Jacobs (R)

28th Annual Banquet



Adeo Award Recipient David Craft (L) with past NYB President Rich Kirschner (R)



Tupper Lake Archers crew: (L- R) NYB Directors Mike Savage and Kathy Tessier, Patty & Dave McMahon with NYB Director Ed Gorch



Camo to Camo Veteran Hunter and Chief Warrant Officer Mickey Devlin (L) and NYB Director Ed Gorch (R).



The Little John Dimura Award recipient & NYB Director Anthony Picariello (L) with NYB Director Greg Masaitis (R)

Past Youth Activities Committee Chair Chris Daley (L) receiving the 2019 Special Service and Achievement Award on behalf of current Committee Chair Cynthia Phillips with NYB Director Greg Masaitis (R)



NYB Secretary Merrit Compton (L) receiving the 2019 Manufacturer of the Year award on behalf of Rinehart Targets with NYB Director Greg Masaitis (R)



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3 garlic cloves finely chopped
1 medium celery rib finely chopped
1 medium sweet potato peeled and finely chopped
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoons Raspberry Vinaigrette

1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/4 lb crispy cooked bacon, finely chopped
1/4 lb uncooked bacon
1/4 c pitted dried prunes finely chopped
1/2 c dried cranberries finely chopped
2 eggs
1 1/2 lb ground venison
1/2 lb ground pork
1/3 c chopped flat leaf parsley



Preheat oven to 350°. Soak stuffing in milk in a mixing bowl. Cook onion, garlic, celery, sweet potato and butter over medium-high heat for 5 minutes then add brown sugar and stir. Reduce heat and simmer covered until sweet potatoes are soft. Remove from heat and stir in Worcestershire sauce, raspberry vinaigrette, allspice, 2 teaspoons of salt, and 1 1/2 teaspoons pepper. Add to stuffing mixture. Add finely chopped bacon, prunes, cranberries, venison, pork and parsley. Mix together with your hands. Pack the loaf into a 9X12 oval in a shallow backing pan. Slice uncooked bacon in half to create long strips and place crisscross over the loaf. Bake one hour to an hour and 10 minutes or when meat thermometer reads 150°-155°.



Dec Announces 2018 Bear Harvest Results

New York Hunters Took 1,295 Black Bears During 2018 Hunting Seasons

New York State bear hunters took 1,295 black bears during the 2018 hunting seasons, state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today.

“Black bears continue to thrive in New York’s exceptional bear habitat and the state’s vast, accessible public lands offer great opportunities for bear hunting,” said Commissioner Seggos. “The black bear hunting season provides valuable tools and data for DEC’s wildlife managers in their work to maintain healthy bear populations across the state.”

Hunters took an estimated 804 black bears in New York’s Southern Zone in 2018, approximately 20 percent fewer than 2017 and the recent five-year average. With reduced natural forage for bears this past fall and deep snows in mid-November prior to the regular firearms season, many bears went into dens a few weeks earlier than normal. As a result, although bear take through the early season and bow season was comparable to 2017, take during the regular season declined by more than 40 percent from 2017. Comparably, hunters took about 45 percent fewer bears during the Northern Zone regular season in 2018 than in 2017. Bear take during the early season was particularly strong, however, with a nearly three-fold increase over 2017 and a 50-percent increase over the five-year average. In total, hunters took an estimated 491 bears in the Northern Zone, about 25 percent more than 2017 and within the historical average range.

	2018 Total	2017 Total	Recent 5-year Average (2013-2017)
Northern Zone	491	383	476
Southern Zone	804	1,037	1,056
Statewide	1,295	1,420	1,532

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Notable Numbers

- **One bear harvested per 3.2 square miles.** By DEC Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), the greatest bear harvest density occurred in WMU 3C which mainly covers Ulster County and includes portions of Sullivan and Greene counties. The town of Kingston in Ulster County (WMU 3C) yielded one bear for every 1.5 square miles;
- **80:** the greatest number of bears reported taken on any one day. It happened on November 17 - the opening day of the regular firearms season in the Southern Zone;
- **585 pounds:** the heaviest dressed weight bear reported to DEC in 2018, taken in the town of Shandaken, Ulster County. A 550-pound dressed weight bear was reported taken in Marbletown, Ulster County, and six bears were reported with dressed weights between 400-500 pounds. Scaled weights of dressed bears were submitted for 23 percent of bears taken in 2018.
- **Six:** the number of tagged bears reported in the 2018 harvest. These included one bear originally tagged in Pennsylvania and two from New Jersey. The remainder were originally tagged in New York for a variety of reasons, including research, nuisance response, relocated urban bears, or released rehabilitated bears.
- **767:** the number of hunter-killed bears from which DEC collected teeth for age analysis in 2018. Hunters who reported their harvest and submitted a tooth for age analysis will receive a 2018 Black Bear Management Cooperator Patch. Results of the age analysis is expected to be available by September 2019.
- **Nine percent:** the proportion of bears taken by non-resident hunters. Successful non-resident bear hunters hailed from 19 states, the farthest being Washington. DEC’s harvest estimates rely on successful hunters reporting their harvest. For more information on game harvest reporting, visit DEC’s website.

2018 Bear Take Summary Report

A complete summary of the 2018 bear harvest with results and maps by county, town, and WMU is available on DEC’s website.

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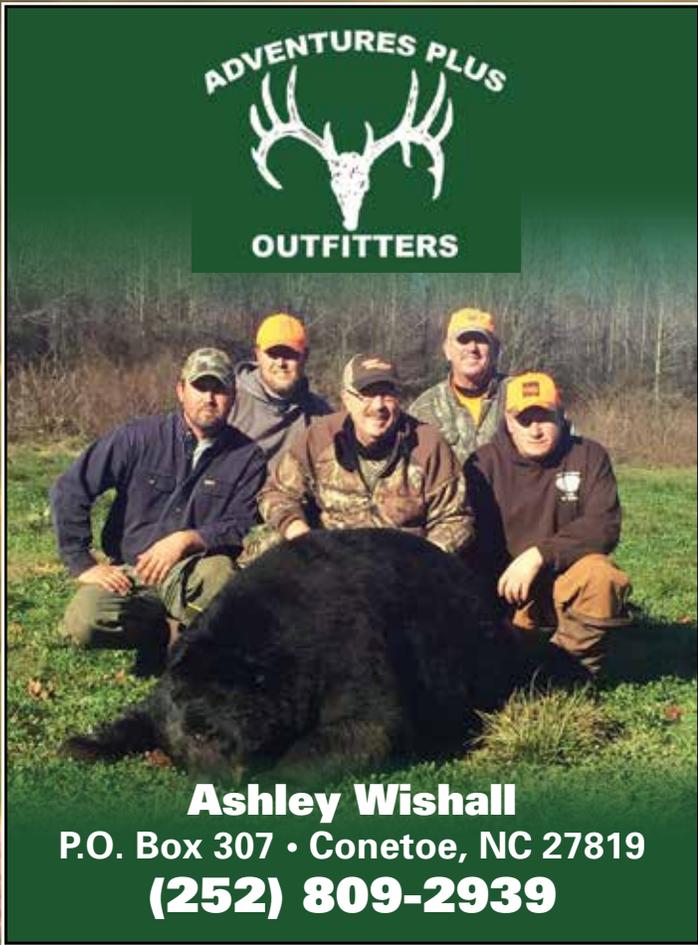
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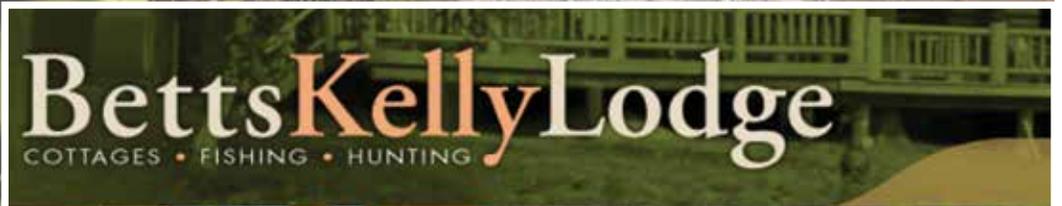
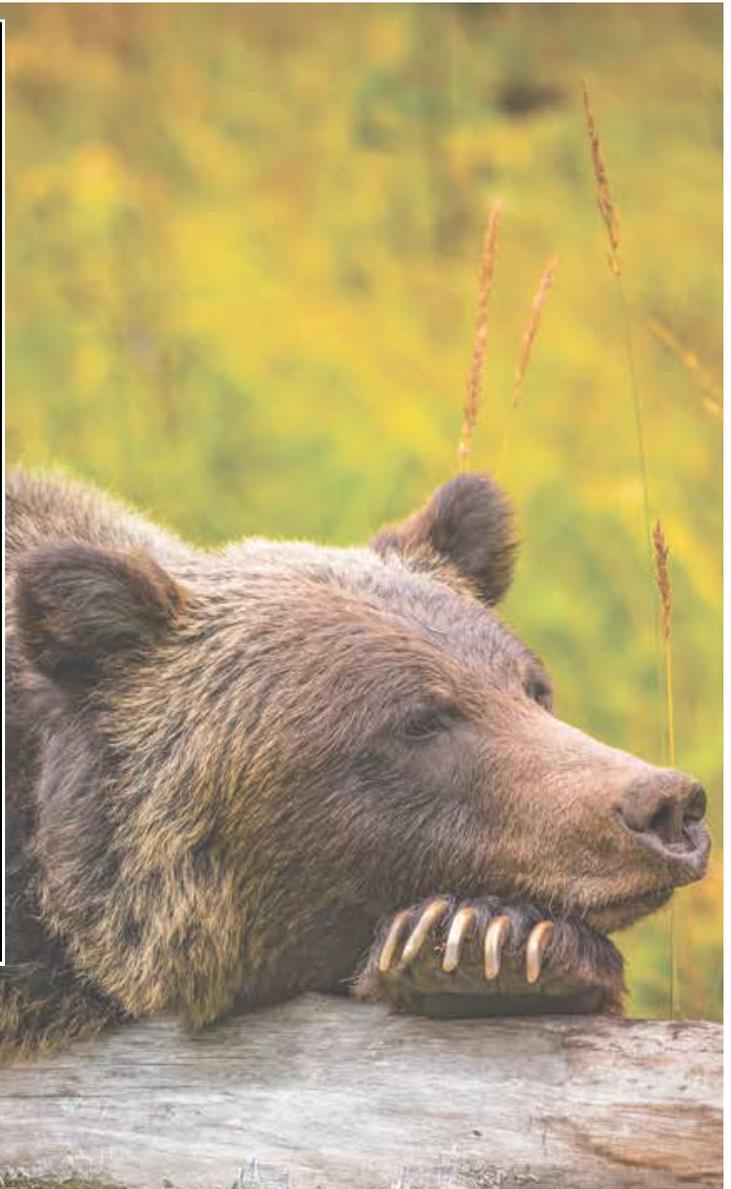
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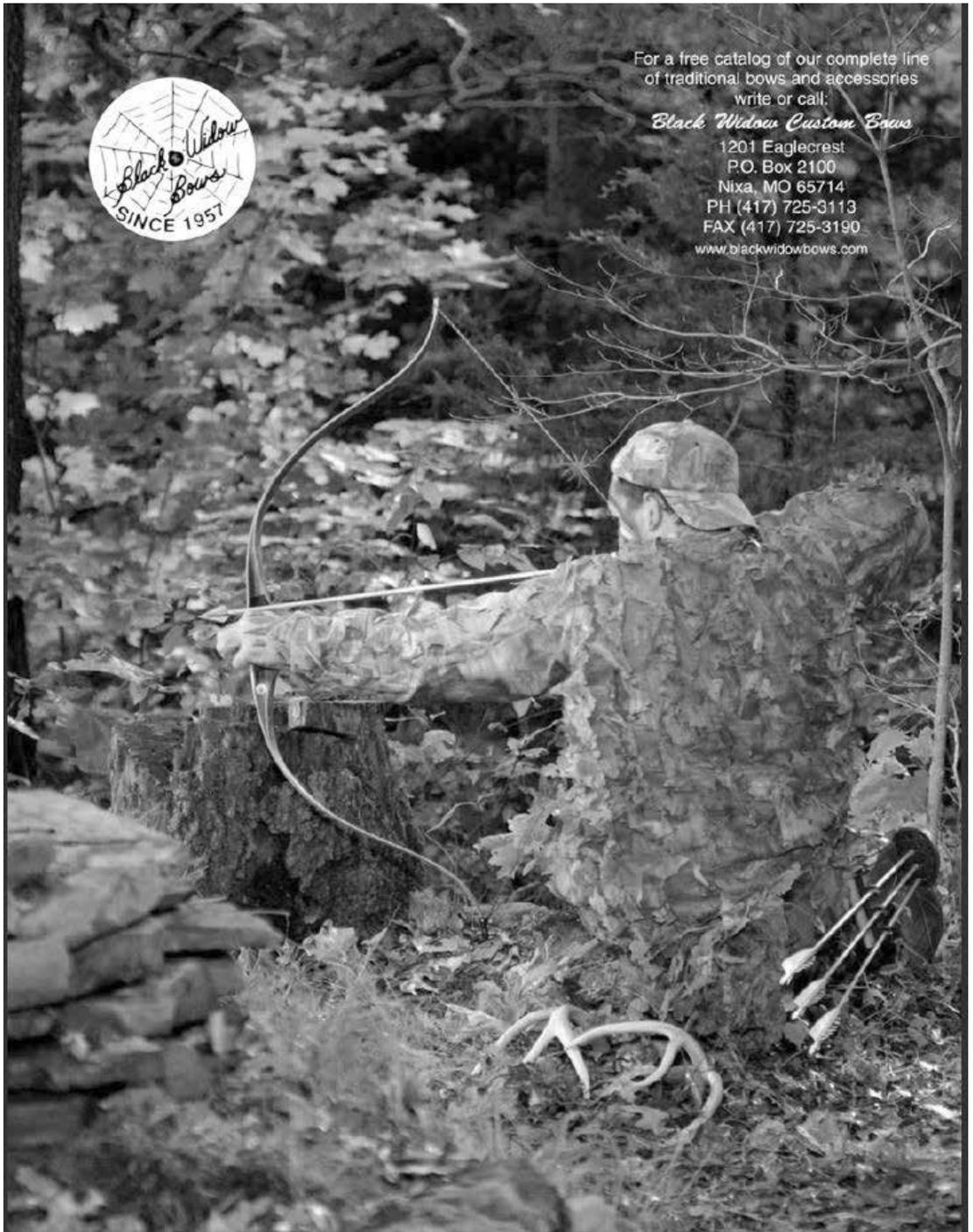
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